

REGULAR MEETING.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, IND.,
MONDAY, February 21, 1916.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, February 21, 1916, at 7:30 o'clock in regular session, President Edward P. Barry in the chair.

Present: The Hon. Edward P. Barry, President of the Common Council, and 6 members, viz.: Messrs. Miller, Porter, Lee, Connor, Graham and Shea.

Absent, 2, viz.: Messrs. Young and McGuff.

President Barry called attention to an error in the printed proceedings of the Special Meeting held February 14, 1916. As printed the meeting adjourned at 8:10 A. M.

Mr. Porter moved that the proceedings be corrected to read at 8:10 P. M. adjourned, and when so corrected that the reading of the Journal be dispensed with. Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., February 9, 1916.

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

GENTLEMEN—I have signed and approved the following ordinances:

1. Appropriation Ordinance No. 4, 1916, the same being an ordinance entitled "An ordinance making appropriations to the Department of Public Works, and fixing the time when the same shall take effect."
2. General Ordinance No. 3, 1916, the same being an ordinance entitled "An ordinance creating the office of Fourth Assistant City Civil Engineer, an employe in the Engineering Department in the Department of Public Works, and fixing the salary thereof."

I return the said ordinance herewith.

Yours very truly,

J. E. BELL,
Mayor.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., February 16, 1916.

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

GENTLEMEN—I have approved and signed the following ordinances :

1. General Ordinance No. 5, 1916, the same being an ordinance entitled "An ordinance authorizing the City Controller to make a temporary loan of \$150,000 in anticipation of current revenues, appropriating \$153,000 for payment of same, and fixing the time when the same shall take effect."

2. Appropriation Ordinance No. 3, 1916, the same being an ordinance entitled "An ordinance appropriating \$24.28 to the Department of Finance for payment of balance of assessment against the State for Warman Avenue sewer, and fixing the time when the same shall take effect."

I return the said ordinances herewith.

Yours very truly,

J. E. BELL,
Mayor.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

From City Controller :

FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., February 21, 1916.

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

GENTLEMEN—I submit herewith letter from the Board of Health asking for a temporary loan of \$40,000. I recommend the loan and inclose ordinance providing for the same. This loan must be made before March 1 to secure favorable interest rate.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. DUNN,
City Controller.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND CHARITIES,
OFFICE OF THE BOARD.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., February 21, 1916.

Mr. J. P. Dunn, City Controller, City:

DEAR SIR—Acting under instructions from the Board of Health, I desire to ask that you submit to the City Council a bill for an ordinance authorizing a loan of \$40,000.00 for Board of Health purposes. As has been explained before, this loan is made necessary for the reason that the Board of Health operated for six months before funds were available from the tax levy under the Board of Health law.

Very respectfully yours,
H. G. MORGAN.

From City Controller :

FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., February 21, 1916.

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

GENTLEMEN—It appears from the papers herewith submitted that Harry Girton was fined \$18.00 by Judge Deery and on appeal he was discharged. In the meantime Judge Deery had turned the fine over to the City Treasurer, the amount having been paid by Girton's mother, Mrs. Napoleon Gue. The money should be refunded, but there is no way of paying it without an appropriation for that purpose. I therefore recommend an appropriation of \$18.00 to the Department of Finance for repayment of Mrs. Napoleon Gue and inclose ordinance providing for it.

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

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., February 18, 1916.

Mr. J. P. Dunn, City Controller, City:

DEAR SIR—In December last Harry Girton was arrested for assault and battery. His mother paid his fine and costs to secure his release. On an appeal to the Criminal Court he was found "not guilty."

The mother is therefore entitled to the return of this money. The City Attorney has directed the City Clerk and Judge to refund it. The papers are before you and I would request that you issue the necessary warrant upon the City Treasurer.

Yours very truly,
RUSSELL B. HARRISON.

Comes now James E. Deery, City Judge of the City of Indianapolis, who, being duly sworn, on his oath says that:

On December 20, 1915, an affidavit was filed in the City Court against one Harry Girton, charging him with assault and battery and on the same date defendant entered a plea of not guilty, and upon trial by court he was found guilty and fined ten dollars (\$10.00) and costs, making a total of twenty dollars (\$20.00). Said fine and costs not being paid or replevied, the defendant was committed to jail. On December 21, 1915, the mother of said Girton paid the balance due on said fine and costs, amounting to eighteen dollars (\$18.00), and said Girton was released from custody of the Sheriff.

