

## REGULAR MEETING.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, IND.,

MONDAY, February 1, 1915.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, February 1, 1915, at 7:30 o'clock, in regular session, President Thomas C. Lee in the chair.

Present: The Hon. Thomas C. Lee, President of the Common Council, and 8 members, viz.: Messrs. Barry, Young, McGuff, Miller, Porter, Connor, Graham and Shea.

A special committee, composed of Messrs. L. O. Hamilton, William J. Mooney, Louis Hollweg, Robert Lieber, Charles J. Lynn and Leo M. Rappaport, from the Citizens' Relief Committee appeared before the Council.

Mr. Barry moved that they be asked to select one of their number to state the object of their mission.

President Lee asked the committee if they had chosen a chairman, and Mr. Hamilton stated that he was the President of the Citizens' Relief Committee, and introduced Mr. Mooney, who outlined the plan the Citizens' Relief Committee had followed this winter in caring for the unemployed, and also the plan they wished to pursue in the event the Council appropriated the money the committee were asking for.

Councilmen Young, Shea and McGuff then spoke of the work done by the committee, after which President Lee called for the

REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., January 26, 1915.

*To the President and Members of the Common Council, Indianapolis, Indiana:*

GENTLEMEN—I have approved and signed Resolution No. 2, 1915, the same being a request to the City Controller, asking that he recommend an appropriation of three hundred dollars (\$300) for the indexing of proceedings of the Common Council.

I have also approved and signed General Ordinance No. 76, 1914, the same being an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to amend the second paragraph under the caption of 'Clerk' of section one of General Ordinance No. 2, 1914, entitled 'An ordinance prescribing rules for the procedure of the Common Council of Indianapolis,' approved January 6, 1914."

I return the said ordinance and resolution herewith.

Yours very truly,

J. E. BELL,  
*Mayor.*

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., January 28, 1915.

*To the President and Members of the Common Council, Indianapolis, Indiana:*

GENTLEMEN—I have approved and signed General Ordinance No. 4, 1915, the same being an ordinance entitled "An ordinance authorizing the City

Controller to make a temporary loan for the use of the city, payable out of its current funds, and fixing a time when the same shall take effect."

I return the said ordinance herewith.

Yours very truly,

J. E. BELL,  
*Mayor.*

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.  
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., January 28, 1915.

*To the President and Members of the Common Council, Indianapolis, Indiana:*

GENTLEMEN—I have approved and signed General Ordinance No. 3, 1915, the same being an ordinance entitled "An ordinance authorizing the City Controller to make a temporary loan for use of the Recreation Department of the Board of Health, payable out of the current funds of said department, and fixing a time when the same shall take effect."

I return the said ordinance herewith.

Yours very truly,

J. E. BELL,  
*Mayor.*

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.  
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., January 19, 1915.

*To the President and Members of the Common Council, Indianapolis, Indiana:*

GENTLEMEN—I return herewith, without my approval, General Ordinance No. 75, 1914, the same being entitled "An ordinance prescribing the penal sum for the bond of the City Treasurer."

Yours very truly,

J. E. BELL,  
*Mayor.*

#### REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

From City Controller:

FINANCE DEPARTMENT,  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.  
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., February 1, 1915.

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

GENTLEMEN—I submit herewith letter from the Board of Public Works requesting an appropriation of seventy-five hundred dollars (\$7,500) to

pay for street signs where the same will not be placed under the contract with the Merchants Heat and Light Company. I recommend this appropriation and inclose ordinance providing for it.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. DUNN,  
*City Controller.*

From City Controller :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,  
OFFICE OF THE BOARD.  
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., February 1, 1915.

*Hon. J. P. Dunn, City Controller, Indianapolis, Ind.:*

DEAR SIR—You are requested to recommend to the Common Council the passage of an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$7,500 to pay for street signs where same will not be placed under the contract with the Merchants Heat and Light Company.

These signs are to be enameled iron, blue and white on iron posts.

