

SPECIAL MEETING.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, IND.,

September 19, 1918.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber September 19, 1918, at 7:30 o'clock p. m., in special session, President Louis W. Carnefix in the chair, pursuant to the following call:

September 19, 1918.

*To the Members of the Common Council, Indianapolis, Indiana.*

You are hereby notified that there will be a special meeting of the Common Council held in the Council Chamber on Thursday evening, September 19, 1918, 7:30 P. M., the purpose of such meeting being to receive communications from the Mayor or City Controller of said City for the introduction of an ordinance providing for transferring certain funds under the Department of Public Safety; for further consideration of the charges preferred against George V. Coffin, Chief of Police, by Councilman O. B. Pettijohn; for further consideration of an appropriation ordinance number 28, 1918.

Respectfully,

LOUIS W. CARNEFIX,

*President.*

I, George O. Hutsell, Clerk of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, 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.

GEORGE O. HUTSELL,

*City Clerk.*

Which was read.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: The Hon. Louis W. Carnefix, President of the Common Council, and eight members, viz.: Messrs. Kirsch, Peake, Willson, Miller, Furniss, Pettijohn, Brown and Schmidt.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

From the Committee on Finance :

September 19, 1918.

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

Gentlemen :

We, your Committee on Finance to whom was referred Appropriation Ordinance No. 28, 1918, entitled an ordinance appropriating thirteen thousand (\$13,000) dollars, to a fund known as Hose Fund for use of the Department of Public Safety 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.

J. P. BROWN,  
J. E. MILLER,  
SUMNER A. FURNISS,  
RUSSELL WILLSON,  
W. B. PEAKE,

*Committee.*

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

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

Mr. Brown called for Appropriation Ordinance No. 28, 1918, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Brown moved that Appropriation Ordinance No. 28, 1918, be ordered engrossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage. Carried.

Appropriation Ordinance No. 28, 1918, was read a third time and passed by the following vote :

Ayes, 9, viz.: Messrs. Kirsch, Peake, Willson, Miller, Schmidt, Furniss, Pettijohn, Brown, and President Carnefix.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Indianapolis, Ind., September 19, 1918.

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

Your special committee heretofore appointed to investigate certain charges filed by Otto B. Pettijohn, Councilman from the 4th District, wherein allegations were made that George V. Coffin, Chief of Police, was operating a blind tiger and a public gaming house in the Marion

County Jail, and was protecting and permitting gambling in the City of Indianapolis, begs leave to report that it has had said charges under investigation, has heard evidence from various persons and city officials, and finds:

That on or about August 6, 1918, the said George V. Coffin did entertain the persons as alleged in said charges, in his private home at said jail, being a residential portion of such building; that at such meeting a social game of cards was indulged in, but that said guests were not served with intoxicating liquors contrary to the laws of the State of Indiana.

No evidence has been adduced that said Coffin has protected or permitted the operation of blind tigers or gambling houses in the City of Indianapolis.

No evidence has been adduced that said Coffin has operated a gambling house or blind tiger in said county jail or elsewhere.

The evidence shows that the person named in said charges as a possible prisoner in said jail who served said liquor was not an inmate of said jail or of any other institution, penal or otherwise.

We further find that the members of the Common Council named in said charges as being in said meeting at said jail did not constitute an investigating committee of said Common Council.

Your committee therefore finds that said charges are without foundation, and recommends that the same be not approved.

Respectfully submitted.

RUSSELL WILLSON,

*Chairman;*

W. B. PEAKE,

LEE J. KIRSCH.

Mr. Willson moved that report of committee be concurred in. Carried.

On motion of Mr. Furniss, the Common Council, at 8:30 o'clock p. m., adjourned.

*Furniss W. Barney*

ATTEST:

*President.*

*[Signature]*

*City Clerk.*