On December 30, 1915, the defendant filed an appeal bond and perfected an appeal to the Criminal Court.

On January 29, 1916, said defendant was discharged by the Criminal Court.

JAMES E. DEERY,
City Judge.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, Thomas A. Riley, City Clerk, this 10th day of February, 1916.

THOMAS A. RILEY,
City Clerk.

[SEAL.]

[COPY.]

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., January 31, 1916.

Hon. Thomas A. Riley, City Clerk, City:

DEAR SIR—Replying to your letter of January 31, with reference to the payment on December 21, 1915, of \$18.00 by the mother of Harry Girton for fine and costs, it is my opinion that, in view of the reversal of the judgment in the Criminal Court, the amount paid in by Mrs. Girton must be returned to her.

The best mode of procedure would be to have Judge Deery make an amendment to his report to the City Treasurer, showing fines collected by him, and verified under oath, to the effect that this case has been reversed, and that therefore the fine paid in must be returned.

Upon receipt of such amendment the Treasurer will return the money and enter the proper credit on his books.

Very truly yours,
WALTER MYERS,
Assistant City Attorney.

CITY COURT,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., February 10, 1916.

Mr. Edward G. Sourbier, County Treasurer, Indianapolis, Ind.:

DEAR SIR—Enclosed you will please find a sworn statement concerning the case of one Harry Girton. Mr. Girton has made demand on the City Clerk for the eighteen dollars which was paid on his fine and costs on December 21, 1915.

The Assistant City Attorney has advised Mr. Riley as to the proper procedure with regard to this matter, and at the request of Mr. Riley I am complying with the advice of the Assistant City Attorney by submitting the enclosed affidavit. I am also enclosing a copy of the letter received from the Assistant Attorney by Mr. Riley.

Trusting that you will have the auditor draw a warrant in my favor for this amount, so that I may settle with the City Clerk, I beg to remain,

Respectfully yours,
JAMES E. DEERY,
City Judge.

From City Controller:

FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., February 21, 1916.

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

GENTLEMEN—I submit herewith letter from the Corporation Counsel asking an appropriation of \$300 for changes of venue. I recommend the appropriation, and beg to call your attention to the statement of the Corporation Counsel as to the desirability of prompt action. I inclose ordinance providing for the appropriation.

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

DEPARTMENT OF LAW,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., February 19, 1916.

Hon. Jacob P. Dunn, City Controller, City Hall, City:

DEAR SIR—When the bookkeeper of this department applied to your office at the beginning of the year to have our appropriations put on our books, she was informed that the appropriation for expenses of changes of

venue was \$1,500.00, and so entered it upon the books. She informs me this morning that it was in fact \$500.00, and this appropriation is exhausted.

The expenditures have included the payment of \$100.00 attorney's fee to J. C. McNutt of Martinsville; \$100.00 to L. Ert Slack for attorney's fees at Franklin, Ind.; and \$150.00 to Omer S. Jackson for attorney's fees at Greenfield; and \$125.00 to Hord & Adams for attorneys' fees at Shelbyville, all in cases which were taken on change of venue from this county.

The balance was expended in small items for witness fees on account of witnesses taken to other counties.

There should be an additional appropriation to this fund of \$300.00 to cover the expenditures for the remainder of the year, and it should be made at once under suspension of the rules. If a case should be called for trial in another county, we would be unable to take our witnesses, because of the fact of there being no appropriation.

I doubt whether \$300.00 will be sufficient for the remainder of the year, but it is all I ask at this time.

I dislike to ask a suspension of the rules in this matter, but the emergency would seem to require it. I did not learn of the exhaustion of the appropriation until this morning, and have had no time to mention it to any members of the Council, except one who called at my office in another matter.

Yours truly;

WILLIAM A. PICKENS,
Corporation Counsel.

From City Controller:

FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., February 21, 1916.

