

REGULAR MEETING.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,
February 20, 1899. }

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, February 20, 1899, at 8 o'clock, in regular meeting.

Present, Hon. John H. Mahoney, President of the Common Council, in the chair, and 18 members, viz.: Messrs. Allen, Bowser, Colter, Costello, Crall, Harston, Higgins, Knight, Little, Madden, Merrick, Moffett, McGrew, Rauch, Scanlon, Shaffer, Smith and Von Spreckelsen.

Absent—2, viz.: Messrs. Bernauer and Clark.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal, whereupon Councilman Madden 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., February 4, 1899. }

To the President and Members of the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I have this day approved the following resolution:

Resolution No. 4, 1899. A resolution naming parks and park places owned by the City of Indianapolis.

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., February 8, 1899. }

To the President and Members of the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I have this day approved the following ordinance and resolution:

App. O. No. 2, 1899. An ordinance appropriating the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for the use of the Department of Public Health and Charities. (To be expended for the prevention of contagious diseases.)

Resolution No. 5, 1899. A resolution that the name of the park place designated and named as "Esplanade" in Resolution No. 4, 1899, be changed to Spades Place.

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., February 17, 1899. }

To the President and Members of the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I herewith return to your honorable body G. O. No. 64, 1898, unsigned, for the following reasons:

In regard to the limit of sixty days' time being allowed a fireman or policeman during their disablement by sickness or injuries received in the discharge of their duties, I believe the time limit should be left to the discretion of the department, as in cases where accidents may befall these men it is no more than proper that they should be cared for for a reasonable length of time, and sixty days may be insufficient.

Regarding the payment of 20 cents per hour for all extra work performed by a policeman, I would be glad to see them receive the same, but as there is no money appropriated for this purpose, I deem it unwise to pass an ordinance of this character, upon which any question may arise whereby the city might be liable with no means of meeting the same.

I think it perfectly proper that the bicycle corps be furnished bicycles at the expense of the city, and heartily sanction this clause of the ordinance.

With these suggestions, if your honorable body can see your way clear to amend the above-named ordinance, I shall heartily concur in the same.

Yours very truly,

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., February 17, 1899. }

To the President and Members of the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I herewith return to your honorable body G. O. No. 58, 1898, unsigned, for the reason that in the body of the ordinance it reads “G. O. No. 76,” without specifying the year intended to be conveyed.

Yours very truly,

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., February 20, 1899. }

To the President and Members of the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I have the honor to transmit herewith for your consideration, the annual reports of the various departments of the city government for the year 1898, together with such recommendations and suggestions as seem pertinent.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

The report of the Comptroller shows:

Available cash on hand January 1, 1898.....	\$445,603.40
Receipts from all sources during the year, including sale of bonds	1,072,615.04
Total	\$1,518,218.44
Current expenses	\$944,635.66
Permanent improvements.....	429,136.67
Payment of bonds.....	123,100.00—\$1,496,872.33
Available cash balance on hand January 1, 1899.....	\$21,346.11

The current receipts, being those received from taxes and other ordinary sources, were \$960,084.44, and there was expended in current expenses the sum of \$944,635.66, showing that by the practice of the most rigid economy only, and in some cases the postponement of very necessary public work, has the city been able to live within the tax levy without resorting to temporary loans.

During the year it was found necessary to increase the tax levy from 60 to 70 cents on the \$100. This increase was on account of the larger current expenses for the maintenance and improvement of parks, placing of new electric lights, laying of additional water mains, and greater fire and police protection, these and other expenses being necessary in a large and growing city. It can be truthfully said, however, that even at the increased rate, the income of the City of Indianapolis from taxes will be less than in almost every other city of similar size in the country.

The total bonded indebtedness January 1, 1899, was \$2,017,400, being a decrease of \$13,100 from last year.

