

## REGULAR MEETING.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,  
August 20, 1900. }

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, August 20, 1900, at 8 o'clock, in regular meeting.

Present, Hon. John H. Crall, President of the Common Council, in the chair, and 18 members, viz.: Messrs. Bernauer, Billingsley, Daller, Dickson, Evans, Higgins, Horan, Kaiser, Keller, Kelly, Knight, Megrew, Moriarity, Munro, McGrew, Negley, Perrott and Spiegel.

Absent 2, viz.:—Messrs. Reilly and Wheeler.

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

Which motion prevailed.

## - REPORTS FROM OFFICIAL BOARDS.

Communication from Board of Public Health and Charities:

CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND CHARITIES, }  
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., August 20, 1900. }

*Mr. E. M. Johnson, City Comptroller:*

Dear Sir—Our fund for cutting weeds being exhausted and a great many weeds still remaining to be cut, we respectfully ask that the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300) be appropriated for this fund. This money must be appropriated at once if it is available for cutting weeds

this year. All of this money is returned to the city in the way of taxes against the lots, so that there is no actual expense to the city.

Very respectfully,

E. D. CLARK,  
*Secretary.*

I respectfully recommend that the above appropriation be made.

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. JOHNSON,  
*City Comptroller.*

Which was read and referred to Committee on Finance.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Megrew, on behalf of the Committee on Finance, to which was referred:

G. O. No. 32, 1900. An ordinance authorizing the City Comptroller to make a temporary loan or loans in anticipation of the revenue for the current year.

Made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., August 20, 1900.

*Mr. President:*

The Finance Committee to whom was referred G. O. No. 32, 1900, report as follows:

The statement furnished your Committee by the City Comptroller shows

Balance in treasury August 18th to credit of General Fund,	\$86,238.39
Estimated receipts for remainder of August.....	14,039.54

Total available September 1st .....	\$100,277.93
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ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES.

Board of Public Works.....	\$29,354.59
Finance Department .....	1,467.58
Board of Public Safety .....	27,476.42
Board of Public Health and Charities.....	3,035.22
Board of Park Commissioners .....	5,939.99

Total .....	\$67,273.80
Water Bill, due July 1st .....	22,138.14
Possible demand for Meridian street bridge .....	27,500.00

Grand total.....	\$116,911.94
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Deficit .....	\$16,634.01
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In view of the fact that the City Attorney has given an opinion to the effect that the money sometimes alluded to as Bridge Funds is nothing more nor less than money in the General Fund, we deem it unwise to

authorize a temporary loan, paying interest thereon until money is actually needed; when that time arrives we will make such recommendations as the then situation seems to require.

Therefore, your committee recommends that the ordinance do pass as amended, by striking out the words "one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars" (\$125,000.00) and inserting therein the words "sixteen thousand six hundred and thirty-four dollars and one cent (\$16,634.01).

HAROLD C. MEGREW.

GEO. H. EVANS.

A. DALLER.

J. W. MCGREW.

C. M. DICKSON.

Which was read and concurred in.

#### APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

Under this order of business the following ordinance was introduced:

By Mr. Megrew:

App. O. No. 11. 1900. An ordinance appropriating the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300) for the use of the Department of Public Health and Charities of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, 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 there be and is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the treasury of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300) for the use of the Department of Public Health and Charities to be expended for cutting weeds.

Sec. 2. This ordinance shall be in force and effect 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. McGrew:

G. O. No. 36, 1900. An ordinance requiring corporations, companies, firms and individuals furnishing gas under the provisions of G. O. No. 14, 1887, to pay into the city treasury annually a tax of two (2) cents per foot on their gas mains laid or maintained within the limits of the City

of Indianapolis, Indiana; providing a penalty for violation thereof; providing for publication, and fixing the time for its taking effect.

