

## SPECIAL MEETING.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,  
January 3, 1893. }

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber, Tuesday evening, January 3d, at 8 o'clock, in special session, pursuant to the following call:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., January 3, 1893.

*To the Members of the Common Council:*

GENTLEMEN—You are hereby requested to meet in special session in the Councilmanic Chamber, on Tuesday evening, January 3, 1893, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of considering such business as may come before the meeting.

M. J. MURPHY,  
*President.*

Present, Hon. Martin J Murphy, President of the Common Council, in the Chair, and 12 members, viz: Messrs. Allen, Colter, Cooper, Froschauer, Halloran, Laut, Linn, Puryear, Ryan, White and Young.

Absent 9—viz: Messrs. Costello, Gasper, Gauss, McGill, McGuffin, Rassmann, Schmidt, Schrader and Sherer.

The Proceedings of the Common Council for the special meeting held Wednesday, December 19, 1892, having been printed and placed upon the desks of the Councilmen, said Journal was approved as published.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal, whereupon Councilman Cooper moved that the further reading of the Journal be dispensed with.

Which motion prevailed.

## COMMUNICATIONS, ETC., FROM MAYOR.

His Honor, the Mayor, presented the following communication :

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }  
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., December 31, 1892. }

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

GENTLEMEN—I have hesitated and considered carefully what I should do with General Ordinances Nos. 48 and 51, 1892.

The hesitation has come from the fact that, exercising your legal right and sound discretion, you believed it best to preserve a low rate of taxation even though it should be necessary to deprive the city of some things necessary for a more effective and satisfactory administration of her affairs.

It has been our earnest effort to so manage the affairs of the city as to carry on her business without borrowing money, and I am sure you will be glad to know that we will not owe a dollar of a temporary loan at the end of this year, except such as was put into permanent use in the purchase of new fire engines. In the face of a tax levy lower than that of any like city in the United States; in the face of our earnest efforts to so manage the city's business as that it would not be necessary to borrow money, you can readily understand why I hesitated to sign the two ordinances you passed with such unanimity.

I have finally concluded to sign those ordinances believing that the best interests of the city require that I do so, and believing we can save the money in another direction with which to pay the advance.

The ordinance increasing the pay of the Superintendent of the City Hospital I have signed notwithstanding my doubts, because the efficient management of that great charity ought not to be intrusted to any but the most competent hands. It is not right and the city can not expect a physician worthy of the place to take it at a salary of \$1,000 a year and board. It means that he must give up his practice. It means that he must give his entire time and attention to those whose necessities make them fit subjects for the city's care. It means when his term of office is over he must begin life anew, substantially without patients and without savings from his salary. Of course, I understand the difficulties of the doctor after he is out of office is not a matter of concern to the city, but I also understand they are a matter of concern to him, and that the afflicted of Indianapolis are entitled to the best of medical attention, and the City of Indianapolis is entitled to a hospital worthy of her, and I do not believe such a hospital or such attention can be retained at the present salary.

The other ordinance increases the pay of certain members of the Fire Department twenty-five cents a day, making their pay \$2.25 instead of \$2.00 per day. The same objections exist to this ordinance as those already pointed out. You increase the expenses of the city and do not afford additional revenue to pay those expenses. On the contrary in the exercise of a sound discretion that the law has wisely given to you, you reduce the amount of money to be given the city below the city's needs. It is an easy matter to appropriate money, but it is not an easy matter to raise it. Nevertheless I have concluded to sign the ordinance, though I do not see why it was not made to apply to other members of the Department, including the Chief, as the reason for the ordinance applies to each alike. The subject of more adequate pay for the firemen has been before each administration for many years past. Each has recognized its necessities, but each has declined to make it because of the reasons that have caused me to hesitate in signing this ordinance. I have concluded to sign it because I believe the best interests of the city require that it be done. It is an easy matter to appoint men to the Fire Department, but that does not make them firemen worthy of the name. Adaptation, instruction, experience, are all necessary. These men are on duty twenty-four hours in the day, and seven days in a week. When a day off comes a general alarm summons them to their duty. Required to be neat and clean, the expense of such uniforms is added to that of the ordinary citizen. A portion of their pay is set apart as a fund for the relief of the families

of their dead. We have a force of as loyal men and skillful fire fighters as can be found anywhere, and their pay is less, so far as I can learn, than that of any like city in this country. Their pay is now \$2.00 a day, out of which they are expected to support themselves and dependents in addition to the unusual expenses of which I have spoken, and it is true of these gentlemen that they are expected to pay their debts, or subject themselves to punishment, even dismissal from the force. By increasing the pay of the firemen twenty-five cents a day, not only will the city do what is right with its employes, but it will receive adequate return in the increased zeal with which these men will prosecute the perilous business in which they are engaged.