The healthy financial condition of the city was pleasingly illustrated by the sale, in December, of \$110,000 refunding bonds, running ten years, with interest at the rate of $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. per annum, at a premium of \$2,530.60.

The work of the Finance Department has been well and correctly done.

DEPARTMENT OF LAW.

The Law Department has rendered excellent service in the past year, and I believe that more ordinances have been prepared appertaining to city affairs than in any previous year. A great deal of time has been consumed by the City Attorney in street-railway and gas company litigation, and our hope and belief is that an early settlement of both cases will result in favor of the city.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

The report of the Board of Public Works, accompanied by the reports of the sub-departments under the control of this Board, is sent herewith.

The report shows that there was appropriated for the use of this department during the year, including the proceeds of the sale of \$350,000 park improvement bonds, the sum of \$875,640.94, of which amount the sum of \$820,710.64 was expended during the year, leaving an available balance reverting to the city treasury of \$54,930.30.

The Board's report shows the construction of 52.52 miles of public improvements, divided as follows:

	Miles.	Cost.
Asphalt streets.....	5.28	\$280,451.76
Asphalt alleys.....	.08	1,671.46
Wooden block streets.....	3.88	174,008.61
Wooden block alleys.....	.19	3,697.74
Brick streets.....	.93	19,349.96
Brick alleys.....	1.24	16,537.66
Macadam streets.....	1.50	56,301.78
Gravel streets.....	5.13	57,632.55
Gravel alleys.....	1.35	3,275.17
Sewers	16.31	267,032.48
Cement sidewalks.....	15.96	76,972.85
Brick sidewalks.....	.67	2,501.90
Totals	52.52	\$959,433.92

For your information, I also append the table given in the Board's report showing the public improvements constructed during the life of the charter, their mileage and cost:

	Miles.	Cost.
Asphalt streets	40.36	\$2,523,564.70
Asphalt alleys.....	.08	1,671.46
Wooden block streets.....	9.32	552,438.40
Wooden block alleys.....	.19	3,697.74
Brick streets.....	20.04	862,156.45
Brick alleys.....	1.24	16,537.66
Macadam streets.....	3.71	152,638.46
Gravel roadways.....	50.04	543,395.38
Gravel alleys.....	8.72	24,815.78
Sewers	82.54	1,467,632.25
Cement sidewalks.....	87.44	453,729.37
Brick sidewalks.....	24.12	60,647.98
Bowlderred alleys.....	2.72	10,839.99
Levees	14,227.20
Totals	330.52	\$6,687,993.92

In regard to permanent street improvements, the consensus of opinion of prominent engineers and of the leading engineering journals throughout the country is, that asphalt is the best material for street pavements known at the present time, both as to durability and from a sanitary point of view, and on account of the ease with which repairs can be made to the same. While in the number of square yards laid in the past year asphalt greatly preponderated, yet extensive improvements were made with creosoted wooden blocks. The wooden block streets are very beautiful, and have become very popular, and although this form of pavement is said to be very satisfactory in European cities, especially in Paris and London, and in one or two cities in this country, nevertheless, I agree with the opinions expressed by the Board of Public Works and the City Civil Engineer, in their reports, that under our climatic conditions the durability of this pavement is still problematical, and that this form of pavement should not be constructed too extensively until it has proven its durability.

The city has, during the past few years, made many improvements of a permanent character. For the coming year, I favor the improvement of those streets only where necessity exists, or where the improvement is petitioned for by the property holders. This course is made possible by the improvement of practically all of the down-town streets. In the latter district I favor the improvement of some of the alleys, from a sanitary standpoint, and will favor the Board's taking action on this class of improvements.

Among the more important acts of the Board during the year was the making of a contract with the New Telephone Company, granting to said corporation the right to maintain and operate a telephone system in this city. A material reduction from the present rates was obtained, and it is felt that the provisions contained in this contract will prove advantageous to the city in every respect.

