

REGULAR MEETING.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,
December 18, 1899. }

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, December 18, 1899, at 8 o'clock, in regular meeting.

Present, Hon. John H. Crall, President of the Common Council, in the chair, and 20 members, viz.: Messrs. Bernauer, Billingsley, Daller, Dickson, Evans, Higgins, Horan, Kaiser, Keller, Kelly, Knight, Megrew, Moriarity, Munro, McGrew, Negley, Perrott, Reilly, Spiegel and Wheeler.

Absent—None.

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

Which motion prevailed.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

Communication from City Comptroller:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
OFFICE OF CITY COMPTROLLER,
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., December 18, 1899. }

To the President and Members of the Common Council:

Gentlemen—On the 18th day of September, 1899, a petition was presented to your honorable body, signed by Mrs. John B. Elam, President of the Indianapolis Free Kindergarten and Children's Aid Society, and also by Mrs. Dr. Runnels, Mrs. H. S. Tucker, Mrs. Dr. Pink, Mrs. John H. Holliday, Rev. M. L. Haines, Prof. W. A. Bell, Judge A. C. Ayres, Hon. W. H. H. Miller and Charles E. Dark, all officers of that society, which petition sets forth the work being done and the good being accomplished by their organization, together with its pressing financial needs, a copy of which petition is attached hereto.

In view of the educational and charitable work so successfully ac-

complished by this great non-sectarian organization, I feel it my duty to recommend that the accompanying ordinance appropriating the sum of one thousand dollars for the use of said society, payable in monthly installments, be passed by your honorable body.

Very respectfully,

E. M. JOHNSON,

City Comptroller.

COPY OF PETITION.

To the Honorable the Mayor of the City of Indianapolis:

The undersigned, the executive officers of the Indianapolis Free Kindergarten and Children's Aid Society, respectfully petitioning, show:

First, that said society has now in operation in different parts of the city, under its management and support, no less than twenty-four kindergartens and schools, in which there are cared for children of tender age to the number of 5,628; that the necessary expenditures for the maintenance of these schools aggregate for ten months over seven hundred dollars per month; the average expense for each child \$1.30; that the work that is done in these schools for children who would otherwise have no advantages of this kind, and a large proportion of whom would be very much neglected, is, it is believed, not exceeded in importance by any educational work done in the City of Indianapolis.

They further show that the raising of the funds by private gifts for the doing of this work has become exceedingly burdensome, and, they are compelled to say, almost impossible. The society is confronted with the alternative of either receiving help from the educational funds of the city, or of dropping a considerable part of this work.

The undersigned, therefore, respectfully petition that you will take this matter into careful consideration and bring the same to the attention of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis and other proper officials, if any, having charge thereof, and that you will recommend that an appropriation from the funds of the city be made in the sum of one thousand dollars or more, to enable this work to be carried on.

Emma Lee Elam, President; Alice Runnels, First Vice-President; Mrs. H. S. Tucker, Chairman Finance Committee; Mrs. Hermann Pink, Evaline M. Holliday, Advisory Board; M. L. Haines, W. A. Bell, Alexander C. Ayres, W. H. H. Miller, Charles E. Dark.

Which was read and referred to Committee on Finance.

Communication from City Comptroller:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
OFFICE OF CITY COMPTROLLER,
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., December 18, 1899. }

To the President and Members of the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I send you herewith the official bond of Armin C. Koehne, Treasurer-elect, and recommend its approval by your honorable body.

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. JOHNSON,

City Comptroller.

Which was read and ordered spread on the minutes.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

Under this order of business, the following ordinance was introduced:

By Mr. Megrew:

App. O. No. 18, 1899. An ordinance appropriating the sum of one thousand dollars to the use of the Indianapolis Free Kindergarten and Children's Aid Society, designating the times and manner of payment, and fixing the time when the same shall take effect.

Whereas, The officers of the Indianapolis Free Kindergarten and Children's Aid Society, a non-sectarian educational and charitable organization which is supporting and managing in this city twenty-four kindergartens and schools in which more than five thousand little children are cared for, have, by their petition, asked for an appropriation to aid them in carrying on said work; and

Whereas, The City Comptroller, in a communication of this date, has recommended an appropriation to said society in the sum of one thousand dollars; therefore,

Section 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, That the sum of one thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any funds not otherwise appropriated, to the Indianapolis Free Kindergarten and Children's Aid Society of the said city, which sum shall be payable in monthly installments of eighty-three and one-third dollars per month, commencing with the 1st day of January, 1900. Said monthly installments shall be payable to the Treasurer of the said Indianapolis Free Kindergarten and Children's Aid Society, on the written order of the President and Secretary thereof. This appropriation is made upon condition that the said kindergartens and schools shall continue to be conducted in a strictly non-sectarian manner.

