

REGULAR MEETING.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

Monday, March 17, 1919.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, March 17, 1919, at 7:30 o'clock in regular session, President Wm. B. Peake in the chair.

Present: The Hon. Wm. B. Peake, President of the Common Council, and eight (8) members, viz.: Messrs. Brown, Carnefix, Furniss, Kirsch, Miller, Pettijohn, Schmidt and Willson.

Mr. Willson moved that the reading of the journal be dispensed with. Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR.

March 10, 1919.

To the President and Members of the Common Council, City.

Gentlemen: The following ordinances were signed by me on March 10th, 1919, and delivered to Geo. O. Hutsell, City Clerk:

- General Ordinance, Number 9.
- Appropriation Ordinance, Number 5.
- Appropriation Ordinance, Number 6.
- Appropriation Ordinance, Number 7.
- Appropriation Ordinance, Number 8.
- Appropriation Ordinance, Number 9.
- Resolution No. 2 and 5.

Yours very truly,

CHARLES W. JEWETT, Mayor.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

From City Controller:

March 17, 1919.

To the Honorable President and Members of the Common Council.

Gentlemen: I hand you herewith a communication from the Board of Sanitary Commissioners, also a copy of Resolution No. 17 of said Board, asking for the passage of an ordinance authorizing a temporary loan of \$45,000.00 for the construction of the proposed Sewage Disposal Plant.

I submit you also herewith, an ordinance calling for above and recommend its passage.

Yours very truly,

ROBT. H. BRYSON,
City Controller.

March 15, 1919.

City Controller, City Hall, City.

Dear Sir: There is herewith enclosed copy of resolution of the Board adopted March 14, 1919. There is also enclosed copy of the proposed Ordinance to be introduced Monday, March 17th.

I am taking up with the Council the passage of this Ordinance under suspension of the rules in view of the emergency.

Very truly yours,
BOARD OF SANITARY COMMISSIONERS.
By F. C. Lingenfelter, Pres.

Resolution No. 17.

Whereas, in order to begin the immediate construction of a Sewage Disposal Plant a substantial sum on hand is necessary, and

Whereas, there are not sufficient funds on hand to undertake the work of immediate construction of said plant, and

Whereas, owing to the Victory Bond Sale to be begun in the latter part of the month of April, it will not be possible to dispose of Sanitary District Bonds for a period of sixty (60) days thereafter; now therefore, be it

Resolved, That the City Controller be requested to negotiate a temporary loan of Forty-five Thousand Dollars for a period of one year with the privilege of payment of said loan at any time after six months of the date thereof.

F. C. LINGENFELTER,
JAY A. CRAVEN,
Board of Sanitary Commissioners.

March 14, 1919.

March 17, 1919.

To the Honorable President and Members of the Common Council.

Gentlemen: I hand you herewith an ordinance fixing the salary of the Court Matron of the City Court of Indianapolis and appropriating the sum of Five hundred fifty-two (\$552.00) dollars to the salary fund of the City Court, under the Department of Finance and recommend its passage.

Yours very truly,

ROBT. H. BRYSON,
City Controller.

March 17, 1919.

To the Honorable President and Members of the Common Council.

Gentlemen: I hand you herewith a communication from the Board of Public Works which is self-explanatory.

I submit you also herewith an ordinance and recommend the passage of the same.

Yours very truly,

ROBT. H. BRYSON,
City Controller.

March 17, 1919.

Mr. Robert H. Bryson, City Controller, City.

Dear Sir: I herewith hand you an ordinance entitled "An ordinance creating the Position of Woman Matron and Man Attendant for the Comfort Station at the corner of Washington Street and Kentucky Avenue in the City of Indianapolis, appropriating a certain sum of money for the payment of salaries and maintenance, and declaring a time when the same shall take effect."

Under the old law this comfort station, at the corner of Kentucky and Washington, was under the jurisdiction and control of the Board of Health, through its Recreation Department. The recent Legislature placed the control of this comfort station under the jurisdiction of the Board of Public Works. There are at present two women matrons employed at a salary of \$55.00 per month each, and two male attendants at the rate of \$65.00 per month each. The ordinance has an emergency clause, for these salaries must go on if the station is to be maintained and there is no provision by law now whereby they can be paid.

The ordinance calls for a total appropriation of \$4,000.00, divided as follows: \$1,720.00 for maintenance and \$2,280.00 for salaries.

Yours truly,

W. F. CLEARY,
Clerk, Board of Public Works.

From Board of Public Works:

March 17, 1919.

Mr. George Hutsell, City Clerk, City.

Dear Sir: I am transmitting herewith an ordinance requesting the equalization of salaries in the Street Cleaning and Street Commissioner's Departments, which requires no additional appropriation and is sent to you for your approval so that it will be possible for the laborers in the different departments to change positions whenever the exigencies of the case may demand.

Yours truly,

W. F. CLEARY,
Clerk, Board of Public Works.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

From the Committee on Finance:

Indianapolis, Ind., March 3, 1919.

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. 10, 1919, entitled An ordinance appropriating the sum of Fifty-two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars to the Street and Alley Sprinkling Fund under the Department of Public Works and declaring a time when same shall take effect, beg leave to report that we have had said ordinance under consideration, and recommend that the same be passed.