The Board sets out the proposition of Mr. William B. Hord for the purchase of the plant of the Indianapolis Water Company in full, as well as the report of Engineer Jeup and Mr. John W. Hill, the expert employed to assist in the examination of the plant. Upon the receipt of the report it was decided that the disparity between the price named in Mr. Hord's proposition and the value ascertained by the expert's examination was too great to proceed with the purchase on the lines named. I am still in favor of municipal ownership of the plant, and believe that the city should avail itself of the opportunity to purchase the same, if it can be done upon the basis of the plant paying for itself within a given period out of its own earnings, still maintaining the purity of the water and a cheaper rate to the consumer.

The elevated track problem is a large one, and is receiving the earnest attention of the city. I am heartily in favor of the same, and believe that the subject should be treated in a similar manner as other cities where like conditions prevail and track elevation has been a success. With this end in view, I have directed the City Engineer to prepare plans and an estimate of the cost of the work, and submit the same to the Board of Public Works and Council as soon as possible.

The decision still pending in the Supreme Court in regard to the opening of Rural street across the tracks of the P., C., C. & St. L. and C., H. & D. railroads has in the past year prevented the Board of Public Works from opening a street across these tracks. Should an early decision not be forthcoming, I will ask the Board to begin proceedings to open a street running north and south from Washington street across these tracks, for the much-needed relief of Woodside and those living in the eastern part of the city.

The report of the Park Superintendent to the Board of Public Works goes into detail as to the lands purchased for park purposes, and a pe-

rusal of the same will prove of interest. The park department is working on plans for the improvement of ground acquired, and it is hoped that great progress may be made during the year. In this connection, I will renew my suggestion of former years, that the work proceed with such haste as is possible without proving burdensome to the taxpayer.

The Board recently entered into a contract for street-cleaning at much cheaper prices than heretofore, and the Board will see that every possible effort looking to the enforcement of the provisions of this contract is made.

A new engine house should be built during the summer on the ground owned by the city in Ash street. With the completion of this house, and one in the southeastern part of the city, I believe that the city's fire protection will be ample for years to come.

I take occasion to renew my recommendations of former years for the establishment of a South Side market. With this additional market (held on alternate days from the East Market) the congested condition of the streets surrounding the Court House and Tomlinson Hall could be greatly reduced or entirely relieved. I am also in favor of improving the space between Tomlinson Hall and the Meat Market by the erection of a suitable building, and the space east of the Meat Market by the construction of such walks, etc., as are necessary, and will recommend that this work be done as soon as it is possible.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

The Board of Public Safety submits its report, accompanied by the reports of the police and fire departments and markets.

The discipline in both the police and fire departments has been excellent, and the Board has just cause for satisfaction. I desire to congratulate both Superintendent Quigley and Chief Fire Engineer Parrett upon their management of their respective departments.

With the completion of the new police station and the installation of the Gamewell police telegraph system, but few improvements can be suggested for the police department. One of these would be the erection of four sub-stations to relieve the Central Police Station, as well as afford protection to outlying portions of the city. I hope that this can be done soon, and will take pleasure in recommending any necessary appropriation for that purpose, when I can see my way clear to do so.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND CHARITIES.

The work of this department has been done in a manner highly satisfactory to myself, and I believe to the general public. The department is constantly watchful of the city's food and water supplies, and by this watchfulness much disease has been prevented. The Board recommends that steps be taken looking to the cleaning of portions of the city, in which I heartily concur.

In my last annual message I recommended the establishment of free public baths. This recommendation I now heartily renew, and hope and believe that the same can be soon accomplished. Nothing would add more to the comfort and health of a very large portion of the city's population, and the matter is worthy of the attention of your body and all public-spirited citizens.

I desire to concur in the Board's recommendation for the erection of a suitable pest house, and the matter will have attention as soon as possible.