Sec. 2. This ordinance shall be in force from and after its passage.

Which was read a first time and referred to Committee on Finance.

INTRODUCTION OF GENERAL AND SPECIAL ORDINANCES.

Under this order of business, the following ordinances were introduced:

By Mr. Kelly:

G. O. No. 56, 1899. An ordinance to repeal certain ordinances designating the license fee to be paid the City of Indianapolis by distilleries and breweries and the depots or agencies in said city of breweries and distilleries.

Section 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, That the three ordinances hereinafter designated be repealed:

(1.) An ordinance, approved December 11, 1891, designating the license fee to be paid the City of Indianapolis by distilleries and brew-

eries, and all depots or agencies in said city of all breweries and distilleries, and all wholesale dealers in malt liquor, as provided for by the act of the General Assembly of Indiana, approved March 6, 1891.

(2.) An ordinance, approved December 8, 1893, designating the license fee to be paid to the City of Indianapolis by distilleries and breweries and the depots or agencies in said city of all breweries and distilleries; providing a penalty for the violation thereof; repealing conflicting ordinances; providing for the publication of the same; and fixing the time when the same shall take effect.

(3.) An ordinance, approved June 13, 1894, to amend the title and first three sections of an ordinance entitled "An ordinance designating the license fee to be paid to the City of Indianapolis by distilleries and breweries and the depots or agencies in said city of all breweries and distilleries and all wholesale dealers in malt liquors in said city; providing a penalty for the violation thereof; repealing conflicting ordinances; providing for the publication of the same, and fixing the time when the same shall take effect," passed by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis December 4, 1893, and approved by the Mayor of said city on the 8th day of December, 1893.

Sec. 2. This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its passage.

Which was read a first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Bernauer:

G. O. No. 57, 1899. An ordinance providing for the change of the name of Beaty street to South Noble street, and fixing the time when the same shall take effect.

Section 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, That the name of Beaty street, running from Stevens street to Buchanan street, being the second street east of South East street, be and shall hereafter be known as South Noble street.

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

Which was read a first time and referred to Committee on Sewers, Streets and Alleys.

By Mr. Negley (by request):

Sp. O. No. 1, 1899. An ordinance annexing certain territory to the City of Indianapolis, and fixing the time when the same shall take effect.

Section 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, That the boundary lines of the City of Indianapolis be and the same are hereby extended so as to include the following contiguous territory, known as the Town of Irvington, together with other territory, all of which is hereby annexed to and made part of the territory constituting and forming the City of Indianapolis, in Marion County, Indiana, and bounded as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at the intersection of the center line of East Michigan street with the east line of the right-of-way of the Belt railroad, said intersection being on the present corporation line of the City of Indianapolis; thence east with the center line of Michigan street to the point where it intersects the thread of the stream of Pleasant Run; thence north and east with the course of Pleasant Run to its intersection with the extension of Ritter avenue in the Town of Irvington; thence south

along Ritter avenue extended to the present corporation line of the Town of Irvington; thence east along said corporation line to the northeast corner of the west half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the southwest quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) of section two (2), township fifteen (15) north, range four (4) east; thence south along the line dividing west half of sections two (2) and eleven (11), township fifteen (15) north, range four (4) east, to the southeast corner of the west half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the northwest quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) of section eleven (11), township fifteen (15) north, range four (4) east; thence west on the south line of sections eleven (11) and ten (10), township fifteen (15) north, range four (4) east, to the east line of Ritter avenue in the Town of Irvington; thence south on said Ritter avenue to the center line of Brookville avenue, commonly known as the Brookville Road; thence northwesterly along the center line of Brookville avenue to center line of Emerson avenue in Town of Irvington; thence south along the center line of Emerson avenue to its intersection with the south line of lot thirty-eight (38) in Downey & Brouse's Addition to the Town of Irvington; thence west along and upon the south line of lots thirty-eight (38), thirty-seven (37), thirty-six (36), thirty-five (35) and thirty-four (34) in said Downey & Brouse's Addition, and said line extended to the east line of Worcester avenue; thence south on the east line of Worcester avenue to the south line of Huron avenue; thence west on the south line of Huron avenue to the west line of Temperance street; thence north on the west line of Temperance street to the north line of English avenue; thence east on the north line of English avenue to the center line of Worcester avenue; thence north on the center line of Worcester avenue to the south line of the right-of-way of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Indianapolis railroad; thence northwesterly and west along the said south line of the right-of-way of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Indianapolis railroad to its intersection with the east line of Denny street, as shown in the plat of Stratford; thence south with the east line of said Denny street to its intersection with the south line of English avenue; thence west with the south line of English avenue to the west line of the right-of-way of the Belt railroad; thence north on the west line of the right-of-way of the Belt railroad to its intersection with the present corporation line of the City of Indianapolis; thence northward along and upon the present corporation line of the said City of Indianapolis to the place of beginning.

