

SPECIAL MEETING.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

TUESDAY, August 29, 1911.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber, Tuesday evening, August 29, 1911, at 7:30 o'clock, in special session, President John Blumberg in the chair, pursuant to the following call:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.  
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., August 29, 1911.

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

GENTLEMEN: You are hereby notified that there will be a Special meeting of the Common Council held in the Council Chamber Tuesday evening, August 29, 1911, at 7:30 o'clock, for the purpose of receiving communications from the City Controller and the introduction and reference to the proper committees the following ordinances:

"An ordinance appropriating \$7,000.00 to and for the use of the Department of Public Works and fixing a time when the same shall take effect.

"An ordinance concerning the wages and compensation of certain employes of the City of Indianapolis, and fixing a time when the same shall take effect, and repealing all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith.

Also for receiving reports from standing committees and the consideration and final action on Appropriation Ordinances Nos. 58, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71 and 73, 1911, and General Ordinance No. 44—1911.

I have the honor to remain,

Very truly yours,

S. L. SHANK,  
*Mayor.*

I, Edward A. Ramsay, 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.

EDWARD A. RAMSAY,  
*City Clerk.*

Which was read.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: The Hon. John Blumberg, President of the Common Council, and 8 members, viz.: Messrs. Johnson, McCarthy, Copeland, Rubens, Denny, Owen, Stilz and Troy:

Absent, none.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

From City Controller:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE.  
OFFICE OF CITY CONTROLLER.  
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., August 29, 1911.

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

GENTLEMEN: I submit herewith a communication from the Department of Public Works, requesting me to recommend an additional appropriation of \$13,000.00 to the fund for "City Civil Engineer's Inspectors Salaries."

I submit herewith an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$7,000.00 and recommend its passage.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY R. WALLACE,  
*City Controller.*

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,  
OFFICE OF THE BOARD.  
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., August 4, 1911.

*Harry R. Wallace, City Controller:*

DEAR SIR: You are hereby requested to recommend to the Common Council the passage of an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$13,000.00 to the fund for City Civil Engineer's Inspectors Salaries.

C. A. SCHRADER,  
CHARLES L. HUTCHINSON,  
E. J. O'REILLY,  
*Board of Public Works.*

## REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

## From the Committee on Finance:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., August 29, 1911.

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

GENTLEMEN: We, your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred Appropriation Ordinance No. 62, 1911, being "An Ordinance appropriating \$200.00 to and for the use of the Department of Finance, and fixing a time when the same shall take effect," beg leave to report that we have had said ordinance under consideration and would recommend that the same do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED C. OWEN,  
CHARLES F. COPELAND,  
GEORGE L. DENNY,  
FRANK E. MCCARTHY,  
GEORGE B. RUBENS.

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

## From the Committee on Finance:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., August 29, 1911.

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

GENTLEMEN: We, your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred Appropriation Ordinance No. 63, 1911, being "An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$300.00 to and for the Department of Public Health and Charities and fixing a time when the same shall take effect," beg leave to report that we have had said ordinance under consideration and would recommend that the same do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED C. OWEN,  
CHARLES F. COPELAND,  
GEORGE L. DENNY,  
FRANK E. MCCARTHY,  
GEORGE B. RUBENS.

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

From the Committee on Finance:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., August 29, 1911.

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

GENTLEMEN: We, your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred Appropriation Ordinance No. 65, 1911, being "An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1,000.00 to and for the use of the Department of Public Works and fixing a time when the same shall take effect," beg leave to report that we have had said ordinance under consideration and would recommend that the same do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED C. OWEN,  
CHARLES F. COPELAND,  
FRANK E. MCCARTHY,  
GEORGE B. RUBENS.

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

From the Committee on Finance:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., August 29, 1911.

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

GENTLEMEN: We, your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred Appropriation Ordinance No. 66, 1911, being "An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$2,000.00 to and for the use of the Department of Public Works and fixing a time when the same shall take effect," beg leave to report that we have had said ordinance under consideration and would recommend that the same do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED C. OWEN,  
CHARLES F. COPELAND,  
FRANK E. MCCARTHY,  
GEORGE B. RUBENS.

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

From the Committee on Finance:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., August 29, 1911.

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

GENTLEMEN: We, your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred Appropriation Ordinance No. 67, 1911, being "An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$500.00 to and for the use of the Department of Public Works and fixing a time when the same shall take effect,"

beg leave to report that we have had said ordinance under consideration and would recommend that the same do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED C. OWEN,  
CHARLES F. COPELAND,  
GEORGE L. DENNY,  
FRANK E. MCCARTHY,  
GEORGE B. RUBENS.

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

From the Committee on Finance:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., August 29, 1911.

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

GENTLEMEN: We, your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred Appropriation Ordinance No. 69, 1911, being "An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$2,500.00 to and for the 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 would recommend that the same do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED C. OWEN,  
CHARLES F. COPELAND,  
GEORGE L. DENNY,  
FRANK E. MCCARTHY,  
GEORGE B. RUBENS.

