

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

COMMON COUNCIL

OF THE

CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,

In Marion County, in the State of Indiana.

FIRST REGULAR MEETING.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

MONDAY, January 6, 1908, 7:30 P. M.

Pursuant to Section 49 of "An act concerning municipal corporations," approved March 6, 1905 (see laws 64th Regular Session, Chapter 129, pages 219 to 410, and commonly called "The Cities and Towns Act") the Common Council held its first meeting on the first Monday in January, 1908, at 7:30 P. M., in the Council Chamber, located in the Police Station, and was called to order by James McNulty, City Clerk, who called the roll of the six Councilmen-at-Large and the fifteen Ward Councilmen, all of whom answered to their respective names except Councilmen Davis, Portteus and Eppert.

The City Clerk announced eighteen members present, and stated the first business in order to be the election of a presiding officer.

Whereupon Councilman Rhodes placed in nomination William J. Neukom, which nomination was seconded by Councilman Smither.

Councilman Wright placed in nomination John L. Donavon, which nomination was seconded by Councilman Hilkene.

Mr. Wood moved the nominations for President be closed. Carried.

At 7:45 o'clock p. m. Mr. Portteus entered the Council Chamber and took his seat.

The Clerk then called the roll, which resulted as follows:

Those voting for Mr. Neukom 13, viz.: Messrs. Brown, Cottey, Hamlet, Wood, Smither, Rhodes, Bangs, Uhl, Stickelman, Hartmann, Royse, Donavon and Hofmann.

Those voting for Mr. Donavon 6, viz.: Messrs. Neukom, Portteus, Sullivan, Hilkene, Wright and Henry.

City Clerk McNulty announced result of the vote and declared Mr. Neukom elected President of the Common Council for the year 1908.

City Clerk McNulty appointed Messrs. Bangs and Donavon to escort Mr. Neukom to the chair.

At 7:48 o'clock p. m., Mr. Eppert entered the Council Chamber and took his seat.

Whereupon the President took the chair, and, after briefly addressing the Council, announced as the next order of business the election of a presiding officer pro tem.

Councilman Bangs placed in nomination Charles L. Hartmann, which nomination was seconded by Councilman Smither.

Councilman Portteus placed in nomination Louis F. Henry, which nomination was seconded by Councilman Sullivan.

Mr. Donavon moved the nominations be closed. Carried.

The roll was then called, which resulted as follows:

Those voting for Mr. Hartmann 14, viz.: Messrs. Brown, Cottey, Hamlet, Wood, Eppert, Smither, Rhodes, Bangs, Uhl, Stickelman, Royse, Hofmann, Henry and President William J. Neukom.

Those voting for Mr. Henry 6, viz.: Messrs. Hartmann, Portteus, Donavon, Sullivan, Hilkené and Wright.

Mr. Royse moved the rules be suspended and the President announce the names of the Standing Committees. Carried.

In accordance with the motion of Mr. Royse, President Neukom announced the Standing Committees for the year 1908, as follows:

Accounts and Claims.—Henry C. Smither, Albert E. Uhl, Fay Wright.

Contracts and Franchises.—Edward J. Stickelman, Otto Hofmann, Charles L. Hartmann, John H. Hamlet, John F. Wood, James F. Sullivan, Jacob Hilkené.

Elections.—Albert E. Cottey, John H. Hamlet, Louis F. Henry.

Fees and Salaries.—William A. Rhodes, Charles G. Davis, Theodore Portteus.

Finance.—Harry E. Royse, William A. Rhodes, Benjamin A. Brown, Henry C. Smither, W. O. Bangs, Fay Wright, John L. Donavon.

Judiciary.—Albert E. Cottey, Frederick W. Eppert, Louis F. Henry.

License.—W. O. Bangs, John F. Wood, Otto Hofmann, William A. Rhodes, Harry E. Royse, Jacob Hilken, John L. Donavon.

Ordinances.—Edward J. Stickelman, Otto Hofmann, James F. Sullivan.

Permanent Improvements.—William A. Rhodes, John H. Hamlet, John F. Wood, Frederick W. Eppert, James F. Sullivan.

Printing.—Charles G. Davis, Henry C. Smither, Fay Wright.

Public Health.—Otto Hofmann, Edward J. Stickelman, Theodore Portteus.

Public Morals.—Henry C. Smither, Albert E. Uhl, Louis F. Henry.

Public Property and Improvements.—Benjamin A. Brown, Harry E. Royse, John L. Donavon.

Public Safety and Comfort.—John H. Hamlet, Otto Hofmann, Albert E. Cottey, Benjamin A. Brown, Louis F. Henry.

Railroads.—John F. Wood, Benjamin A. Brown, Frederick W. Eppert, W. O. Bangs, Jacob H. Hilken.

Rules.—Harry E. Royse, Charles L. Hartmann, Jacob H. Hilken.

Sewers, Streets and Alleys.—Albert E. Uhl, Charles G. Davis, Albert E. Cottey, Charles L. Hartmann, Theodore Portteus.

Investigation and Impeachment.—W. O. Bangs, Edward J. Stickelman, James F. Sullivan.

Which were read.

Mr. Eppert moved to strike out the License Committee, and was declared out of order.

Mr. Eppert moved an appeal from the decision of the chair.

At 8:05 o'clock P. M. Mr. Davis entered the Council Chamber and took his seat.

At this point President Neukom gave up the chair to President pro tem. Hartmann, in order to speak upon the question.