Sec. 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and after publication for two consecutive weeks in the Indianapolis Sentinel, a daily newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana.

Which was read a first time and referred to Committee on Public Property and Improvements.

By Mr. Crall:

Sp. O. No. 2, 1899. An ordinance annexing certain territory to the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, 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 boundary lines of the City of Indianapolis be and the same are hereby extended so as to include the following described contiguous territory, all of which is hereby annexed to and made a part of the territory constituting and forming the City of Indianapolis, in Marion County and State of Indiana, to-wit:

Beginning on the east right-of-way line of the Indianapolis Union Railway and Stock Yards Company at the center of Walnut street;

thence east along the center line of Walnut street to the center line of Sherman Drive; thence south along the center of Sherman Drive to the center line of the first alley north of Michigan street; thence east along the center line and along the extension of the center line of the first alley north of Michigan street to the extension of the west corporation line of Irvington; thence in a southerly direction following the west corporation line of Irvington to the south line of the right-of-way of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Indianapolis Railway Company; thence in a westerly direction along the south line of the right-of-way of the said Cincinnati, Hamilton & Indianapolis Railway Company to the east line of the right-of-way of the Indianapolis Union Railway and Stock Yards Company; thence in a northerly direction along the east line of the said right-of-way of the said Indianapolis Union Railway and Stock Yards Company to the center of Walnut street, the place of beginning.

Sec. 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication for two consecutive weeks in the Indianapolis Sentinel, a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana.

Which was read a first time and referred to Committee on Public Property and Improvements.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The City Comptroller submitted the following bond of City Treasurer Armin C. Koehne:

Know all men by these presents, That we, Armin C. Koehne, as principal, and Armin C. Koehne, Garrett A. Stanton, Jeremiah Gray, Benjamin M. Morgan, William Schoppenhorst, Joseph B. Kealing, J. L. Keach, Henry C. Adams, Frederick J. Meyer, William N. Gates, A. H. Nordyke, Anthony Harmon, John W. Holtzman, J. E. Christian, E. W. Tompkins, Martin M. Hugg, Amos F. Shover, A. Hagen, C. F. H. Waterman, Kasper Hess, W. O. Patterson, Alfred R. Hovey, W. N. Harding, Anton Wiese, William J. Schleicher, William Wiegel, H. Louis Sielken, John H. Furnas, Theodore Sander and Conrad Limbach, as sureties, are held and firmly bound unto the State of Indiana, for the use and benefit of the City of Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana, in the penal sum of six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000), to the payment of which, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

Sealed with our seals and dated this 18th day of December, 1899.

The condition of the above obligation is as follows:

Whereas, The above-named and bounden Armin C. Koehne was, at the general election held within and for the County of Marion and State of Indiana, on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, in the year 1898, duly elected as the County Treasurer of the said County of Marion, for two years from the first day of January, 1900, and until his successor should be elected and qualified; and

Whereas, By virtue of an act of the Legislature, entitled "An act concerning taxation for city and school purposes in cities containing a population of over 70,000 as shown by the last census of the United States, to abolish the offices of City Assessor and City Treasurer in said cities, and provide for the discharge of the duties of said offices, and repealing all laws in conflict therewith," approved February 21, 1885; and

also by virtue of an act of the Legislature entitled "An act concerning the incorporation and government of cities having more than one hundred thousand population according to the last preceding United States census, and matters connected therewith, and declaring an emergency," approved March 6, 1891, said Armin C. Koehne, as such County Treasurer, shall collect, disburse and account for municipal taxes of the City of Indianapolis, and discharge certain other duties heretofore discharged by the Treasurer of said city:

Now, If the said Armin C. Koehne shall pay over all moneys which, by virtue of said laws and the ordinances of said city, may come into his hands for municipal purposes and so honestly and faithfully discharge all the duties of his office so far they relate to or affect said city, and shall safely keep and properly account for and pay over to the proper persons or authority all moneys or property of the said city other than moneys collected for school purposes of the said city, and shall well and truly discharge all the duties of his office according to law, then the above obligation shall cease and become null and void; otherwise to remain in full force and effect in law.

It is understood, That the above obligation shall not be impaired, nor the said Armin C. Koehne nor his sureties thereon be in any manner released from this obligation by any modification, change or repeal of the Legislature of the State of Indiana, during the continuance of the said Armin C. Koehne as Treasurer.