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

GENTLEMEN—I submit herewith letter of the Board of Public Works requesting a temporary loan of \$72,000 and its appropriation for the construction of a bridge over Fall Creek at Meridian Street. I recommend the loan and appropriation, and inclose ordinance providing for same.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. DUNN,
City Controller.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
OFFICE OF THE BOARD.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., February 21, 1916.

Mr. Jacob P. Dunn, City Controller, City of Indianapolis:

DEAR SIR—You are hereby requested to recommend to the Common Council the passage of an ordinance authorizing a temporary loan of seventy-two thousand dollars (\$72,000) for the completion of the Meridian Street bridge over Fall Creek.

This temporary loan is made necessary by reason of the failure of the County Council to appropriate money as agreed for one-half of the expense of this structure.

Very truly yours,

J. A. RINK,
HUBERT S. RILEY,*Board of Public Works.*

From City Controller:

FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., February 21, 1916.

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

GENTLEMEN—In my communication to you of February 7 I submitted request of the Board of Public Safety requesting appropriations of \$3,500, for maintenance of safety zones, and of \$900, for additional man at City Barn. In the recommendation and ordinance submitted the latter item was accidentally omitted. I now recommend the appropriation of \$900, for additional man at the City Barn. The appropriation may be made by amending Appropriation Ordinance No. 2, 1916, by adding in the second line of the title after the word "maintenance" the words "and \$900 for additional man at City Barn," and adding at the end of Section 2 the words "and the sum of \$900, for an additional man at the City Barn." If you prefer, the appropriation may be made by separate ordinance, for which I inclose form.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. DUNN,
City Controller.

From the Board of Public Works:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
OFFICE OF THE BOARD.
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., February 21, 1916.

To the Honorable Common Council, City of Indianapolis:

GENTLEMEN—I am directed by the Board of Public Works to submit for your consideration and approval the attached ordinances authorizing the improvement of Meridian Street, from the south property line of Sixteenth Street to a point 455.5 feet north of the north property line of Twenty-fourth Street, as provided for under Improvement Resolutions Nos. 8177 and 8178.

Very truly yours,
JOSEPH P. TURK,
Clerk, Board of Public Works.

INTRODUCTION OF APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

By City Controller:

Appropriation Ordinance No. 6, 1916. An ordinance appropriating \$300 to the Department of Law for Changes of Venue, 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 the sum of \$300 to the Department of Law for expenses of Changes of Venue.

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

Which was read a first time:

Mr. Porter moved that the rules be suspended and Appropriation Ordinance No. 6, 1916, be placed upon its passage.

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

Ayes, 7, viz.: Messrs. Miller, Porter, Lee, Connor, Graham, Shea and President Edward P. Barry.

Noes, none.

Mr. Porter called for Appropriation Ordinance No. 6, 1916, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Porter moved that Appropriation Ordinance No. 6, 1916, be ordered engrossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage. Carried.

Appropriation Ordinance No. 6, 1916, was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

Ayes, 7, viz.: Messrs. Miller, Porter, Lee, Connor, Graham, Shea and President Edward P. Barry.

Noes, none.

By City Controller:

Appropriation Ordinance No. 5, 1916. An ordinance appropriating \$18 to the Department of Finance for reimbursement of Mrs. Napoleon Gue for fine of Harry Girton, and fixing the time when the same shall take effect.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, that there be and is hereby appropriated to the Department of Finance the sum of \$18 for reimbursement of Mrs. Napoleon Gue of fine paid by her for her son, Harry Girton.

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. 7, 1916. An ordinance appropriating \$900 to the Department of Public Safety for an additional man at the City Barn, 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 Depart-

ment of Public Safety the sum of \$900, for salary of an additional man at the City Barn.

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 City Controller:

General Ordinance No. 8, 1916. An ordinance authorizing the City Controller to make a temporary loan of \$72,000 in anticipation of current revenues for the construction of a bridge over Fall Creek at Meridian Street, appropriating \$73,500 for payment of same 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 City Controller be and is hereby authorized and empowered to negotiate a temporary loan not exceeding seventy-two thousand dollars (\$72,000) for a period of not exceeding four (4) months, and at the rate of interest not exceeding six per cent. (6%) per annum for the construction of a bridge over Fall Creek at Meridian Street. The said loan shall be made on competitive bidding after at least one day's notice in two daily papers 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 bidders under such other conditions as may be directed by the City Controller. The Mayor and City Controller are hereby authorized and directed to execute the proper obligations of said City for the payments of the amounts so borrowed; and for the payment of the said obligations the faith of said City is hereby irrevocably pledged and the sum of \$73,500 is hereby appropriated for payment of the same.