The roll was called, and the decision of the chair was sustained by the following vote:

Ayes, 18, viz.: Messrs. Brown, Cottey, Hamlet, Wood, Smither, Rhodes, Bangs, Stickelman, Hartmann, Portteus, Royse, Donavon, Sullivan, Hofmann, Hilkene, Wright and President William J. Neukom.

Noes, 3, viz.: Messrs. Davis, Eppert and Uhl.

Mr. Rhodes moved to adjourn.

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

The roll was called, and the motion to adjourn was lost by the following vote:

Ayes, 5, viz.: Messrs. Brown, Cottey, Smither, Rhodes and Hartmann.

Noes, 16, viz.: Messrs. Hamlet, Wood, Davis, Eppert, Bangs, Uhl, Stickelman, Portteus, Royse, Donavon, Sullivan, Hofmann, Hilkene, Wright, Henry and President William J. Neukom.

REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Mr. Royse moved that the reading of the Journal be dispensed with. Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., December 17, 1907.

To the President and Members of the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN: I return herewith with my approval the following ordinances:

General Ordinance No. 112, 1907, being "An ordinance authorizing and empowering the Board of Public Works of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, to improve Arsenal avenue from the north property line of Roosevelt avenue to the south property line of Nineteenth street with brick roadway and curbing."

General Ordinance No. 113, 1907, being "An ordinance authorizing and

empowering the Board of Public Works of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, to improve Tenth street from the west property line of West street to the north east property line of Indiana avenue with brick roadway and curbing."

General Ordinance No. 114, 1907, being "An ordinance providing for the transfer of the sum of \$2,000 to and for the use of the Department of Public Works, and fixing a time when the same shall take effect."

Resolution No. 19, 1907.

I have the honor to remain,

Yours very truly,

C. A. BOOKWALTER,
Mayor.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., January 2, 1908.

To the President and Members of the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN: I return herewith with my approval Resolution No. 22, 1907, being "A resolution approving the bond of Edward J. Robison, treasurer."

I have the honor to remain,

Yours very truly,

C. A. BOOKWALTER,
Mayor.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., January 6, 1908.

To the President and Members of the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN: I return herewith with my approval General Ordinance No. 116, 1907, being "An ordinance for the transfer of certain public funds heretofore appropriated to the Department of Public Works."

I have the honor to remain,

Yours very truly,

C. A. BOOKWALTER,
Mayor.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

From Board of Public Works:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
OFFICE OF THE BOARD.
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., January 6, 1908.

To the President and Members of the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN: I am directed by the Board of Public Works to forward to your honorable body, for consideration and action thereon, the attached ordinance ratifying, confirming and approving a certain contract,

made and entered into on the 6th day of January, 1908, between the City of Indianapolis and the Indianapolis Hauling Company, for the collection, removal and disposal of ashes and sweepings in the City of Indianapolis, and fixing the time when the same shall take effect and the period it shall remain in force.

Yours truly,
 BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS,
 F. J. Noll, Jr.,
Clerk.

From Board of Public Works:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
 OFFICE OF THE BOARD.
 INDIANAPOLIS, IND., January 6, 1908.

To the President and Members of the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN: I am directed by the Board of Public Works to forward to your honorable body, for consideration and action thereon, the enclosed ordinance authorizing and empowering the Board of Public Works to proceed with the following described public improvements:

I. R. No. 5402 for the improvement of Belmont avenue, from Washington street to the Vandalia railroad tracks, with graded roadway and walks.

I. R. No. 5392 for the improvement of Bates street, from Shelby street to State avenue, with cement walks, curb and approach walks.

Respectfully yours,
 BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS,
 F. J. Noll, Jr.,
Clerk.

From Board of Public Works:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
 OFFICE OF THE BOARD.
 INDIANAPOLIS, IND., December 23, 1907.

To the President and Members of the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN: I am directed by the Board of Public Works to forward to your honorable body, for consideration and action thereon, the attached ordinance authorizing and empowering the Board of Public Works to proceed with the improvement of Ray street, from West to Dakota streets, with brick roadway and curbing, as provided for by I. R. No. 5398.

Respectfully yours,
 BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS,
 F. J. Noll, Jr.,
Clerk.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

From Committee on Accounts and Claims:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., January 6, 1908.

To the President and Members of the Common Council:

Your Committee on Accounts and Claims, to which was referred General Ordinance No. 115, 1907, being "An ordinance repealing an ordinance providing for the appointment of an inspector of cellars, defining his duties and powers and fixing a time when the same shall take effect," have had same under consideration and recommends that same do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT E. UHL.

CHAS. L. HARTMANN.

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

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

The roll was called, and the report of the committee was concurred in by the following vote:

Ayes, 11, viz.: Messrs. Brown, Cottey, Hamlet, Davis, Eppert, Smither, Rhodes, Uhl, Hartmann, Portteus and Royse.

Noes, 10, viz.: Messrs. Wood, Bangs, Stickelman, Donavon, Sullivan, Hofmann, Hilkené, Wright, Henry and President William J. Neukom.

Mr. Royse moved to adjourn.

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

The roll was called, and the motion to adjourn was carried by the following vote:

Ayes, 12, viz.: Messrs. Brown, Wood, Davis, Rhodes, Bangs, Hartmann, Royse, Donavon, Sullivan, Hilkené, Wright and Henry.

Noes, 9, viz.: Messrs. Cottey, Hamlet, Eppert, Smither, Uhl, Stickelman, Portteus, Hofmann and President William J. Neukom.

Pursuant to the above motion the Common Council at 8:35 o'clock P. M., adjourned.

W. J. Neukom

President.

ATTEST:

James M. Kelly

City Clerk.