The charter does not require that I send you my reasons for signing an ordinance, but only my reasons when I do not sign it. In this instance, however, I have believed it to be right to add to this notification in order that your honorable body might more fully realize the difficulties that are added to the administration of the city's affairs where expenses are increased without providing the money with which to pay them.

Respectfully submitted,

T. L. SULLIVAN.

*Mayor.*

Which was received and ordered spread on the minutes.

#### INTRODUCTION OF GENERAL AND SPECIAL ORDINANCES.

By Mr. Ryan :

G. O. No. 1, 1893. An Ordinance requiring the Indianapolis, Decatur & Springfield Railway Company to station and maintain a flagman at the intersection of said company's tracks with Kentucky avenue and Missouri street in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, That the Indianapolis, Decatur & Springfield Railway Company be and it is hereby required to station and maintain a flagman at the intersection of its tracks with Kentucky avenue and Missouri street in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, the same to be done within ten days from the date of the passage of this ordinance. Said flagman shall be a man over the age of twenty-one years, and his duty shall be to warn all persons on foot or in vehicles of the approach of all trains on the tracks of said railway company at said crossings, between the hours of seven o'clock A. M. and six o'clock P. M. of each and every day, except Sundays. Said company is required to provide said flagman with a red flag for use in daylight and a red lantern for use at night. Every day said railway company shall fail or refuse to comply with all the provisions of this ordinance it shall be liable to a fine not exceeding five dollars, on complaint of any citizen before the police judge of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, and each day's failure on the part of said railway company to comply with all the provisions of this ordinance shall be a separate offense.

SEC. 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication for one day each week for two consecutive weeks in the Indianapolis Sentinel, a daily newspaper of general circulation printed and published in the City of Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana.

Read first time and referred to Committee on Railroads.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Mr. Ryan offered the following resolution :

WHEREAS, We have learned with much regret that the Hon. Leon O. Bailey has retired from the office of City Attorney and declined to permit the consideration of his name in further connection with said office of City Attorney; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, By the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, that we wish to place on record an expression of our high esteem of Mr. Bailey as a gentleman learned in the law, and an officer of tireless energy and profound ability. With his discontinuance in the public service the City of Indianapolis loses a safe and strong adviser—one whose leadership through a most trying period of her existence has brought her safely through many narrow and dangerous places. Some of his predecessors have been distinguished in their profession, but no one of them leaves a prouder or more brilliant record.

*Resolved*, That the City Clerk be and is hereby directed to spread this expression in full upon the records of this Council, and to send a copy thereof to ex-City Attorney Bailey.

Which was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 12—viz: Councilmen Allen, Colter, Cooper, Froschauer, Halloran, Laut, Linn, Puryear, White, Young and President Murphy.

NAYS—None.

President Murphy appointed the following named members as the special committee to procure legislation for the City of Indianapolis: Messrs. White, Froschauer, Colter, Linn and Young.

#### ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

On motion by Councilman Laut the following entitled ordinance was taken up; read second time; ordered engrossed and then read the third time:

G. O. No. 41, 1892. An ordinance to further promote and secure the public health of the City of Indianapolis, conferring upon the Department of Public Health and Charities the authority to condemn water, and the authority to compel persons and corporations to empty and clean receptacles and lots at stated intervals.

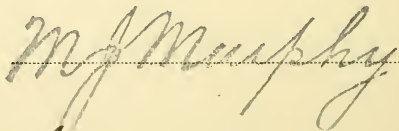
And was passed by the following vote:

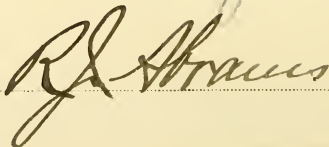
AYES 12—viz: Councilmen Allen, Colter, Cooper, Froschauer, Halloran, Laut, Linn, Puryear, Ryan, White, Young and President Murphy.

NAYS—None.

On motion of Mr. Cooper, the Common Council, at 9 o'clock P. M., adjourned.

ATTEST:

  
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President.

  
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City Clerk.