SECTION 2. The proceeds of said loan are hereby appropriated to the Department of Public Works for the construction of a bridge over Fall Creek at Meridian Street.

SECTION 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 President Barry :

General Ordinance No. 7, 1916. An ordinance providing for the establishment, operation and management of a City Purchasing Agency for all the departments of the City of Indianapolis, and prescribing penalties for the violation thereof.

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

SECTION 1. There shall be, and hereby is constituted by this ordinance, a City Purchasing Agency for all departments of said City.

SECTION 2. Said City Purchasing Agency shall have the management and control of the purchase of all supplies, materials or goods of any description whatsoever, used by the several departments of said City, and no such supplies or goods shall be purchased by any of said departments directly, but each of said departments, through its proper officer, agent, servant or employe, shall obtain all supplies or goods required for use in said department through said City Purchasing Agency, in accordance with the system, forms and regulations adopted for the management and operation of said City Purchasing Agency, pursuant to the provisions of this ordinance. Storerooms shall be provided by said City Purchasing Agency at such convenient place or places as may be designated by the Mayor, in which shall be kept such supplies and goods as are purchased by the City, and not delivered directly to the several departments for use, and the purchase and storing of such supplies and goods for future use is hereby specifically authorized.

SECTION 3. The Mayor shall appoint some capable and suitable person as head of the City Purchasing Agency, who shall be known as "City Purchasing Agent." The person appointed to hold said office shall take an oath of office before the City Clerk, or some officer authorized to administer oaths, that he will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of this State, and that he will faithfully discharge the duties of his office, shall give bond in the sum of \$10,000.00 for the faithful performance of his duties, with surety to be approved by the Mayor and City Controller, the premium of which bond shall be paid by the City. His salary shall be \$4,000.00 per annum, and he shall be subject to removal by the Mayor. Said City Purchasing Agent shall manage and be in charge of said City Purchasing Agency according to the system, forms and regulations as provided for in this ordinance.

SECTION 4. The Mayor, on the nomination of the City Purchasing Agent, shall appoint some suitable person as storekeeper and bookkeeper, and some suitable person as clerk and stenographer, to work under the direction of the City Purchasing Agent. The salary of said storekeeper and bookkeeper shall be \$1,200.00 per annum, and the salary of said clerk and stenographer shall be \$1,000.00 per annum.

SECTION 5. The City Purchasing Agent shall require from each department, at such times as contracts for supplies or goods are to be let, requisitions for the quantity, kind and quality of supplies or goods to be paid for from the appropriation of that department, and each department shall furnish such requisitions. Upon certification by the department that funds are available in the proper appropriations, such supplies and goods shall be purchased and paid for by the proper department, provided, however, that

purchases with funds appropriated by said department prior to the passage of this ordinance are hereby specifically authorized. Said City Purchasing Agency shall not furnish any supplies or goods, nor purchase the same, for any department, unless there has been put to the credit of such department an available appropriation as required by law, and there is a balance under said appropriation in excess of all unpaid obligations sufficient to pay for such supplies or goods. The purchase of all supplies or goods for said departments by said City Purchasing Agency are hereby specifically authorized.

SECTION 6. When supplies or goods are furnished to any department, all forms used in the order, purchase and supply of the same shall be executed in triplicate, and in as many more copies as may be required by the rules governing the agency, one copy of which shall be kept on file in the department furnished with supplies or goods, one copy shall be kept on file in the office of the City Purchasing Agency, and one copy shall be filed by the City Purchasing Agent in the office of the City Controller. Each department shall keep a strict account and record of all supplies ordered, received and used, and the officer, agent or employe of said department receiving supplies or goods shall sign a proper receipt for the same in triplicate, to be kept on file as provided for the keeping of other forms in this section.