ARMIN C. KOEHNE.	[Seal.]	MARTIN M. HUGG.	[Seal.]
GARRETT A. STANTON.	[Seal.]	AMOS F. SHOVER	[Seal.]
JEREMIAH GRAY.	[Seal.]	A. HAGEN.	[Seal.]
BENJAMIN M. MORGAN.	[Seal.]	C. F. H. WATERMAN.	[Seal.]
WM. SCHOPPENHORST.	[Seal.]	KASPER HESS.	[Seal.]
JOSEPH B. KEALING.	[Seal.]	W. O. PATTERSON.	[Seal.]
J. L. KEACH.	[Seal.]	ALFRED R. HOVEY.	[Seal.]
HENRY C. ADAMS.	[Seal.]	CONRAD LIMBACH.	[Seal.]
FREDERICK J. MEYER.	[Seal.]	ANTON WIESE.	[Seal.]
WILLIAM N. GATES.	[Seal.]	WILLIAM J. SCHLEICHER.	[Seal.]
A. H. NORDYKE.	[Seal.]	WM. WIEGEL.	[Seal.]
ANTHONY HARMON.	[Seal.]	H. LOUIS SIELKEN.	[Seal.]
JOHN W. HOLTZMAN.	[Seal.]	JOHN H. FURNAS.	[Seal.]
J. E. CHRISTIAN.	[Seal.]	TH. SANDER.	[Seal.]
E. W. TOMPKINS.	[Seal.]		

STATE OF INDIANA, COUNTY OF MARION, ss:

Before me, the undersigned, a notary public in and for said County and State, this 18th day of December, 1899, personally appeared Armin C. Koehne, as principal, and Armin C. Koehne, Garrett A. Stanton, Jeremiah Gray, Benjamin M. Morgan, William Schoppenhorst, Joseph B. Kealing, J. L. Keach, Henry C. Adams, Frederick J. Meyer, William N. Gates, A. H. Nordyke, Anthony Harmon, John W. Holtzman, J. E. Christian, E. W. Tompkins, Martin M. Hugg, Amos F. Shover, A. Hagen, C. F. H. Waterman, Kasper Hess, W. O. Patterson, Alfred R. Hovey, W. N. Harding, Anton Wiese, William J. Schleicher, William Wiegel, H. Louis Sielken, John H. Furnas, Theodore Sander and Conrad Limbach, as sureties, and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing bond.

Witness my hand and notarial seal this 18th day of December, 1899.

JOHN J. APPEL,
Notary Public.

My Commission Expires December 7, 1903.

Mr. Megrew moved that the bond of City Treasurer Armin C. Koehne be approved.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Horan offered and moved the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolution No. 17, 1899—

Whereas, General Ordinance No. 55, providing for revising and re-fixing the rates and prices to be charged and received in the City of Indianapolis for natural gas fuel, was introduced in this body on the 6th day of November, 1899, and referred to the Committee on Contracts and Franchises; and

Whereas, Said committee has had said ordinance under consideration for six weeks, a sufficient time for any reasonable investigation of the questions involved; and

Whereas, Winter is now here, gas bills for the ensuing quarter will soon be presented, and the people of the city are being and will be compelled to pay full rates for natural gas which they do not receive, which is manifestly unfair and unjust; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, That the Committee on Contracts and Franchises be and is hereby ordered and directed to report back said General Ordinance No. 55 to this Council at its next meeting, with or without recommendation.

That when this Council adjourns, it adjourn to meet in special session on Tuesday evening, December 26th, at 8 o'clock, and that said General Ordinance No. 55 be made a special order for said meeting.

Which was read and failed of adoption by the following vote :

AYES 10—viz.: Messrs. Bernauer, Dickson, Higgins, Horan, Kelly, Knight, Moriarity, McGrew, Perrott and Reilly.

NOES 11—viz.: Messrs. Billingsley, Daller, Evans, Kaiser, Keller, Megrew, Munro, Negley, Spiegel, Wheeler and President Crall.

Mr. Negley offered the following resolution :

Resolution No. 18, 1899—

Whereas, The Committee on Contracts and Franchises of this body has had General Ordinance No. 55, 1899, under consideration since its introduction; and

Whereas, The issues involved in said ordinance are of great importance to the City of Indianapolis, and said committee has been informed that Thomas Taggart, Mayor, and John W. Kern, City Attorney, have information at command that would be of benefit to said committee in its investigation of said ordinance, and have so far failed to impart the same to said committee; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, That the best interests of our city can only be subserved by our Mayor and City Attorney laying before said committee any and all information which they may have relating to the matters involved in said ordinance.

Which was read and, on motion of Mr. Daller, adopted by the following vote :

AYES 17—viz.: Messrs. Bernauer, Billingsley, Daller, Dickson, Evans, Horan, Kaiser, Keller, Kelly, Megrew, Munro, Negley, Perrott, Reilly, Spiegel, Wheeler and President Crall.

NOES 4—viz.: Messrs. Higgins, Knight, Moriarity and McGrew.

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

Geo. H. Crall,

President.

ATTEST :

John F. Eschler-----
City Clerk.