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

From the Committee on Finance:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., August 29, 1911.

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

GENTLEMEN: We, your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred Appropriation Ordinance No. 70, 1911, being "An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$7,299.61 to and for the use of the Department of Public Parks and fixing a time when the same shall take effect," beg leave to report that we have had said ordinance under consideration and would recommend that the same do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED C. OWEN,  
CHARLES F. COPELAND,  
GEORGE L. DENNY,  
FRANK E. MCCARTHY,  
GEORGE B. RUBENS.

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

From the Committee on Finance:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., August 29, 1911.

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

GENTLEMEN: We, your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred Appropriation Ordinance No. 71, 1911, being "An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$250.00 to and for the use of the Department of Public Health and Charities and fixing a time when the same shall take effect," beg leave to report that we have had said ordinance under consideration and would recommend that the same do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED C. OWEN,  
CHARLES F. COPELAND,  
GEORGE L. DENNY,  
FRANK E. MCCARTHY,  
GEORGE B. RUBENS.

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

From the Committee on Finance:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., August 29, 1911.

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

GENTLEMEN: We, your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred Appropriation Ordinance No. 73, 1911, being "An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1,500.00 to and for the use of the Department of Public Health and Charities and fixing a time when the same shall take effect," beg leave to report that we have had said ordinance under consideration and would recommend that the same do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED C. OWEN,  
CHARLES F. COPELAND,  
GEORGE L. DENNY,  
FRANK E. MCCARTHY,  
GEORGE B. RUBENS.

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

From the Committee on Public Service:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., August 29, 1911.

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

GENTLEMEN: We, your Committee on Public Service, to whom was referred General Ordinance No. 44, 1911, being "An Ordinance ratifying, confirming and approving the certain contract, made and entered into the 14th day of July, 1911, between the City of Indianapolis and the Indianapolis Sanitary Company, for the collection, delivery and disposal of garbage and dead animals, and for the disposal of night soil,



and fixing the time when the same shall take effect and remain in full force," beg leave to report that we have had said ordinance under consideration, and recommend that the same do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED C. OWEN,  
CHARLES F. COPELAND,  
FRANK E. MCCARTHY,  
GEORGE B. RUBENS.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., August 29, 1911.

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

GENTLEMEN: Your Committee on Public Service, to whom was referred Resolution No. 3, 1911, begs leave to report that we have had the same under consideration and from our investigation we find that at the present time there is approximately one-seventh more population in the City of Indianapolis than there was five years ago when the present contract for the removal of garbage was let. If the contract which was let at that time and also let to the highest bidder was fair then in the same proportion the present contract let to the lowest bidder at an advanced figure of one-fifth must evidently be reasonable as the city will grow more rapidly in the next five years within its present limits than it did in the last five years. We also find that in two advertisements for bids there was but two bidders; if there was any intention on the part of others to bid and to bid at a lower figure than that accepted by the Board of Public Works, there was certainly sufficient time given them to bid. We have investigated as thoroughly as possible all available sources of information, and find that the present contractor is making ten to twelve per cent. on his investment. It seems from all reports and rumors that the Council should hold off the ratification of this contract until others could bid; but as that is impossible, as the only way that others could bid is for this body to reject this contract, and if there were no new bids came in at a lower figure and the present bidders should bid again and raise their bid, then the responsibility of this action would rest on the council.

As to the proposition of the city doing this work on its own account, the city treasury will not stand the purchase of this plant at this time, and if it would, the price the city must pay for labor, and the hours that this labor would work, would cost the city approximately twenty-thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) more to do the work than it would the contractor. If there is any movement on foot which will in any manner be a saving to the city, the ratification of this contract does not lose the city this advantage, as the Mayor may veto this ordinance, and by so doing, show to the Council the benefit to the City of obtaining new bids, and we believe the Council will gladly do their part. In order that this ordinance may get into the budget, in case of the receiving of new bids, we believe that this body should not delay action but give the Executive Department what time is available for their final action.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED C. OWEN,  
CHARLES F. COPELAND,  
FRANK E. MCCARTHY,  
GEORGE B. RUBENS.

Mr. Owen moved that the report of the committee be concurred in.

By vote of the Council, Mr. Carl Ott was permitted to speak on the question.

Mr. Johnson called for the "ayes" and "noes."

The roll was called and the motion to concur in the committee report was lost by the following vote:

Ayes, 4, viz.: Messrs. McCarthy, Copeland, Owen and President John Blumberg.

Noes, 5, viz.: Messrs. Johnson, Rubens, Denny, Stilz and Troy.

#### INTRODUCTION OF APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

By City Controller:

Appropriation Ordinance No. 74—1911: An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$7,000.00 to and for the use of the Department of Public Works 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 seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.00) be, and the same is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the City Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to and for the use of the Department of Public Works, the amount appropriated herein to be added to and form a part of the fund known as "City Civil Engineer's Inspectors' Salaries."