SECTION 7. All forms, papers, receipts, and instruments used in the ordering, purchase and delivery of supplies or goods, except unopened bids, shall be public records, and any citizen shall have the right to examine the same. It shall be unlawful for any officer, agent or employe having custody of such records to refuse to exhibit them upon demand by any citizen, and any person violating this provision shall, upon conviction, be fined in a sum not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$100.00.

SECTION 8. It shall be the duty of said City Purchasing Agent to keep strict accounts and records of all purchases of supplies and goods; of the departments ordering and receiving the same; of the time, place, purpose and use for which the same have been obtained, and an account shall be kept for each department separately. The City Purchasing Agent shall make an inventory at least once in every six months of all supplies and goods on hand, and shall furnish the Mayor at the first of each month with a full and complete statement of all the transactions of his office during the preceding month.

SECTION 9. All supplies and goods, except those purchased for emergencies, shall be purchased on contracts awarded upon bids submitted after public advertisement by posting notice on a public bulletin board to be kept for that purpose in the office of the City Purchasing Agency, provided that requests for bids for such supplies or goods shall have been made to at least three responsible persons or corporations, separately engaged in the regular business of furnishing supplies or goods of the class required and that all other bids from all responsible bidders shall have been duly considered in making the award. A list of all supplies to be purchased shall be posted on such bulletin board, and regular days shall be fixed for the purchase of each kind of supplies or goods. All purchases involving the expenditure of \$500.00 or more shall be made on notices posted two weeks continuously prior to the regular day set for the purchase of each kind of supplies or goods, and every such expenditure is hereby specifically authorized. All purchases involving an expenditure of less than \$500.00 shall be made on notices posted as above provided at least three days continuously prior to the regular day set for the purchase of each kind of supplies or

goods. If legal notice by publication in newspapers is required by law, the same shall be given. Publication in newspapers is also permitted in any case where deemed advisable by the City Purchasing Agent. Emergency purchases may be made, and are hereby authorized upon requisitions by the department using the same, with the approval of the Mayor endorsed thereon; and an emergency as the term is used in this ordinance shall be deemed to be any act of God or any condition brought about by unforeseen or unforeseeable circumstances. All bids shall be recorded in a fast-leafed book of continuing record, giving the names of bidders, the amounts of bids, dates upon which the bids were made, and the unit prices and quantities purchased, and from whom.

SECTION 10. Immediately following the appointment of said City Purchasing Agent, it shall be the duty of said City Purchasing Agent and the City Controller to devise a system, proper forms of requisitions, receipts, accounts, invoices, and other necessary papers and books, and all such rules and regulations as may be needed for the safe and economical operation of said City Purchasing Agency, which, upon approval by the Mayor, shall govern said City Purchasing Agency. Thereafter no change shall be made therein except by said City Purchasing Agent and City Controller, and then only with the approval of the Mayor.

SECTION 11. It shall be the duty of the City Controller to examine the affairs and audit the accounts of said City Purchasing Agency at least once every six months, and at such other times as it may be deemed advisable, and make a report thereof to the Mayor.

SECTION 12. It shall be unlawful for any officer, agent or employe of said city to fail to keep accounts and records as provided for in this ordinance, and such failure or neglect shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$100.00 for each offense.

SECTION 13. It shall be unlawful for any officer, agent or employe of said City Purchasing Agency, or of any department of said city, to derive any profit, gain or advantage of any kind whatsoever from any contract or transaction for the sale of goods or supplies to said City Purchasing Agency for the departments of said city, and any person violating this provision, upon conviction, shall be fined in a sum of not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$300.00.

SECTION 14. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor, and publication once each week for two consecutive weeks in the Indiana Daily Times, a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in the City of Indianapolis.

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

By the Board of Public Works:

General Ordinance No. 9, 1916. An ordinance ordering the Board of Public Works of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, to improve Meridian Street from the south property line of Sixteenth Street to a point

455.5 feet north of north property line of Twenty-fourth Street, running east, by resurfacing with wooden block, asphalt, bituminous concrete or brick, as provided for under Improvement Resolution No. 8177, adopted January 5, 1916.

