

REGULAR MEETING.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,
May 1, 1899. }

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, May 1, 1899, at 8 o'clock, in regular meeting.

Present, Hon. John H. Mahoney, President of the Common Council, in the chair, and 17 members, viz.: Messrs. Allen, Bernauer, Clark, Colter, Costello, Crall, Harston, Higgins, Little, Madden, Moffett, McGrew, Rauch, Scanlon, Shaffer, Smith and Von Spreckelsen.

Absent—3, viz.: Messrs. Bowser, Knight and Merrick.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal, whereupon Councilman Smith 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., April 20, 1899. }

To the President and Members of the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I have this day approved the following ordinances:

G. O. No. 13, 1899. An ordinance approving a certain contract, granting Bartholomew D. Brooks the right to lay and maintain a switch or side-track across the first alley north of Sample street, the center line of which is 140 feet east of and parallel to the east line of Harding street.

G. O. No. 15, 1899. An ordinance prohibiting owners of express wagons and other vehicles from soliciting business at other places than herein provided.

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., April 25, 1899. }

To the President and Members of the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I have this day approved the following ordinances:

App. O. No. 7, 1899. An ordinance appropriating \$200 to the Department of Finance, to be expended towards defraying the expenses attending the proper observance of Memorial Day, May 30, 1899.

App. O. No. 8, 1899. An ordinance appropriating \$4,200 for the use of the Department of Public Works, to be expended in the improving of space east of the present Market House.

App. O. No. 9, 1899. An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$400 for the use of the Department of Public Safety, to be expended for bicycles and repairs.

App. O. No. 10, 1899. An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$3,100 for the use of the Department of Public Parks, to be applied to the purchase of real estate for park purposes, and to be credited to the fund known as "New Park Purchase, Real Estate."

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., May 1, 1899. }

To the President and Members of the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I respectfully recommend an appropriation of two thousand dollars (\$2,000 00) for contagious disease fund, as requested by Board of Public Health and Charities, which request is submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. JOHNSON,
City Comptroller.

CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,
 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND CHARITIES,
 INDIANAPOLIS, IND., April 26, 1899. }

Mr. E. M. Johnson, City Comptroller:

Dear Sir—Owing to the continued prevalence of smallpox, this Board is again compelled to ask that you recommend an additional appropriation of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for the prevention of contagious diseases. There have been appropriated at various times amounts aggregating five thousand dollars (\$5,000); to this should be added four hundred and sixty-four dollars (\$464), which amount was included in the general appropriation for the fiscal year, making a total available fund of five thousand four hundred and sixty-four dollars (\$5,464).

The expenditures have been as follows:

Wages of special quarantine officers.....	\$1,911 30
Due officers now in service	168 75
Provisions, medicines, fuel, property of quarantined families destroyed; pest-house expenses, including food, medicines, nurses, services of a pest-house physician and expert immune physician....	2,546 42
Bills unpaid	689 83

Making a total expenditure of.....\$5,316 30

Leaving a balance of \$147.70 unexpended, which will be swallowed up in a few days.

Since the last appropriation became available there have been twelve quarantines maintained, one of which involved the feeding and care of thirty-two people, the others ranging from four to twelve people each.

As few special officers have been employed as it was possible to get along with, our own force being used as long as it could be spared, and some of our men are still being used though they are sorely needed in their districts at this season, when complaints are so numerous. We mention this that you may know that the cost of handling this disease will be kept down to the lowest figures possible.

Very respectfully,

F. A. MORRISON,

President Board of Health.

By E. D. CLARK,

Secretary.

Which was read and referred to Committee on Finance.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

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

By Mr. Costello:

App.O. No. 11, 1899. An ordinance appropriating the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for the use of the Department of Public Health and Charities 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 for the

use of the Department of Public Health and Charities, to be credited to the fund known as "Contagious Disease Fund," the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000).

Sec. 2. An emergency existing for the immediate taking effect of this ordinance, the same shall be in force from and after its passage.

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

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Mr. Bernauer offered the following motion :

Mr. President:

I move that the chair appoint a committee of five to act in conjunction with the Board of Works, City Engineer and City Attorney in regard to matters pertaining to the elevation of railroad tracks in and through the City of Indianapolis, and that the chair be one of the committee; and that said committee be known as the Committee on Elevation of Tracks.

Which motion was adopted; and President Mahoney appointed the following named members to constitute said committee: Messrs. Mahoney, Bernauer, Colter, Scanlon and Shaffer.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

Mr. Rauch called up the following entitled ordinance :

G. O. No. 78, 1898. An ordinance declaring the emission into the open air of dense smoke, containing soot or other deleterious substances, from the smoke stacks, chimneys or flues of any building or structure within the City of Indianapolis, to be a nuisance, and prohibiting the same, providing penalties for the violation thereof, and fixing a time when the same shall take effect.

Mr. Little moved that G. O. No. 78, 1898, be referred to Committee on Contracts and Franchises.

Mr. Rauch moved to lay Mr. Little's motion on the table.

Which motion was lost.

Whereupon Mr. Little's motion prevailed.

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

G. O. No. 11, 1899. An ordinance approving a certain contract, granting M. O'Connor & Company the right to lay and maintain a switch or side-track across Missouri street, in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana.

And was passed by the following vote:

AYES 17—viz.: Messrs. Allen, Bernauer, Clark, Colter, Costello, Crall, Harston, Higgins, Madden, Moffett, McGrew, Rauch, Scanlon, Shaffer, Smith, Von Spreckelsen and President Mahoney.

NAYS 1—viz.: Mr. Little.

On motion of Mr. Rauch, the Common Council, at 8:25 o'clock P. M., adjourned.

John H. Mahoney

President.

ATTEST:

Chas H. Stuckmeyer

City Clerk.