An estimate of the expense of such installation is as follows:

|                                  |            |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| 2,100 corners, 8,400 signs ----- | \$1,995.00 |
| 2,100 posts at \$2.25-----       | 4,725.00   |
| Labor, concrete, etc. -----      | 780.00     |
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|                                  | \$7,500.00 |

Yours very truly,

J. A. RINK,  
GEO. B. GASTON.  
*Board of Public Works.*

From City Controller :

FINANCE DEPARTMENT,  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.  
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., February 1, 1915.

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

GENTLEMEN—In answer to your resolution asking me to recommend an appropriation of \$300 for indexing the Council Proceedings for 1914. I beg to say that I appreciate the necessity of the work, as these Proceedings contain the only printed copies of the ordinances adopted during the year, and without an index they would not be accessible to the public, or even to city officials. The change recently made in the Council rules removes the legal obstruction that previously existed, and I therefore recommend this appropriation and inclose ordinance providing for it.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. DUNN,  
*City Controller.*

From City Controller:

CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS  
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., February 1, 1915.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT,  
*To the Honorable, the President and Members of the Common Council:*

GENTLEMEN—I inclose herewith letter of the Mayor recommending the appropriation of \$10,000 for relief of unemployed. You are of course familiar with the situation existing here. I recommend the appropriation and inclose ordinance providing for it.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. DUNN,

*City Controller.*

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.  
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., February 1, 1915.

*Mr. Jacob P. Dunn, City Controller, Indianapolis, Indiana:*

DEAR SIR—Notwithstanding the splendid efforts of the Citizens' Relief Committee in endeavoring to care for the unemployed of the city, yet work has been found for only a small part of those who have applied. The conditions which now confront us demand that the city take some direct action to aid in giving relief to those unfortunate persons who are begging for an opportunity to work but can find nothing to do.

On account of the very heavy and unusual snowfall, our streets, outside of the downtown districts, are filled with half melted snow. Persons on foot have great difficulty in crossing many of the street intersections on account of the accumulation of snow and water. Quite a number of men could be given employment at this time in cleaning the snow from that part of the street crossings used by pedestrians and in opening inlets to sewers.

However, the regular appropriation for cleaning the streets during the year should not be depleted by making large expenditures therefrom, especially for the purpose of putting on extra men selected from the number that have applied to the Citizens' Relief Committee for work.

I am in favor of asking the Common Council, which meets tonight, for an immediate appropriation to be used for this purpose.

I, therefore, direct that you send an official communication to the Common Council tonight, asking an appropriation of ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars, to be used in employing extra men where they are needed for the cleaning of the street crossings and opening sewer inlets as above indicated, such money to be expended in connection with the Citizens' Relief Committee in furnishing employment to persons recommended by such committee.

I suggest that it would be well to provide in the appropriation ordinance that the money should be expended upon order issued by the Citizens' Relief Committee when approved by you.

Yours very truly,

J. E. BELL,

*Mayor.*

## REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

From the Committee on Public Safety:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., February 1, 1915.

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

GENTLEMEN—We, your Committee on Public Safety, to whom was referred Special Ordinance No. 10, 1914, entitled "An ordinance to change the name of the street now known as Boston Street, between Pennsylvania Street and Talbott Avenue," beg leave to report that we have had said ordinance under consideration, and recommend that the same be passed.

FRANK GRAHAM,  
W. T. YOUNG,  
ED MCGUFF,  
JOHN F. CONNOR,  
EDWARD P. BARRY.

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

## INTRODUCTION OF APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

By City Controller:

Appropriation Ordinance No. 1, 1915: An ordinance appropriating ten thousand dollars to the Department of Finance for relief of the unemployed, 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 be and hereby is appropriated to the Department of Finance the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for relief of the unemployed to be used, so far as needed, by the Citizens' Relief Committee in providing public employment for citizens who are unable to procure other work, and to be expended and paid out on proper vouchers from the treasurer and chairman of the Executive Committee of the said Citizens' Relief Committee.

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

Which was read a first time.