WHEREAS, The Board of Public Works of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, did on the fifth day of January, 1916, adopt Improvement Resolution No. 8177 for the improvement of Meridian Street from the south property line of Sixteenth street to a point 455.5 feet north of the north property line of Twenty-fourth Street, running east, by resurfacing with wooden block, asphalt, bituminous concrete, or brick; and

WHEREAS, The said Board of Public Works did at the same time fix January 28, 1916, at 10:00 o'clock A. M., as the time to hear all persons interested, or whose property is affected by said proposed improvement; and the notice of the passage of said resolution and of the said time for hearing was published on the 10th day of January, 1916, and the 17th day of January, 1916, in the Indiana Daily Times, a daily newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in the City of Indianapolis, and notices by mail duly forwarded as provided by law; and

WHEREAS, On the 28th day of January, 1916, the Board having met in regular session, took final action on said improvement resolution, the same being confirmed without modification; and

WHEREAS, On the 5th day of February, 1916, a written remonstrance of a majority of the resident property owners was filed with the Board of Public Works against said improvements; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Public Works has submitted to the Common Council, for their consideration and action thereon, an ordinance ordering the Board of Public Works to proceed with the improvement of said street under said resolution; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, that the Board of Public Works of the City of Indianapolis be and are hereby ordered to improve Meridian Street from the south property line of Sixteenth Street to a point 455.5 feet north of the north property line of Twenty-fourth Street running east, by resurfacing with wooden block, asphalt, bituminous concrete, or brick, under Improvement Resolution No. 8177, adopted by the Board of Public Works January 5, 1916

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 Public Safety.

By the Board of Public Works:

General Ordinance No. 10, 1916. An ordinance ordering the Board of Public Works of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, to improve Meridian Street from south property line of Sixteenth Street to a point 455.5 feet north of the north property line of Twenty-fourth Street running east, with curbing and paving as set out under Improvement Resolution No. 8178, adopted January 5, 1916.

WHEREAS, The Board of Public Works of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, did on the 5th day of January, 1916, adopt Improvement Resolution No. 8178, for the improvement of Meridian Street from the south property line of Sixteenth Street to a point 455.5 feet north of north property-line of Twenty-fourth Street running east, except space of 30 feet in center of street already improved, by grading and paving the roadway with wooden block, asphalt, bituminous concrete or brick laid on a six (6) inch gravel concrete foundation from curb line to curb line to a uniform width of thirty-six (36) feet, except space of thirty (30) feet in center of street already improved; improving in a similar manner the wings of intersecting streets and alleys to widths shown on plans; curbing the outer edges of the sidewalks with granite curb; curbing in a similar manner the wings of intersecting streets and alleys, using granite round corners; providing eight (8) iron inlets; resetting eleven (11) iron inlets and connecting all inlets with catch basins, all as shown on plans and as specified; also extending all water, gas, sewer and other private service connections from the old curb line to the inside of the new curb line; also extending water, gas, sewer and other private service connections from the mains to inside of the new curb line where not put in by property owners; and

WHEREAS, The said Board of Public Works did at the same time fix January 28, 1916, at 10:00 o'clock A. M., as the time to hear all persons interested or whose property is affected by said proposed improvement; and the notice of the passage of said resolution and of the said time for hearing was published on the 10th day of January, 1916, and the 17th day of January, 1916, in the Indiana Daily Times, a daily newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in the City of Indianapolis, and notices by mail duly forwarded as provided by law; and

WHEREAS, On the 28th day of January, 1916, the Board having met in regular session, took final action on said improvement resolution, the same being confirmed without modification; and

WHEREAS, On the 5th day of February, 1916, a written remonstrance of a majority of the resident property owners was filed with the Board of Public Works against said improvement; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Public Works has submitted to the Common Council, for their consideration and action thereon, an ordinance ordering the Board of Public Works to proceed with the improvement of said street under said resolution; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, that the Board of Public Works of the City of Indianapolis be and are hereby ordered to improve Meridian Street from the south property line of Sixteenth Street to a point 455.5 feet north of the north property line of Twenty-fourth Street running east, except space of 30 feet in center of street already improved, by grading and paving the roadway with wooden block, asphalt, bituminous concrete or brick laid on a six (6) inch gravel concrete foundation from curb line to curb line to a uniform width of thirty-six (36) feet, except space of thirty (30) feet in center of street already improved; improving in a similar manner the wings of intersecting streets and alleys to widths shown on plans; curbing the outer edges of the sidewalks with granite curb; curbing in a similar manner the wings of intersecting streets and alleys, using granite round corners; providing eight (8) iron inlets; resetting eleven (11) iron inlets and connecting all inlets with catch basins, all as shown on plans and as specified; also extending all water, gas, sewer and other private service connections from the old curb line to the inside of the new curb line; also extending water, gas, sewer

and other private service connections from the mains to the inside of the new curb line where not put in by property owners, under Improvement Resolution No. 8178, adopted by the Board of Public Works January 5, 1916.

