

SPECIAL MEETING.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, IND.,
WEDNESDAY, March 3, 1915.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber, Wednesday evening, March 3, 1915, at 7:30 o'clock in special session, President Thomas C. Lee in the chair, pursuant to the following call:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., March 2, 1915.

To the Members of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Ind.:

GENTLEMEN—You are hereby notified that there will be a special meeting of the Common Council held in the Council Chamber on Wednesday evening, March 3, 1915, at 7:30 o'clock, for the purpose of receiving reports from Standing Committees, and the consideration of and the final action on Appropriation Ordinance No. 4—1915, and Appropriation Ordinance No. 7—1915.

Yours respectfully,

THOMAS C. LEE,
President.

I, Thomas A. Riley, Clerk of the Common Council, do hereby certify that I have served the above and foregoing notice to each and every member of the Common Council prior to the time of meeting, pursuant to the rules.

THOMAS A. RILEY,
City Clerk.

Which was read.

The Clerk called the roll.

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.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

From City Controller:

FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., March 3, 1915.

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

GENTLEMEN—Since I sent you my communication in regard to the bills of the Recreation Department, I find two more bills that should be included. One is for a note and interest at the Union Trust Company for \$1,030 in part payment for the Ringgold street grounds, and the other for \$13.50 for telephone at the City Bath House. I therefore recommend that you amend the proposed ordinance by adding the sum of \$1,043.50 for these bills and appropriate the total amount.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. DUNN.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

President Lee presented the following communication from the Legal Department relative to Appropriation Ordinance No. 4—1915:

DEPARTMENT OF LAW,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., March 3, 1915.

Hon. Thos. C. Lee, President Common Council, City.

DEAR SIR—In regard to your inquiry of this afternoon, it seems to me that the question involved is one of grave importance, too important, in fact, to give an off-hand and hurriedly-formed opinion on. I think it best and far safer to go more thoroughly into the question, and not to give an opinion on this short notice. Will you please reduce your question to writing, so that this department will have a copy of the same on its files?

I would also like to have a statement of these expenditures, exactly what the money was paid for. I would also like to know what relation the

board of health had to these transactions, and if they sanctioned these contracts.

I will be glad to let you have the opinion of this department before the next council meeting.

Yours truly,
 RUSSELL J. RYAN,
Asst. City Attorney.

From the Committee on Finance:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., March 3, 1915.

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

GENTLEMEN—We, your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred Appropriation Ordinance No. 4—1915, entitled: "An ordinance appropriating \$10,981.48 to the Department of Public Health and Charities for the payment of old bills of the Recreation Department, beg leave to report that we have had said ordinance under consideration, and recommend that the same be deferred until next meeting night.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. CONNOR,
 W. T. YOUNG,
 FRANK GRAHAM,
 EDWARD MCGUFF,
 MICHAEL J. SHEA,

Mr. Connor moved that the report of the committee be concurred in. Carried.

From the Majority of the Committee on Finance:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., March 3, 1915.

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

GENTLEMEN—We, your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred Appropriation Ordinance No. 7—1915, entitled: "An ordinance appropriating \$5,000.00 to the Department of Public Health and Charities for relief of the unemployed, and fixing a time when the same shall take effect," beg leave to report that we have had said ordinance under consideration, and recommend that the same be passed.

W. T. YOUNG,
 FRANK GRAHAM,
 EDWARD MCGUFF.

From the Minority of the Committee on Finance:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., March 3, 1915.

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

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned member of your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred Appropriation Ordinance No. 7—1915, the same being an ordinance appropriating \$5,000.00 to the Citizens Relief Committee, would recommend that said ordinance be amended to read \$2,000.00 instead of \$5,000.00, and when so amended, it do pass.

(Signed)

MICHAEL J. SHEA.

Mr. McGuff moved that the majority report of the committee be concurred in.

Seconded by Mr. Young.

Mr. Shea moved to substitute the minority report of the committee.

Seconded by Mr. Miller.

President Lee ordered the Clerk to call the roll on the adoption of the majority report of the committee.

The Clerk called the roll and the motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes, 5, viz.: Messrs, Young, McGuff, Connor, Graham and President Thomas C. Lee.

Noes, 4, viz.: Messrs. Barry, Miller, Porter and Shea.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

Mr. Connor called for Appropriation Ordinance No. 7—1915, for second reading. It was read a second time.

By Mr. Barry:

I move to amend so that the words and figures five thousand be stricken out and the words and figures two thousand be substituted therefor.

EDWARD P. BARRY,

Seconded by Mr. Miller.

The Clerk called the roll and Mr. Barry's motion was lost by the following vote:

Ayes, 4, viz.: Messrs. Barry, Miller, Porter and Shea.

Noes, 5, viz.: Messrs. Young, McGuff, Connor, Graham and President Thomas C. Lee.

Mr. Connor moved that Appropriation Ordinance No. 7—1915, be ordered engrossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage. Carried.

Appropriation Ordinance No. 7—1915, was read a third time and failed to pass for lack of a constitutional majority by the following vote:

Ayes, 5, viz.: Messrs. Young, McGuff, Connor, Graham and President Thomas C. Lee.

Noes, 4, viz.: Messrs. Barry, Miller, Porter and Shea.

Before the result of the vote on Appropriation Ordinance No. 7—1915, was announced, President Lee and Councilmen Barry, Young, McGuff, Miller, Porter, Graham and Shea explained their vote.

On motion of Mr. Graham, the Common Council, 9:20 o'clock
P. M., adjourned.

Thomas C. Lee

President.

ATTEST:

Thomas A. Poley

City Clerk.