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 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 Mr. McCarthy:

General Ordinance No. 51—1911: An ordinance concerning the wages and compensation of certain employes of the City of Indianapolis,



and fixing a time when the same shall take effect, and repealing all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, That the following employes of the City of Indianapolis shall receive the amounts as wages and compensation for their services, as hereinafter set out.

SECTION 2. The drivers employed at night in street sweeping shall each receive wages at the rate of two dollars (\$2.00) per day.

SECTION 3. The drivers employed during the day shall each receive wages at the rate of two dollars (\$2.00) per day.

SECTION 4. The laborers shall each receive wages at the rate of two dollars (\$2.00) per day.

SECTION 5. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. Whereas an emergency exists for the immediate taking effect of this ordinance, the same is now in force immediately from and after its passage.

Which was read a first time and referred to the Committee on Fees and Salaries.

#### ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

Mr. Owen called for Appropriation Ordinance No. 62, 1911, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Owen moved that Appropriation Ordinance No. 62, 1911, be ordered engrossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage. Carried.

Appropriation Ordinance No. 62, 1911, was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

Ayes, 9, viz.: Messrs. Johnson, McCarthy, Copeland, Rubens, Denny, Owen, Stilz, Troy and President John Blumberg.

Noes, none.

Mr. Owen called for Appropriation Ordinance No. 63, 1911, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Owen moved that Appropriation Ordinance No. 63, 1911, be ordered engrossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage. Carried.

Appropriation Ordinance No. 63, 1911, was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

Ayes, 9, viz.: Messrs. Johnson, McCarthy, Copeland, Rubens, Denny, Owen, Stilz, Troy and President John Blumberg.

Noes, none.

Mr. Owen called for Appropriation Ordinance No. 65, 1911, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Owen moved that Appropriation Ordinance No. 65, 1911, be ordered engrossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage. Carried.

Appropriation Ordinance No. 65, 1911, was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

Ayes, 8, viz.: Messrs. Johnson, McCarthy, Copeland, Rubens, Owen, Stilz, Troy and President John Blumberg.

Noes, 1, viz.: Mr. Denny.

Mr. Owen called for Appropriation Ordinance No. 66, 1911, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Owen moved that Appropriation Ordinance No. 66, 1911, be ordered engrossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage. Carried.

Appropriation Ordinance No. 66, 1911, was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

Ayes, 8, viz.: Messrs. Johnson, McCarthy, Copeland, Rubens, Owen, Stilz, Troy and President John Blumberg.

Noes, 1, viz.: Mr. Denny.

Mr. Owen called for Appropriation Ordinance No. 67, 1911, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Owen moved that Appropriation Ordinance No. 67, 1911, be ordered engrossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage. Carried.

Appropriation Ordinance No. 67, 1911, was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

Ayes, 9, viz.: Messrs. Johnson, McCarthy, Copeland, Rubens, Denny, Owen, Stilz, Troy and President John Blumberg.

Noes, none.

Mr. Owen called for Appropriation Ordinance No. 69, 1911, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Owen moved that Appropriation Ordinance No. 69, 1911, be ordered engrossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage. Carried.

Appropriation Ordinance No. 69, 1911, was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

Ayes, 9, viz.: Messrs. Johnson, McCarthy, Copeland, Rubens, Denny, Owen, Stilz, Troy and President John Blumberg.

Noes, none.

Mr. Owen called for Appropriation Ordinance No. 70, 1911, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Owen moved that Appropriation Ordinance No. 70, 1911, be ordered engrossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage. Carried.

Appropriation Ordinance No. 70, 1911, was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

Ayes, 9, viz.: Messrs. Johnson, McCarthy, Copeland, Rubens, Denny, Owen, Stilz, Troy and President John Blumberg.

Noes, none.

Mr. Owen called for Appropriation Ordinance No. 71, 1911, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Owen moved that Appropriation Ordinance No. 71, 1911, be ordered engrossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage. Carried.

Appropriation Ordinance No. 71, 1911, was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

Ayes, 9, viz.: Messrs. Johnson, McCarthy, Copeland, Rubens, Denny, Owen, Stilz, Troy and President John Blumberg.

Noes, none.

Mr. Owen called for Appropriation Ordinance No. 73, 1911, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Owen moved that Appropriation Ordinance No. 73, 1911, be ordered engrossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage. Carried.

Appropriation Ordinance No. 73, 1911, was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

Ayes, 7, viz.: Messrs. Johnson, McCarthy, Copeland, Rubens, Denny, Owen and President John Blumberg.

Noes, 2, viz.: Messrs. Stilz and Troy.

On motion of Mr. McCarthy, the Common Council, at 9:50 o'clock p. m., adjourned.

*John Blumberg*  
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*President.*

ATTEST:

*Edward A. Ramsay*  
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*City Clerk.*