The City Hospital and Dispensary have been conducted in a manner satisfactory to the Board and myself, and the Superintendents of both institutions have rendered excellent and efficient service.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, I desire to thank the various departments for their loyal and earnest support during the past year. The care and watchfulness exercised has been productive of the very best results, for which they deserve great credit.

I cannot refrain, at this time, from thanking your honorable body for the valuable assistance rendered the executive departments, and for courtesies extended to myself during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

T. TAGGART,
Mayor.

Which was read and ordered spread on the minutes.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

Communication from City Comptroller:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., February 20, 1899.

Mr. E. M. Johnson, City Comptroller:

Dear Sir—I hand you herewith an estimate of expenses incurred up to this date on account of the prevalence of smallpox, showing a balance of \$406.50, a sum insufficient to carry us through.

We therefore ask that you recommend an additional appropriation of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for the prevention of contagious diseases.

Very respectfully,

E. D. CLARK,
Secretary Department Public Health and Charities.

To the President and Members of the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I respectfully recommend that the above appropriation be made.

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. JOHNSON,
City Comptroller.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., February 20, 1899.

Maintenance of two pest houses:

Two nurses, average time 25 days, at \$4.50 per day....	\$112.50	
One doctor, 28 days, at \$5 per day.....	140.00	
Thirteen patients, provisions for same.....	50.00	
Fuel	20.00	
Stoves and pipe.....	35.00	
Bedding and clothing, etc., to be destroyed.....	50.00	
		\$407.50
Maintenance of 16 quarantines, 127 people, provisions for same estimated at 20 cents per day each.....	\$400.00	
Fifty special officers—wages paid same.....	1,100.00	
Fifty special officers—wages due same.....	500.00	
		\$2,000.00

Tents	\$30.00
Miscellaneous	70.00
Salary of Dr. Wagner.....	270.00
Bills unpaid.....	500.00
	\$870.00
Total	\$3,277.50
Of this amount there has been paid.....	1,220.00
	Total unpaid.....
	\$2,057.50
We have, already appropriated.....	\$2,464.00
Amount unpaid.....	2,057.50
	Balance on hand.....
	\$406.50

Which was read and referred to Committee on Finance.

Communication from City Comptroller:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE.
OFFICE OF CITY COMPTROLLER,
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., February 20, 1899. }

To the President and Members of the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Herewith I send you petition and affidavit of Mary E. Liehr, widow of Philip Liehr, asking for rebate of liquor license paid by her late husband, amounting to \$159.25. I recommend that an appropriation be made to Mary Liehr of this amount, to-wit, \$159.25.

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. JOHNSON,
City Comptroller.

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

REPORTS FROM OFFICIAL BOARDS.

Communication from Board of Public Works:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., February 20, 1899.

To the President and Members of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen—The Board of Public Works of said city respectfully report the following proceedings had and taken pursuant to G. O. No. 21, 1898, enacted on the 4th day of April, 1898, namely: That James S. Cruse, George Wolf and I. N. Richie were on the 11th day of July, 1898, duly appointed by the Judge of the Circuit Court of Marion County, Indiana, to appraise the real estate described in said ordinance No. 21 and thereby ordered to be sold; that each of said appraisers was at said time a disinterested resident freeholder of said City of Indianapolis, and neither of them was an officer or employe of said City of Indianapolis; that after having duly qualified to serve as such appraisers, they made their appraisalment of said real estate and appraised the same at \$13,000

