

REGULAR MEETING.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

MONDAY, February 16, 1914.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, February 16, 1914, at 7:30 o'clock, in regular session, President John F. Connor in the chair.

Present: The Hon. John F. Connor, President of the Common Council, and eight members, viz.: Messrs. Barry, Young, McGuff, Miller, Porter, Lee, Graham and Shea.

Mr. Porter moved that the reading of the Journal be dispensed with. Carried.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

From City Controller:

FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., February 16, 1914.

To the Honorable, the President and Members of the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN—I submit herewith letter of Judge Deery, of the City Court, requesting appropriation of \$300 for special judges, and \$50 for meals for jurors. It has been customary to include \$300 for special judges in the annual budget, but it was omitted in the last one. Such a fund is necessary in case of changes of venue and sickness of the judge. I recommend these two appropriations, and inclose ordinances providing for them.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. DUNN,
City Controller.

CITY COURT,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., February 9, 1914.

Hon Jacob P. Dunn, City Controller, City:

DEAR MR. DUNN—I find that no money has been appropriated to pay special judges in the City Court. I understand that it has been customary to appropriate \$300 each year for this purpose.

I would appreciate it very much if you would request the City Council to appropriate \$300 for special judges for the year 1914.

I also find that there is no fund for meals for juries in the City Court. The last two jury trials we had the jurors were required to miss meals. I think it would be a good idea to appropriate \$50 to purchase meals for jurors in the City Court.

Respectfully,
JAMES E. DEERY,
City Judge.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., February 16, 1914.

To the Honorable, the President and Members of the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN—I send you herewith letter from the Board of Public Works asking an appropriation of \$15,000 for the purchase of automobiles. I am informed in a general way that none of the automobiles inherited from the last administration can be made to run, and that machines are necessary for the prosecution of the city work both for transportation of materials and transportation of supervising officials. The Board of Works can furnish you details as to the exact needs. I recommend the appropriation and enclose ordinance for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,
J. P. DUNN,
City Controller.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
OFFICE OF THE BOARD.
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., February 16, 1914.

Hon. Jacob P. Dunn, City Controller, Indianapolis, Indiana:

DEAR SIR—You are respectfully requested to recommend to the Common Council the passage of an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$15,000 for the purchase of automobiles for use in the Department of Public Works.

Yours truly,
J. A. RINK,
JAMES E. TROY,
GEORGE B. GASTON,
Board of Public Works.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., February 16, 1914.

To the Honorable, the President and Members of the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN—I send you herewith letters of the Board of Public Works and City Civil Engineer asking an appropriation of \$15,000 for flood repairs, and setting forth the reasons for the necessity of the same. I recommend the appropriation and inclose ordinance for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. DUNN,
City Controller.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
OFFICE OF THE BOARD.
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., February 13, 1914.

Hon. Jacob P. Dunn, City Controller, Indianapolis, Indiana:

DEAR SIR—We respectfully request that you recommend to the Common Council the passage of an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$15,000 to this department for flood repairs, as recommended by the City Civil Engineer, whose letter is herewith attached.

Yours very truly,

J. A. RINK,
JAMES E. TROY,
GEORGE B. GASTON,
Board of Public Works.

OFFICE OF CITY CIVIL ENGINEER,
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., February 13, 1914.

To the Board of Public Works:

GENTLEMEN—I would recommend that the Board request the Common Council to appropriate a sum of \$15,000 for flood repairs.

A contract has been entered into for the repair of the levee north of Raymond street amounting to \$3,000. Bids have been received for the repair of Fall Creek Interceptor, which repair will cost \$14,000. For cleaning of Fall Creek Interceptor and repair to sewers, \$3,000 is needed. For additional riprapping for the West Indianapolis Levee and other levee work, \$6,000 will be required, making a total of \$26,000. The appropriation on hand is \$11,000, leaving a balance to be appropriated of \$15,000.

Very respectfully submitted,

B. J. T. JEUP,
City Civil Engineer.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

From the Committee on Finance:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., February 16, 1914.

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

GENTLEMEN—We, your Committee of Finance, to whom was referred Appropriation Ordinance No. 1, 1914, entitled "An ordinance appropriating the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200) to the use of the Department of Public Works during the current year, and fixing the time when the same shall take effect," beg leave to report that we have had said ordinance under consideration and recommend that it be passed.

Respectfully,

E. P. BARRY,
A. D. PORTER,
ED. MCGUFF,
THOMAS LEE.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., February 16, 1914.

