

SPECIAL MEETING.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, IND.,

WEDNESDAY, October 31, 1917.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber, Wednesday evening, October 31, 1917, at 5:30 o'clock in special session, President Michael J. Shea in the chair, pursuant to the following call:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., October 31, 1917.

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 of the City of Indianapolis held in the Council Chamber on Wednesday evening, October 31, 1917, at 5:30 o'clock, for the purpose of receiving communications from the Mayor and reports of City Officers, and for the introduction, consideration and final action on an ordinance appropriating \$15,000 for election expenses, and for the introduction, consideration and final action on a resolution naming certain inspectors in certain precincts in place of persons heretofore named, for the city election to be held November 6, 1917, in the City of Indianapolis.

Respectfully,

MICHAEL J. SHEA,

President.

I, Thomas A. Riley, 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.

Respectfully,

THOMAS A. RILEY,

City Clerk.

Which was read.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: The Hon. Michael J. Shea, President of the Common Council, and 6 members, viz.: Messrs. Barry, Young, Miller, Porter, Lee and Graham.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., October 27, 1917.

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

GENTLEMEN—I return herewith without my signature General Ordinance No. 96, 1917, the same being an ordinance amending subdivision "b" of Section 983 of General Ordinance No. 12, 1914.

This ordinance undertakes to grant pay for time put in prior to the passage of the ordinance. It attempts to fix the salary of the Assistant and Number Clerk in the office of the City Engineer, at \$1,200.00 per year, dating from October 1st, 1917, when the person holding this position at the present time is already receiving a salary fixed by city ordinance. This ordinance passed on the 15th day of October, 1917, attempts to fix a salary from the first day of October.

In other words, the ordinance is attempting to fix a salary for the period of time intervening between the first of October and the taking effect of this ordinance, during which period no service was rendered under the ordinance. It attempts to reach back and pay a salary for a time preceding the passage of the ordinance.

I do not think the Common Council has power to do this. If it possesses such power it is certainly setting a bad precedent to attempt to give a salary to a person holding a position in any of the city departments greater than the salary that was fixed by ordinance at the time the services were rendered.

If it is legal to grant compensation to a person holding a position in connection with a city department, reaching back one month prior to the time the ordinance is passed, then the Common Council could in the same manner pass an ordinance granting additional salary for one, two or three years prior to the time the ordinance is passed. A precedent of this kind should not be established. I therefore return this ordinance without my approval.

Yours very truly,

J. E. BELL,

Mayor.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

From City Controller:

FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., October 30, 1917.

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

GENTLEMEN—I enclose herewith a letter from the secretary of the Board of City Election Commissioners, asking for an additional appropriation of

\$15,000.00 for payment of registration and election expenses for the coming City Election.

The Election Commissioners have carefully gone over every item of expense and find that it will be necessary to have this additional appropriation in order that they may defray the expenses of the election. The new registration law has proven to be very expensive and a much greater burden financially than the old one.

The Commissioners want the appropriation made before they make their contracts for election day and I therefore urge you to suspend the rules and pass the ordinance I enclose. This appropriation is an emergency matter.

Yours very truly,

R. H. SULLIVAN,

City Controller.

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK,

CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., October 29, 1917.

Mr. R. H. Sullivan, City Controller:

DEAR SIR—The City Board of Election Commissioners request that you recommend to the City Council an appropriation of \$15,000 for the payment of registration and election expenses for the city election to be held next Tuesday, November 6th. This money should be appropriated before election day to enable the Election Commissioners to legally contract for necessary expenses in holding the election.

Respectfully,

THOMAS A. RILEY,

Secretary, Board of City Election Commissioners.

INTRODUCTION OF APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

By City Controller :

Appropriation Ordinance No. 21, 1917. An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$15,000.00 to and for the use of the Department of Finance 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 Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.00) Dollars be and is hereby appropriated to and for the use of the Department of Finance, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the primary, registration and election to be held in Indianapolis in the year 1917. This sum is in addition to the sum already appropriated for the same purpose.

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

Which was read a first time.

Mr. Porter moved that the rules be suspended and Appropriation Ordinance No. 21, 1917, 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. Barry, Young, Miller, Porter, Lee, Graham and President Michael J. Shea.

Noes, none.

Mr. Porter called for Appropriation Ordinance No. 21, 1917, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Porter moved that Appropriation Ordinance No. 21, 1917, be ordered engrossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage. Carried.

Appropriation Ordinance No. 21, 1917, was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

Ayes, 7, viz.: Messrs. Barry, Young, Miller, Porter, Lee, Graham and President Michael J. Shea.

Noes, none.

INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Barry:

Resolution No. 9, 1917.

Be it resolved by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, that the persons whose names are hereinafter set out, be and are appointed and elected to serve as election inspectors in the several precincts, indicated, of the City of Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana, at the election to be held Tuesday, November 6th, 1917, in said city in place of the persons heretofore appointed and elected to serve in such precincts by this Council.

First Precinct, First Ward—Alvin Mosely, 2942 Station St., in place of John Sheehan.

Sixth Precinct, First Ward—James Hagerty, 1209 E. 19th St., in place of P. H. Hagerty.

Tenth Precinct, First Ward—Louis Hoover, 2832 E. 10th St., in place of John Kiesel.

Ninth Precinct, Fourth Ward—Chas. Morgan, 3018 Clifton St., in place of A. J. Clark.

Eleventh Precinct, Fourth Ward—James Embry, 2335 Northwestern Ave., in place of George Gettings.

Fifteenth Precinct, Fourth Ward—Wm. Kiesel, 622 W. 10th St., in place of Wm. Beal.

Fifth Precinct, Sixth Ward—James Kelly, 121 N. West St., in place of Marshall Sands.

Fourth Precinct, Eighth Ward—James F. Ryan, 118 E. St. Clair St., in place of Chas. Bailey.

Third Precinct, Thirteenth Ward—Wm. M. McCollum, 743 Terrace Ave., in place of Chas. M. McCollum.

Tenth Precinct, Thirteenth Ward—James Cain, 525 W. Ray St., in place of Ernest Gabbie.

Third Precinct, Fifteenth Ward—Edgar N. Smallwood, 1410 W. Washington St., in place of Wm. Kingley.

Fourth Precinct, Fifteenth Ward—Geo. P. Steinmetz, 3029 Jackson St., in place of Wilber Steinmetz.

Which was read a first time.

Mr. Barry moved that the rules be suspended and Resolution No. 9, 1917, be placed upon its passage.

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

Ayes, 6, viz.: Messrs. Barry, Young, Miller, Porter, Lee and Graham.

Noes, 1, viz.: President Michael J. Shea.

On motion of Mr. Miller, the Common Council, at 8:30 o'clock P. M., adjourned.

[Faint signature]

President.

ATTEST:

City Clerk.