Mr. Connor moved that the rules be suspended and Appropriation Ordinance No. 1, 1915, be placed upon its passage.

The roll was called and the motion to suspend the rules carried by the following vote :

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

Mr. Connor called for Appropriation Ordinance No. 1, 1915, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Connor moved that Appropriation Ordinance No. 1, 1915, be ordered engrossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage. Carried.

Appropriation Ordinance No. 1, 1915, was read a third time and passed by the following vote :

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

Mr. Hamilton, on behalf of the Citizens' Relief Committee, thanked the Council for their action.

By the City Controller :

Appropriation Ordinance No. 2, 1915: An ordinance appropriating \$300 to the Department of Finance for indexing Council Proceedings, 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 hereby is appropriated to the Department of Finance the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300) for index-

ing Council Proceedings, to be expended and paid out on proper vouchers from the President of the City Council.

SECTION 2. There being an emergency for the passage of this ordinance, it shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Which was read a first time.

Mr. Connor moved that the rules be suspended and Appropriation Ordinance No. 2, 1915, be placed upon its passage.

The roll was called and the motion to suspend the rules carried by the following vote:

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

Mr. Connor called for Appropriation Ordinance No. 2, 1915, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Connor moved that Appropriation Ordinance No. 2, 1915, be ordered engrossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage. Carried.

Appropriation Ordinance No. 2, 1915, was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

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

By the City Controller:

Appropriation Ordinance No. 3, 1915: An ordinance appropriating the sum of seventy-five hundred dollars (\$7,500) to the Department of Public Works for the payment of street signs, 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 seventy-five hundred dollars (\$7,500) be and the same is hereby appropriated to the Department of Public Works for the purpose of paying for street signs where same will not be placed under the contract with the Merchants Heat and Light Company.

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.

#### INTRODUCTION OF GENERAL AND SPECIAL ORDINANCES.

By Mr. Shea (by request) :

Special Ordinance No. 1, 1915: An ordinance changing and defining a part of the boundary line of the corporate limits of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, extending the same and annexing to the City of Indianapolis certain territory, providing for the publication thereof, and fixing the time the same shall take effect.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, that a part of the south boundary line of the corporate limits of the City of Indianapolis be and the same is hereby extended and altered as follows: Beginning at the intersection of Shelby Street and Southern Avenue, thence south to Cruft Street, thence east to the first alley east of Shelby Street, thence north to Southern Avenue. It being the intent to annex to the city the following territory: Lots 8 to 15 inclusive, Holliday's Garfield Park Addition to the City of Indianapolis.

Which was read a first time and referred to the Committee on City's Welfare.

## INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Communication from the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce :

INDIANAPOLIS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.  
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., January 21, 1915.

DEAR SIR—The Municipal Legislation and Franchises Committee directs me to ask you to express its thanks and appreciation to the City Council for the action taken by that body with reference to general ordinance No. 57, providing for a department of inspection of electrical work, etc.

The action of the Council in the premises was unquestionably the wisest course that could have been pursued.

Our investigation showed that the present system of inspection of this kind of work is performed satisfactorily and that there was no need for dual inspection as contemplated in the proposed ordinance.

We feel that the action of the Council will meet with the heartiest approval by all who desire efficiency, economy and the best management in the operation of our city government.

Thanking you for your courtesy,

Very truly yours,

INDIANAPOLIS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,

L. H. LEWIS,  
*General Secretary.*

MR. THOMAS A. RILEY, *City Clerk,*  
Alabama and Pearl Sts., City.

## ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

Mr. Graham called for Special Ordinance No. 10, 1914, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Graham moved that Special Ordinance No. 10, 1914, be ordered engrossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage. Carried.

Special Ordinance No. 10, 1914, was read a third time and passed by the following vote :

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

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On motion of Mr. Porter, the Common Council, at 8:35 o'clock  
p. m., adjourned.

*Thomas C. Lee*

President.

ATTEST:

*Thomas A. Porter*

City Clerk.