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

GENTLEMEN—We, your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred Appropriation Ordinance No. 2, 1914, entitled "An ordinance appropriating the sum of four hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$475) for the use of the Department of Public Works, and fixing a time for taking effect of same," beg leave to report that we have had said ordinance under consideration and recommend that it be passed.

Respectfully,

E. P. BARRY,
EDWARD R. MILLER,
A. D. PORTER,
ED. MCGUFF,
THOMAS LEE.

Mr. Barry moved that the report of the Committee be concurred in. Carried.

From the Committee on Law and Judiciary:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., February 16, 1914.

To the President and Members of the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN—Your Committee on Law and Judiciary, to whom was referred General Ordinance No. 5, 1914, amending the Rules of Procedure of

Common Council of Indianapolis, have had same under consideration, and recommend its passage.

Respectfully submitted,
MICHAEL J. SHEA,
EDWARD R. MILLER,
W. T. YOUNG,
FRANK GRAHAM,
E. P. BARRY.

Mr. Shea moved that the report of the Committee be concurred in. Carried.

INTRODUCTION OF APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

By City Controller :

Appropriation Ordinance No. 3, 1914: An ordinance appropriating the sum of fifty dollars (\$50) to and for the use of the Department of Finance for the payment for meals for jurors in the City Court, prescribing the method of payment, and fixing the time when this ordinance shall take effect.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, that the sum of fifty dollars (\$50) be, and hereby is, appropriated to the Department of Finance for payment for meals for jurors in the City Court. The City Controller is hereby directed to issue warrants against this fund for bills for such meals, when accompanied by the certificate of the Judge and Bailiff of said court that the meals for which payment is demanded have been furnished by the claimants to jurors in said court under the direction of the court.

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

Which was read a first time.

Mr. Barry moved that the rules be suspended and Appropriation Ordinance No. 3, 1914, be placed upon its passage.

The roll was called and the motion to suspend the rules was lost for want of a unanimous vote, as follows :

Ayes, 8, viz. : Messrs. Barry, Young, McGuff, Miller, Porter, Lee, Graham and President John F. Connor.

Noes, 1, viz. : Mr. Shea.

Appropriation Ordinance No. 3 was thereupon referred to the Committee on Finance.

By City Controller :

Appropriation Ordinance No. 4, 1914: An ordinance appropriating the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300) to and for the use of the Department of Finance for the fund "Pay of Special City Judges," 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 three hundred dollars (\$300) be, and the same is, hereby appropriated to the Department of Finance of said city for the fund "Pay of Special City Judges," for the current fiscal year.

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

Which was read a first time.

Mr. Barry moved that the rules be suspended and Appropriation Ordinance No. 4, 1914, be placed upon its passage.

The roll was called and the motion to suspend the rules was lost for want of a unanimous vote, as follows :

Ayes, 8, viz. : Messrs. Barry, Young, McGuff, Miller, Porter, Lee, Graham and President John F. Connor.

Noes, 1, viz. : Mr. Shea.

Appropriation Ordinance No. 4, 1914, was thereupon referred to the Committee on Finance.

By City Controller :

Appropriation Ordinance No. 5, 1914: An ordinance appropriating fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to the Department of Public Works for flood repairs 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 the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) be,

and the same is, hereby appropriated to and for the use of the Department of Public Works to be credited to the Flood Repairs Fund.

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

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

By City Controller:

Appropriation Ordinance No. 6, 1914: An ordinance appropriating fifteen thousand dollars to the Department of Public Works for purchase of automobiles, 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 to and for the use of the Department of Public Works the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000), to be credited to the fund of "Purchase of Automobiles."

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

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

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

Mr. Barry called for Appropriation Ordinance No. 1, 1914, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Barry moved that Appropriation Ordinance No. 1, 1914, be ordered engrossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage. Carried.

Appropriation Ordinance No. 1, 1914, was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

Ayes, 8, viz.: Messrs. Barry, Young, McGuff, Porter, Lee, Graham, Shea and President John F. Connor.

Noes, 1, viz.: Mr. Miller.

Mr. Barry called for Appropriation Ordinance No. 2, 1914, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Barry moved that Appropriation Ordinance No. 2, 1914, be ordered engrossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage. Carried.

Appropriation Ordinance No. 2, 1914, was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

Ayes, 9, viz.: Messrs. Barry, Young, Miller, McGuff, Porter, Lee, Graham, Shea and President John F. Connor.

