

SPECIAL MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

TUESDAY, August 26, 1913.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber, Tuesday evening, August 26, 1913, at 7:30 o'clock in special session, President Charles F. Copeland in the chair, pursuant to the following call:

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., August 25, 1913.

*To the Members of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana:*

GENTLEMEN: You are hereby notified that there will be a special meeting of the Common Council held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday evening, August 26, 1913, at 7:30 o'clock, for the purpose of the introduction, consideration and final action on a Resolution ordering and directing the City Controller to pay the expenses incurred by the Special Committee appointed to investigate the gas situation in Indianapolis in the employment of counsel and stenographers. Also for the introduction, consideration and final action on a motion calling upon the Finance Committee to call a public meeting of the Finance Committee in the consideration of the annual appropriation ordinance or "budget" and the annual tax levy for 1914. Also for receiving and reading a communication from the Federation of Civic Associations of Indianapolis.

I have the honor to remain,

Very truly yours,

CHARLES F. COPELAND,  
*President.*

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. Charles F. Copeland, President of the Common Council, and 8 members, viz.: Messrs. Johnson, McCarthy, Rubens, Denny, Owen, Stilz, Blumberg and Troy.

Absent, none.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Owen:

Resolution No. 14—1913:

WHEREAS, The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, at the regular meeting held on Monday, July 21, 1913, passed a motion appointing a Special Committee to investigate the gas situation in the City of Indianapolis; and.

WHEREAS, At the regular meeting of said Common Council held on Monday, August 18, 1913, the said Common Council passed an amendment to said motion, amending same by authorizing the said Committee to proceed at once with such investigation and employ counsel and stenographers to assist in such investigation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, That the City Controller of said city is hereby ordered and directed to pay any and all expenses that may be incurred by said Committee incident to such gas investigation and for the employment of counsel and stenographers and charge the same to the existing fund in the appropriation heretofore made for "Miscellaneous Expenses of City Offices."

Which was read.

Mr. Owen moved that the rules be suspended and Resolution No. 14, 1913, be placed upon its passage.

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

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

Noes, none.

Mr. Owen called for Resolution No. 14, 1913, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Owen moved that Resolution No. 14, 1913, be adopted.

The roll was called and Resolution No. 14, 1913, was adopted by the following vote:

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

Noes, none.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., August 26, 1913.

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

GENTLEMEN: I move that the Finance Committee of said Council shall, before reporting back to the Council the annual appropriation ordinance or budget and the ordinance fixing the annual tax levy for the year 1914, call a public meeting of said committee and give reasonable notice in the daily newspapers of said city of the time and place of such meeting. At said time and place said ordinance shall be publicly considered, and one duly accredited representative of each commercial, labor, trade or civic organization of the City of Indianapolis, having an actual membership at this time of not less than 200 persons, shall be permitted to address said committee upon such ordinances under such reasonable regulation as said committee may determine.

GEORGE L. DENNY.

Which was read.

Mr. McCarthy moved that the motion of Mr. Denny be postponed indefinitely, which motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes, 6, viz.: Messrs. McCarthy, Rubens, Owen, Blumberg, Troy and President Charles F. Copeland.

Noes, 3, viz.: Messrs. Johnson, Denny and Stilz.

FEDERATION OF CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS.  
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., August 22, 1913.

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

GENTLEMEN: We heartily endorse, and are very much pleased with, the action your body has taken in ordering an investigation of the pending merger of the Indianapolis and the Citizens' Gas companies.

We believe that your action on this question is in the proper direction, and has practically the unanimous approval of the citizens of this city. We sincerely hope the work of your committee will be as thorough and complete as the situation demands, so that any future action may be based upon a just and beneficial basis to the people of this city.

Very respectfully yours,

FRED L. HOSMAN, M. D.,  
*Secretary.*

The above letter is written in accordance to a prevailing motion at the meeting of the above association, August 22, 1913.

F. L. HOSMAN, M. D.,  
*Secretary.*

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. McCarthy, the Common Council at 8:35 o'clock P. M., adjourned.

*Charles F. Copeland*  
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*President.*

ATTEST:

*Edward A. Ramsey*  
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*City Clerk.*