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 Public Safety.

By City Controller :

General Ordinance No. 6, 1916. An ordinance authorizing the City Controller to make a temporary loan for the use of the Board of Health, payable out of the current funds of said Board, 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 City Controller be and is hereby authorized and empowered to negotiate a temporary loan for the use of the Board of Health in anticipation of the current revenues of said Board, the said loan to be for the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000), at a rate of interest not exceeding six per cent. (6%), and for a period not exceeding four months. The said loan shall be let to the lowest bidder, in competitive bidding, on the annual rate of interest, under conditions prescribed in notice of the same, which shall be published for one day in two daily papers of said city. The Mayor and City Controller are authorized and directed to execute the proper obligations of the City for the amount so borrowed, which shall be countersigned by the President of the Board of Health, and to the payment of said obligation the faith of the City is hereby irrevocably pledged.

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

Which was read a first time.

Mr. Porter moved that the rules be suspended and General Ordinance No. 6, 1916, be placed upon its passage.

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

Ayes, 7, viz.: Messrs. Miller, Porter, Lee, Connor, Graham, Shea and President Edward P. Barry.

Noes, none.

Mr. Porter called for General Ordinance No. 6, 1916, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Porter moved that General Ordinance No. 6, 1916, be ordered engrossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage. Carried.

General Ordinance No. 6, 1916, was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

Ayes, 7, viz.: Messrs. Miller, Porter, Lee, Connor, Graham, Shea and President Edward P. Barry.

Noes, none.

INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

From National Association Bureau of Animal Industry Employees:

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY EMPLOYEES.
2226 North Illinois Street.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., February 14, 1916.

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

The 70 employees of the U. S. Bureau of Animal Industry, Dept. of Agriculture, respectfully ask the members of your body to endorse the Lobeck bill, H. R. 5792, now before the 64th Congress, providing salary increases for the 3,000 employees in this branch of the public service.

Copy of the bill in herewith enclosed and, in explanation, the entrance salaries given are identical with those now in force after the passing of competitive examinations under the rules of the Civil Service Commission. The increases for veterinary inspectors, under the present plan, are \$200 every two years, from \$1,400 to \$1,800; for lay inspectors, Grade II, \$1,000 to \$1,200, Grade I, \$840 to \$1,200; for clerks, \$900 to \$1,200 per annum. In the past six years Congress has not provided sufficient funds to carry out this programme, hence but few of any grade have reached this low maximum salary.

Because of the great and important business to come before this Congress we feel that our measure may be side-tracked unless we ask our friends to come forward and call it to the attention of their several Congressmen.

We respectfully ask that a resolution similar to the following be introduced in the Council endorsing the bill and that the Clerk be instructed to mail copies of same to Congressmen Lobeck, Moores, and the members of the House Committee on Agriculture, at Washington, D. C.:

"WHEREAS, The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis recognizes the importance of the work carried on by employees of the Bureau of Animal Industry to be greatly in the interests of the live stock industry and the meat-consuming population of the country; and

"WHEREAS, Only by providing adequate salaries for these employees may the high standard of efficiency of this service be maintained and continued by attracting and retaining the best type of men, thus properly meeting the worthy and valuable ends for which the public funds are expended; and

"WHEREAS, It is the opinion of the Council that these employees do intelligent, exacting, honest, hazardous and important labor under unpleasant and unhealthful conditions, and that they really deserve the benefits of this legislation; therefore, be it

"RESOLVED, That the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis endorse H. R. 5792 as legislation in the best interests of the people of the United States, and that the Clerk be directed to so inform the Representative of this Congressional District, Hon. Merrill Moores; the father of the bill, Hon. C. O. Lobeck of Nebraska; the minority leader of the House, Hon. James R. Mann; and the Chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture, Hon. A. F. Lever."