as the full cash value thereof. Their appraisement was reported to the Mayor and the Board of Public Works, and now remains on file in the office of said Board; that thereafter William R. N. Silvester and Sarah M. Bassett, trustees under the will of Thomas M. Bassett, deceased, submitted to the Mayor and Board of Public Works a written proposition to purchase said real estate for the sum of \$13,500, payable in cash, subject to the condition that the title should be approved by their attorney. Said title having received the approval of their attorney, said price of \$13,500 being in excess of the appraised value of said real estate, the Mayor and Board of Public Works duly approved the sale of said real estate for said price to said William R. N. Silvester and Sarah M. Bassett, trustees as aforesaid, and respectfully ask that the making of such sale by them be confirmed and ordered by your honorable body, and that the Mayor be ordered to execute a warranty deed of said real estate to said William R. N. Silvester and Sarah M. Bassett, trustees as aforesaid, and the Clerk be ordered to affix the corporate seal of the City of Indianapolis and attest the same in behalf of said City of Indianapolis, and upon the payment of the purchase price aforesaid, the Mayor be ordered to deliver said deed.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. DOWNING,
W. SCOTT MOORE,
T. J. MONTGOMERY,
Board of Public Works.

Which was read and ordered spread on the minutes.

Communication from Board of Public Works:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
OFFICE OF THE BOARD,
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., February 20, 1899. }

To the President and Members of the Common Council:

Gentlemen—We send you herewith, for your consideration and action, an ordinance authorizing the sale of 3.33 acres of land now included in the White River Park system. It is desired to sell this ground and purchase a small tract of about the same size, which the Board believes will be better adapted for park purposes.

Very respectfully,

M. A. DOWNING,
W. SCOTT MOORE,
T. J. MONTGOMERY,
Board of Public Works.

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

Eighth annual report of the Department of Public Works, of the City of Indianapolis, for the year ending December 31, 1898.

Which was received and ordered filed.

Eighth annual report of the Board of Public Safety, of the City of Indianapolis, for the year ending December 31, 1898.

Which was received and ordered filed.

Annual report of the Board of Health and Charities, of the City of Indianapolis, for the year ending December 31, 1898.

Which was received and ordered filed.

Fourth annual report of the Board of Park Commissioners, of the City of Indianapolis, for the year ending December 31, 1898.

Which was received and ordered filed.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Madden, on behalf of the Committee on Investigation and Impeachment, made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., February 20, 1899.

Mr. President.

Your Committee on Investigation and Impeachment, acting under instructions embodied in resolution number sixteen (16), 1898, directing your committee to investigate certain statements, intimations and innuendoes, published in some of the daily papers of this city, to the effect that certain owners of land, purchased by the city for the purpose of establishing Riverside Park, had paid, or were solicited to pay, money for the purpose of influencing the purchase or location of said park, herewith submit the following report:

Your committee has held four (4) meetings, for the purpose of taking testimony in this matter, at which sessions your committee examined, under oath, twenty-five (25) witnesses, sixteen (16) of whom were the former owners of a very large per cent. of the land now embraced in Riverside Park, in fact, all of the former owners of said property who were residents of this county, to-wit: Hiram Miller, John J. Cooper, Charles Cooper, James R. Henry, J. E. McGettigan, Joseph Evans, William Hohlt, William Watt, Herman Unverzhet, Augusta Schwab, Peter C. Mohler, Christena Emrick, Thomas H. Richardson, Francis L. Krumckle, Phoebe Emrick and August Wacker.

The other nine (9), Thomas Spann, George McDonald, H. Waddle, F. L. Purdy, R. O. Hawkins, Horace E. Smith, Harry New, C. W. Bridges and Charles Dennis, were either acting as agents for parties who sold property to the city for said park, newspaper men, or those whose testimony was in the nature of hearsay evidence.

Your committee found that the source of these statements, intimations and innuendoes, made in certain papers of this city, in regard to said purchase and improper use of money, originated from statements reported to be made by William H. Watt. Said Watt, under oath, testified before your committee that he had not paid nor promised to pay to anyone any money, or thing of value whatever, for the purpose of influencing any person in said purchase or location, and that if any such statements had been made by him, "that he was not under oath at the time that he made them."

The testimony, under oath, of all the former property owners, and those acting as agents, was a direct denial that they had subscribed or had been solicited to subscribe any money or thing of value to any fund

whatever for the purpose of influencing any city official, either elective or appointive, in the purchase of said land or the location of said park. This evidence fully satisfied your committee that there was no truth in or foundation for such rumors.