Section 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, that hereafter any corporation, company, firm or individual furnishing natural gas for heating or illuminating purposes, under the provisions of G. O. No. 14, 1887, shall pay into the treasury of the City of Indianapolis, annually, on or before the first Monday in November of each year, beginning with the present year, the sum of two (2) cents per foot on each and every lineal foot of gas mains laid and maintained in the streets, alleys, avenues, lanes and public grounds in the said City of Indianapolis, exclusive of service connections. Such payment of tax shall be computed upon the actual number of lineal feet of gas mains theretofore laid and maintained, or maintained by any such corporation, company, firm or individual on the first day of October of the year in which the tax is to be paid, and on or before the first day of November of each year, beginning with the year 1900, such corporation, company, firm or individual as aforesaid, shall prepare and file in the office of the City Comptroller of the City of Indianapolis, a map or plat showing the location and extent of all gas mains already laid or maintained by such corporation, company, firm or individual on the first day of October of such year, together with an affidavit that such map or plat is correct, which affidavit shall also state the total number of lineal feet already laid or maintained on such first day of October of such year. Such amount, however, shall not be conclusive on the city, and the tax so to be paid shall be computed on the actual total amount of such gas mains, and the acceptance by the city of the tax as computed on any such affidavit or statement so filed or on any other than the correct amount, shall not preclude the city from being entitled to and collecting the balance of the tax on the gas mains over and above the amounts so computed and collected.

Sec. 2. Any corporation, company, firm or individual violating any provision of the ordinance shall, on conviction, be fined in any sum not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500), and each failure to comply with any provision herein shall be a separate offense, and successive actions may be maintained for each separate day's violation.

Sec. 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication once each week for two consecutive weeks in the Sentinel, a daily newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in said City of Indianapolis, Indiana.

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

By Mr. Horan:

G. O. No. 37, 1900. An ordinance changing the name of Thompson street in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, to that of Traub avenue.

Section 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, That the name of that street in said city now and heretofore known as Thompson street be and the same is hereby changed to that of Traub avenue, which shall hereafter be the name of such 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.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Mr. Negley offered the following resolution :

Resolution No. 11, 1900.—

Whereas, It is reported by officers of the Fire Department of the City of Indianapolis, and various other persons, that said Fire Department is in urgent need of repairs and new equipment, which, if made in the manner and form recommended by said officers, will entail the expenditure of a sum of money aggregating about one hundred thousand dollars, and which sum the city would be compelled to borrow; and,

Whereas, There is a difference of opinion as to the needs of said Fire Department, both as to kind of repairs and new equipment needed, and the necessary cost of the same; therefore,

Be it resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, That the Standing Committee on Public Safety and Comfort, of this body, be, and it is hereby directed to investigate and examine into the condition of said Fire Department, both as to the condition of present equipment and the necessity for new houses and apparatus, and when such examination has been made, said committee shall make due report of its findings and such recommendations as it may see fit, to this Common Council; and,

Be it further resolved, That said committee shall first make such examination as it may be able to make with the assistance of the officers of said Fire Department, and if, upon the completion of such examination and report, it shall be the opinion of the majority of said committee that such examination has not been sufficient and cannot be made sufficiently thorough without the aid of a disinterested expert, then said committee shall also make report of its findings in that respect, with such recommendations as it may deem best, and the same shall be thereupon taken up and acted upon by this Common Council, and the work of said committee in that behalf concluded or continued as the Council may direct.

Mr. Billingsley moved to amend Resolution No. 11, 1900, by striking out in lines 12 and 13 the words "that the Standing Committee on Public Safety and Comfort, of this body, be, and it is hereby directed," and that the words "that a special committee of seven members of this Council be appointed to act in conjunction with the representatives of the fire insurance agencies, and that the same is hereby directed" be inserted in lieu thereof.

Mr. Bernauer moved to lay Mr. Billingsley's motion on the table.

Which motion was lost by the following vote:

AYES 6—viz.: Messrs. Bernauer, Dickson, Horan, Kelly, McGrew and Perrott.

NOES 13—viz.: Messrs. Billingsley, Daller, Evans, Higgins, Kaiser, Keller, Knight, Megrew, Moriarity, Munro, Negley, Spiegel and President Crall.

Mr. Perrott moved as an amendment to the amendment that the President of the Council act as chairman of the committee.

Which amendment was adopted.

Whereupon Mr. Billingsley's amendment, as amended, was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Negley, Resolution No. 11, 1900, was then adopted, as amended, by the following vote:

AYES 19—viz.: Messrs. Bernauer, Billingsley, Daller, Dickson, Evans, Higgins, Horan, Kaiser, Keller, Kelly, Knight, Megrew, Moriarity, Munro, McGrew, Negley, Perrott, Spiegel and President Crall.

NOES—None.