Trusting that you will use your influence towards this matter, we are,

Very truly yours,
G. B. MUNGER,
P. E. LAWLER,
JOHN E. LYNCH.

64TH CONGRESS, 1ST SESSION.

H. R. 5792.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

DECEMBER 15, 1915.

Mr. Lobeck introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and ordered to be printed.

A BILL

Providing for the classification of salaries of veterinary inspectors, lay inspectors (grades one and two), and clerks employed in the Bureau of Animal Industry, Department of Agriculture.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after July first, nineteen hundred and sixteen, the Secretary of Agriculture shall classify the salaries of the veterinary inspectors, the lay inspectors (grades one and two), and the clerks as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 2. That all veterinary inspectors within the classified service and actually employed as such in the Bureau of Animal Industry of the Department of Agriculture now established—first, that the entrance salary of said veterinary inspectors shall be \$1,400 per annum, and those who on and after July first, nineteen hundred and sixteen, may be receiving a salary less than \$2,400 per annum shall thereafter from said date receive an annual increase of \$100 until their salaries shall amount to \$2,400 per annum; all other promotions or increases in salaries to be made at the discretion of the Secretary of Agriculture.

SEC. 3. That all lay inspectors (grade two) within the classified service and actually employed as such in the Bureau of Animal Industry of the Department of Agriculture now established who, on and after the date of July first, nineteen hundred and sixteen, may be receiving a salary less than \$1,800 per annum, shall thereafter from said date receive an annual increase of \$100 until their salaries shall amount to \$1,800 per annum; all other promotions or increases in salaries to be made at the discretion of the Secretary of Agriculture.

SEC. 4. That all lay inspectors (grade one) within the classified service and actually employed as such in the Bureau of Animal Industry of the Department of Agriculture now established—first, that the entrance salary of said lay inspectors (grade one) shall be \$840 per annum, and those who on and after the date of July first, nineteen hundred and sixteen, may be receiving a salary less than \$1,600 per annum shall thereafter from said date receive an annual increase of \$100 until their salaries shall amount to \$1,540 per annum, and after an additional year's satisfactory service their salaries shall be increased to \$1,600 per annum; all other promotions or increases in salaries to be made at the discretion of the Secretary of Agriculture.

SEC. 5. That all clerks within the classified service and actually employed as such in the Bureau of Animal Industry of the Department of Agriculture now established—first, that the entrance salary of said clerks shall be \$900 per annum, and those who on and after the date of July first, nineteen hundred and sixteen, may be receiving a salary less than \$1,500 per annum shall thereafter from said date receive an annual increase of \$100 per annum until their salaries shall amount to \$1,500 per annum; all other promotions or increases in salaries to be made at the discretion of the Secretary of Agriculture.

SEC. 6. That no promotion shall be made except upon evidence satisfactory to the Secretary of Agriculture of the efficiency and faithfulness of the employee during the preceding year.

SEC. 7. That there be, and is hereby, appropriated such additional sums to the \$3,000,000 annual appropriation, provided for in the Act approved June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and six, found in the Thirty-fourth Federal Statutes, page six hundred and seventy-four, as may be necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this Act, and that such additional appropriations shall be deemed an annual appropriation.

SEC. 8. That all Acts and parts of Acts, except the Act approved June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and six, inconsistent with this Act be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

DECEMBER 15, 1915.—Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and ordered to be printed.

Which was read.

Mr. Connor moved that the rules be suspended and the foregoing resolution, to be known as Resolution No. 2, 1916, be placed upon its passage.

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

Ayes, 7, viz.: Messrs. Miller, Porter, Lee, Connor, Graham, Shea and President Edward P. Barry.

Noes, none.

Mr. Connor moved that Resolution No. 2, 1916, be adopted.

Resolution No. 2, 1916, was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes, 7, viz.: Messrs. Miller, Porter, Lee, Connor, Graham, Shea and President Edward P. Barry.

Noes, none.

On motion of Mr. Lee the Common Council, at 8:20 P. M., adjourned.

Edward P. Barry,
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President.

ATTEST:

Thomas A. Riley
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City Clerk.