LOUIS W. CARNEFIX,
G. G. SCHMIDT,
O. B. PETTIJOHN,
S. A. FURNISS,
RUSSELL WILLSON.

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

From the Committee on Finance:

Indianapolis, Ind., March 17, 1919.

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. 11, 1919, entitled An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$2,000 to the Board of Public Works for the purpose of paying the expenses of an architect and for a preliminary survey of the East Market House, authorizing the employment of an architect and providing a time when same shall take effect, beg leave to report that we have had said ordinance under consideration, and recommend that the same be passed.

LOUIS W. CARNEFIX,
G. G. SCHMIDT,
O. B. PETTIJOHN,
S. A. FURNISS,
RUSSELL WILLSON.

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

From the Committee on Finance:

Indianapolis, Ind., March 17, 1919.

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. 12, 1919, entitled An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1,100 to the "Assessment Against City of Indianapolis" fund of the Board of Public Works, and declaring 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.

LOUIS W. CARNEFIX,

G. G. SCHMIDT,

O. B. PETTIJOHN,

RUSSELL WILLSON.

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

INTRODUCTION OF GENERAL AND SPECIAL ORDINANCES.

By City Controller:

General Ordinance No. 10, 1919.

An Ordinance, authorizing the City Controller to make a temporary loan for the Department of Public Sanitation in anticipation of certain revenues of said Department and payable out of same, and fixing a time when the same shall take effect.

Be it Ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

Section 1. That the City Controller be and is hereby authorized and empowered to negotiate a temporary loan for the use of the Department of Public Sanitation in anticipation of the revenues of said Department to be derived from taxes heretofore levied, bonds or other sources. Said loan shall not exceed the sum of Forty-five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000.00) and shall be for a period not to exceed one year, with the privilege of payment of the same at any time after six (6) months and at a rate of interest not exceeding six (6) per cent per annum, and payable from the revenues of said department. Said loan shall be made on competitive bidding after one publication in a daily newspaper of the City of Indianapolis, the bidding to be on the rate of interest to be paid and the loan to be made from the lowest and best bidder. The Mayor and City Controller are hereby authorized and directed to execute proper obligations of said city for the payment of the amount so borrowed and said obligations shall be countersigned by the President of the Board of Sanitary Commissioners; and for the payment of which of the said obligations the faith of said city is hereby irrevocably pledged.

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

Which was read a first time.

By unanimous consent, Mr. Dixson H. Bynum, Assistant City Attorney, addressed the Common Council and explained General Ordinance No. 10, 1919.

Mr. Carnefix moved that the rules be suspended and General Ordinance No. 10, 1919, 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. Brown, Carnefix, Furniss, Kirsch, Miller, Pettijohn, Schmidt, Willson and President Wm. B. Peake.

Mr. Carnefix called for General Ordinance No. 10, 1919, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Carnefix moved that General Ordinance No. 10, 1919, be ordered engrossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage. Carried.

General Ordinance No. 10, 1919, was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

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

By City Controller:

General Ordinance No. 11, 1919.

An Ordinance, fixing the salary of the Court Matron of the City Court of Indianapolis, appropriating the sum of Five Hundred Fifty-two Dollars to the Salary Fund of the City Court under the Department of Finance, and declaring a time when the same shall take effect.

Be it Ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

Section 1. The salary of the Court Matron of the City Court of Indianapolis is hereby fixed at the rate of One Hundred Twenty-one Dollars per month.

Sec. 2. That there be and is hereby appropriated to the Salary Fund of the City Court, under the Department of Finance, the sum of Five Hundred and Fifty-two Dollars.

Sec. 3. 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 Board of Public Works :

General Ordinance No. 12, 1919.

An Ordinance, fixing the salary of laborers in the Street Cleaning Department and the Street Commissioner's Department and of Harness Makers in the Street Cleaning Department and fixing a time when same shall take effect.

Be it Ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

Section 1. That the compensation of laborers in the Street Cleaning Department and of the Street Commissioner's Department is hereby fixed at the rate of Thirty-five Cents (\$.35) per hour. The compensation of Harness Makers in the Street Cleaning Department is hereby fixed at the rate of Forty Cents (\$.40) per hour.

Sec. 2. Whereas, an emergency exists for the immediate taking effect of this Ordinance, the same 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 :

General Ordinance No. 13, 1919.

An Ordinance, authorizing the employment of two women matrons and two men attendants at the Comfort Station at the corner of Washington Street and Kentucky Avenue in the City of Indianapolis, appropriating a certain sum of money for salaries and maintenance of the same and declaring a time when the same shall take effect.

Be it Ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

Section 1. That there be and is hereby created the position of woman matron at the Comfort Station at the corner of Washington Street and Kentucky Avenue in the City of Indianapolis, and that the salary of such woman matron is hereby fixed at the rate of Fifty-five Dollars (\$55.00) per month. The Board of Public Works is hereby authorized to employ two (2) such women matrons at said Comfort Station.