We herewith submit to you a full, complete and certified copy of all the evidence taken during the progress of this investigation, and matters connected with the same.

ROBERT M. MADDEN.
JAS. H. COSTELLO.

Mr. Madden moved that report of committee be adopted.

Which motion prevailed.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

Under this order of business the following ordinances were introduced:

By Mr. Costello:

App. O. No. 4, 1899. An ordinance appropriating the sum of one thousand dollars for the use of the Department of Public Health and Charities of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, and fixing the time when the same shall take effect.

Section 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, That there is hereby appropriated, out of any funds in the treasury of the City of Indianapolis not otherwise appropriated, the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for the use of the Department of Public Health and Charities, to be expended for the prevention of contagious diseases.

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

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

By Mr. Merrick:

App. O. No. 5, 1899. An ordinance appropriating the sum of one hundred fifty-nine dollars and twenty-five cents (\$159.25) with which to pay a certain claim made by virtue of Section 8 of an act entitled "An act to better regulate and restrict the sale of intoxicating, vinous and malt liquors," etc., approved March 11, 1895, and fixing the time when the same shall take effect.

Section 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, That the sum of one hundred fifty-nine dollars and twenty-five cents (\$159.25) be and the same is hereby appropriated to pay the following claim, made under and by virtue of Section 8 of an act of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, entitled "An act to better

regulate and restrict the sale of intoxicating liquors," approved March 11, 1895; Mary E. Liehr, widow of Philip Liehr, deceased, the sum of one hundred fifty-nine dollars and twenty-five cents (\$159.25).

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 Accounts and Claims.

INTRODUCTION OF GENERAL AND SPECIAL ORDINANCES.

Under this order of business, the following ordinances were introduced:

By Board of Public Works:

G. O. No. 5, 1899. An ordinance authorizing the sale of certain real estate belonging to the City of Indianapolis, and fixing the time when the same shall take effect.

Whereas, The City of Indianapolis did heretofore purchase real estate, hereinafter described, to be used for park purposes in said city; and

Whereas, The said real estate is no longer needed by the said City of Indianapolis for park purposes, or for any other purpose, and it is for the best interest of said city that said real estate should be sold; therefore,

Section 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, That the Mayor and Board of Public Works of said city be and they are hereby authorized to sell, alienate and convey the following-described real estate belonging to said city, located in Marion county, Indiana, to-wit:

Part of the northwest quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) of section thirty-four (34), township sixteen (16) north, range three (3) east, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point nine hundred and ninety (990) feet west of the center line of Schurman avenue and eight hundred and sixty (860) feet south of the south line of Eighteenth street, and running thence west two hundred and fifty-two and three-tenths (252.3) feet, more or less, to a point; thence south five hundred and seventy-five (575) feet to the north line of the Crawfordsville road; thence in a southeastwardly direction along the said Crawfordsville road two hundred and fifty-four (254) feet, more or less; thence north six hundred and five (605) feet, more or less, to the place of beginning, containing three and thirty-three hundredths (3.33) acres; after the same has been duly appraised by three (3) disinterested freeholders of said city, appointed by the Judge of the Marion Circuit Court of Marion County, Indiana, as provided by law, which sale shall be made either at private sale or public auction, as the said Mayor and the said Board of Public Works shall deem best, at not less than the appraised value thereof, and the said Mayor and Board of Public Works shall cause the proper conveyance to be executed for the purpose of transferring the said real estate to the purchaser thereof in the manner required and provided by law.

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 Public Property and Improvements.

By Mr. Smith:

G. O. No. 6, 1899. An ordinance fixing the salaries of the engineers employed at the Brightwood Waterworks in the City of Indianapolis, and declaring an emergency.