Mr. Shea called for General Ordinance No. 5, 1914, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Shea moved that General Ordinance No. 5, 1914, be ordered engrossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage. Carried.

General Ordinance No. 5, 1914, was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

Ayes, 9, viz.: Messrs. Barry, Young, Miller, McGuff, Porter, Lee, Graham, Shea and President John F. Connor.

By unanimous consent the Council referred back in the Order of Business.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., February 14, 1914.

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

GENTLEMEN—I submit for your consideration an ordinance for the increase of the salary of the Commissioner of Buildings, and the Chief Inspector, and providing that the last named official shall possess the education and qualifications of a Civil Engineer under the Building Code Ordinance of this city.

The work of this department has grown to be so vast and the responsibility of the appointees so great that the salary provided in the late Building Code Ordinance is wholly inadequate. The work of Building Inspectors concerns the safety and lives of thousands of persons employed in the great buildings that are now being constructed in this city. The salary of two thousand dollars was provided many years ago when the work and responsibility of this department was insufficient as compared with its present situation.

The new Building Code Ordinance was prepared after many months of consideration upon the part of those who worked out the details covered therein. I am informed that it was the intention of those who were responsible for the drafting of the Ordinance, to provide for adequate salaries, but in copying various parts of the old Ordinance, the parts covering salaries were copied into the new code without change.

In the reorganization of this department, I find that I am not able to find a man who is thoroughly competent to fill the office of Commissioner of Buildings who will accept the position at the small salary now provided.

Mr. Winterrowd, the present Commissioner of Buildings, is anxious to be relieved from the head of this department because of other business arrangements, but has kindly consented to continue until such time as I am able to affect a reorganization.

In order that I may procure the services of a competent man for the position of Commissioner of Buildings, I have decided to ask that the salary of this office be increased to the sum of three thousand dollars per annum.

It is also considered by every one with whom I have discussed this matter, that one of the assistants in the Division of Construction of the Building Department should be a man who possesses the education and qualifications of a Civil Engineer, in order that engineering questions involved in the construction of new buildings may be properly considered at all times.

I have, therefore, caused the amendment to be so prepared as to provide that the Chief Inspector shall possess the education and qualifications of a Civil Engineer, fixing his salary at fifteen hundred dollars per annum instead of twelve hundred dollars as now provided in the Ordinance.

I earnestly request the early consideration of this ordinance by the members of the Common Council, and if it meets with your approval, I hope a special meeting of the Council will be called for the passage of the ordinance, to the end that the work of reorganizing this department may not be further delayed.

J. E. BELL,
Mayor.

INTRODUCTION OF GENERAL AND SPECIAL ORDINANCES.

By Mr. Barry :

General Ordinance No. 7, 1914: An ordinance amending sections four (4) and fifteen (15) of General Ordinance No. 72, 1912, of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, creating the office of Commissioner of Buildings, with inspectors, assistants and clerical help, approved November 29, 1913.

Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana :

SECTION 1. That section four (4) of General Ordinance No. 72, 1912, of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, be, and the same is, hereby amended to read as follows: "Section 4. *Qualifications*—The Commissioner of Buildings and the Assistant Inspectors of Buildings in the Division of Construction shall be competent architects, engineers or practical builders, who have been engaged in the active duties of their occupation for at least five years. The Chief Inspector of the Division of Construction shall possess the education and qualifications of a civil engineer."

SECTION 2. That section fifteen (15) of said ordinance be, and the same is, hereby amended to read as follows: "Section 15. *Salary*. The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis shall in all cases fix the compensation of the employes in the office of the Commissioner of Buildings. The Commissioner of Buildings shall receive a salary at the rate of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) per annum. The Clerk in the office of the Commissioner of Buildings shall receive a salary at the rate of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per annum. The stenographer in the office of the Commissioner of Buildings shall receive a salary at the rate of six hundred dollars (\$600) per annum. The Chief Inspector in the Division of Construction shall receive a salary at the rate of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500) per annum. Each Assistant Inspector in the Division of Construction shall receive a salary at the rate of twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200) per annum. The Chief Inspector and each Assistant in the Division of Boilers and Smoke shall receive a salary at the rate of twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200) per annum. The Chief Inspector in the Division of Elevators shall receive a salary at the rate of twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200) per annum.

SECTION 3. That all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

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

On motion of Mr. Young, the Common Council, at 8:20 o'clock
P. M., adjourned.

John F. Connor
.....
President.

ATTEST:

Thomas A. Riley
.....
City Clerk.