Sec. 2. That there be and is hereby created the position of man attendant at the Comfort Station at the corner of Washington Street and Kentucky Avenue in the City of Indianapolis, and that the salary of such man attendant is hereby fixed at the rate of Sixty-five Dollars (\$65.00) per month. The Board of Public Works is hereby authorized to employ two such men attendants at said Comfort Station.

Sec. 3. That there be and is hereby appropriated the sum of Two Thousand Two Hundred and Eighty Dollars (\$2,280.00) to the Salary Fund of the Board of Works for the purpose of paying said matrons and attendants.

Sec. 4. That there be and is hereby appropriated the sum of One Thousand One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$1,120.00) for the Maintenance Fund of said Comfort Station under the Board of Public Works for the purpose of maintaining said Comfort Station.

Sec. 5. Whereas, an emergency exists for the immediate taking effect of this Ordinance, the same 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 MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Board of Public Safety:

March 17th, 1919.

Mr. W. B. Peake, President, Common Council of Indianapolis,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Mr. Peake: The Board of Safety begs to advise you of their action relative to the present traffic situation.

Believing that the enforcing of the present ordinances covering same would be unsatisfactory and impractical and believing further that it is our duty to present to your body, a workable plan for your consideration and criticism, we are having an investigation made of the situation by a committee representing the Chamber of Commerce, the Board of Trade, and the Hoosier Motor Club.

At a meeting of this committee with our Board in January, the situation was discussed informally, the President of the Board having presented the matter as follows:

"We have called you gentlemen together to request of you your assistance in solving the very important problem of revising the traffic regulations of the city. We believe that the regulations now in the Municipal Code and also those now in operation are unsatisfactory from several angles.

We selected the Chamber of Commerce, the Board of Trade, and the Hoosier Motor Club because we felt these organizations more nearly represented all the citizens and therefore, their conclusions would probably be as satisfactory and equitable as could be worked out.

It is our purpose in calling you men here to place the matter in your hands so that you may proceed as you deem best. We felt that a committee of six would be a workable committee but do not want you gentlemen to feel bound to that number if in your judgment you should add to your committee. We know you will use every means at your command to get at the correct solution. We, as a board, as individuals, or any of our departments will be glad to co-operate with you.

We believe that after you have worked out your solution that it would be well to first report to us and when we have become familiar with and understand thoroughly the plan we should jointly present the plan to a Committee of the Common Council for consideration. After the matter has been presented to the Common Council we believe you should then present the plan to your Board of Directors for ratification if you feel that step is necessary. Until the matter has been presented to a Committee of the Council we are of the opinion that no publicity should be given as to your findings, as we do not believe that the matter should be put in the light of being forced upon the Council before they have a chance to know anything about it.

You realize any traffic regulations to become effective must be passed upon by the Council. We are instigating this investigation and asking for a solution because we believe it is the duty of this Board to bring the proper solution to the Council for their consideration and advise. We also believe that we will shortly have a traffic department of our police capable of handling efficiently any regulations that are reasonable. If you so desire we will have copies of the present traffic rules written and sent you. We presume you can through the Chamber of Commerce obtain copies of the Municipal Survey for your consideration on this subject.

We ask you gentlemen to tackle this problem without our attendance except when requested by you because even though we believe we can enter into this matter with open minds, we do not want to even have it appear that we are trying to dictate the plan. Of course, we know we could not do that with you but we want to avoid all such appearances. We would suggest that you organize your Committee and altho you are welcome to our offices, it might be more convenient to meet in one of your own organization headquarters."

This matter has been in the hands of the committee for approximately two months and it is very probable that within a short time they will

expect to confer with a committee representing your Body. We will ask you to take this matter up with the Council and advise us in what manner you wish us to proceed. Thanking you for your co-operation, we are,

Yours truly,

BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

A. L. Taggart, President.

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

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

Mr. Carnefix called for Appropriation Ordinance No. 11, 1919, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Carnefix moved that Appropriation Ordinance No. 11, 1919, be ordered engrossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage. Carried.

Appropriation Ordinance No. 11, 1919, was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

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

Mr. Carnefix called for Appropriation Ordinance No. 10, 1919, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Carnefix moved that Appropriation Ordinance No. 10, 1919, be ordered engrossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage. Carried.

Appropriation Ordinance No. 10, 1919, was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

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

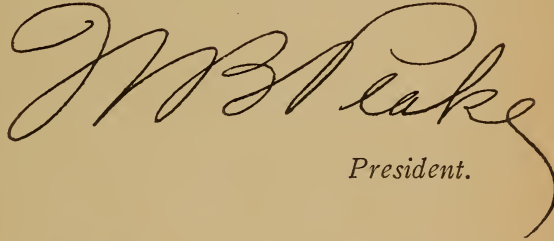
Mr. Carnefix called for Appropriation Ordinance No. 12, 1919, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Carnefix moved that Appropriation Ordinance No. 12, 1919, be ordered engrossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage. Carried.

Appropriation Ordinance No. 12, 1919, was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

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

On motion of Mr. Willson the Common Council at 8:45 o'clock p. m. adjourned.

A large, elegant handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "W. B. Peake". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

President.

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "G. W. Bell". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

City Clerk.