Section 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, That the salaries of the two engineers employed at the Brightwood Waterworks in said city be and the same are hereby fixed at sixty dollars (\$60) per month each, which shall be paid in the same manner and at the same time that the salaries of other city officers and employes are paid.

Sec. 2. Whereas, an emergency exists for the immediate taking effect of this ordinance, the same shall take effect from and after its passage.

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

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Mr. McGrew offered the following resolution:

Resolution No. 6, 1899—

Be it resolved by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, That the sale of the City Dispensary property, being the real estate described in G. O. No. 21, 1898, to William R. N. Silvester and Sarah M. Bassett, trustees under the will of Thomas M. Bassett, deceased, for the price of \$13,500 in cash, be and the same is hereby ordered ratified, confirmed and approved, and the Mayor of the city is hereby authorized and directed to execute a warranty deed to said persons, and the Clerk to affix the city seal thereto and attest the same, and that upon payment of the purchase price, that the Mayor deliver said deed in behalf of the city.

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

AYES—viz.: Messrs. Allen, Bowser, Colter, Costello, Crall, Harston, Higgins, Knight, Little, Madden, Merrick, Moffett, McGrew, Rauch, Scanlon, Shaffer, Smith, Von Spreckelsen and President Mahoney.

NAYS—None.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

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

G. O. No. 1, 1899. An ordinance authorizing the sale of certain property belonging to the City of Indianapolis.

And was passed by the following vote:

AYES 19—viz.: Messrs. Allen, Bowser, Colter, Costello, Crall, Harston, Higgins, Knight, Little, Madden, Merrick, Moffett, McGrew, Rauch, Scanlon, Shaffer, Smith, Von Spreckelsen and President Mahoney.

NAYS—None.

On motion of Mr. McGrew the following entitled ordinance was called from Committee on Public Health, and read a second time:

G. O. No. 74, 1898. An ordinance regulating the cleaning of vaults and the removal of night soil and other noxious matter, providing penalties for the violation thereof, and fixing the time when the same shall take effect.

Mr. McGrew moved that G. O. No. 74, 1898, be ordered engrossed.

Mr. Knight moved as a substitute for Mr. McGrew's motion, that G. O. No. 74, 1898, be referred to Committee on Public Safety and Comfort.

Which motion was lost by the following vote:

AYES 9—viz.: Messrs. Allen, Colter, Knight, Little, Merrick, Rauch, Shaffer, Smith and Von Spreckelsen.

NAYS 10—viz.: Messrs. Bowser, Costello, Crall, Harston, Higgins, Madden, Moffett, McGrew, Scanlon and President Mahoney.

The question being on Mr. McGrew's motion.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Little offered the following amendment to G. O. No. 74, 1898:

Mr. President:

I move that Ordinance No. 74 be amended to read, after the word city in the fourth line, and before the word between, "of West Indianapolis."

G. O. No. 74, 1898, having been read a second time, and ordered engrossed, Mr. Little's amendment was declared out of order.

Mr. Higgins offered and moved the adoption of the following:

Mr. President:

I move that the words "4 o'clock a. m. and 8 o'clock p. m." in line 4, Section 1, of G. O. No. 74, 1898, be stricken out, and the words "5 o'clock a. m. and 7 o'clock p. m." be substituted therefor.

Which was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. McGrew, G. O. No. 74, 1898, was then ordered engrossed, as corrected, read a third time, and failed of passage by the following vote:

AYES 5—viz.: Messrs. Harston, Madden, McGrew, Scanlon and Smith.

NAYS 14—viz.: Messrs. Allen, Bowser, Colter, Costello, Crall, Higgins, Knight, Little, Merrick, Moffett, Rauch, Shaffer, Von Spreckelsen and President Mahoney.

On motion of Mr. Madden, the Common Council, at 8:55 o'clock P. M., adjourned.

Geo. H. Mahoney

President.

ATTEST:

Chas H Stuckmeyer

City Clerk.