The following invitation was read:

CITY OF FORT WAYNE, INDIANA, }  
August, 1900. }

The Union Veteran Legion and the citizens of Fort Wayne, request the honor of the presence of His Honor the Mayor, the members of the City Council and the Officers of the Municipal Government of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, at the Sixteenth National Encampment of the Union Veteran Legion of the United States, to be held at Fort Wayne, Indiana, September eleventh to fourteenth, nineteen hundred.

HENRY P. SCHERER, <i>Mayor of Fort Wayne.</i>	R. B. HANNA, <i>Chairman Citizens' Com.</i>
P. A. RANDALL, <i>Pres't Commercial Club.</i>	HARRY M. WILLIAMS, <i>Chairman Invitations Com.</i>
H. C. ZOLLINGER, <i>Nat'l Jun. Vice-Com'd'r.</i>	ALLEN H. DOUGALL, <i>Corresponding Secretary.</i>

And, on motion of Mr. Daller, accepted.

Mr. Bernauer moved that the following entitled ordinance be called from the Committee on Finance:

G. O. No. 33, 1900. An ordinance concerning the regulation of the business of selling malt liquors in greater quantities than five gallons, and fixing the annual license fee to be paid by persons engaged in such business in the City of Indianapolis and within four miles from the corporate limits thereof; providing a penalty for the violation thereof, and fixing the time when the same shall take effect.

Which motion was lost by the following vote:

AYES 9—viz.: Messrs. Bernauer, Dickson, Higgins, Horan, Kelly, Knight, Moriarity, McGrew and Perrott.

NOES 10—viz.: Messrs. Billingsley, Daller, Evans, Kaiser, Keller, Megrew, Munro, Negley, Spiegel and President Crall.

Mr. Higgins moved that the Committee on Finance be directed to report on G. O. No. 33, 1900, at the next regular meeting of Council.

Which motion was lost by the following vote:

AYES 9—viz.: Messrs. Bernauer, Dickson, Higgins, Horan, Kelly, Knight, Moriarity, McGrew and Perrott.

NOES 10—viz.: Messrs. Billingsley, Daller, Evans, Kaiser, Keller, Megrew, Munro, Negley, Spiegel and President Crall.

The President being requested by Mr. Higgins to appoint the special committee of seven to investigate and examine the condition of the Fire Department (in compliance with Resolution No. 11, 1900), the Chair announced that he would not appoint said committee until after the Mayor had approved and signed the resolution.

Mr. Moriarity moved that the President appoint the special committee before adjournment of Council.

Which motion was lost by the following vote:

AYES 9—viz.: Messrs. Bernauer, Dickson, Higgins, Horan, Kelly, Knight, Moriarity, McGrew and Perrott.

NOES 10—viz.: Messrs. Billingsley, Daller, Evans, Kaiser, Keller, Megrew, Munro, Negley, Spiegel and President Crall.

#### ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Keller, the following entitled ordinance was taken up and read a second time:

G. O. No. 31, 1900. An ordinance to promote public safety by compelling the maintenance of lights at night in basements and hallways of hotels, flats and apartment houses in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana; prescribing penalties for the violation thereof, and fixing a time when the same shall take effect.

On motion of Mr. Bernauer, G. O. No. 31, 1900, was ordered engrossed, read a third time, and passed by the following vote:

AYES 18—viz.: Messrs. Bernauer, Billingsley, Daller, Dickson, Evans, Horan, Kaiser, Keller, Kelly, Knight, Megrew, Moriarity, Munro, McGrew, Negley, Perrott, Spiegel and President Crall.

NOES 1—viz.: Mr. Higgins.

On motion of Mr. Megrew, the following entitled ordinance was taken up and read a second time:

G. O. No. 32, 1900. An ordinance authorizing the City Comptroller to make a temporary loan or loans in anticipation of the revenue for the current year.

Mr. Evans moved that the amendment to G. O. No. 32, 1900, as recommended by the Committee on Finance, be adopted.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Megrew, G. O. No. 32, 1900, was then ordered engrossed, as amended, read a third time, and passed by the following vote:

AYES 12—viz.: Messrs. Billingsley, Daller, Dickson, Evans, Kaiser, Keller, Megrew, Munro, McGrew, Negley, Spiegel and President Crall.

NOES 6—viz.: Messrs. Bernauer, Horan, Kelley, Knight, Moriarity and Perrott.

Before the vote was announced, Mr. Dickson changed his vote from the affirmative to the negative.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

It being the unanimous desire of Council that President Crall appoint the special committee to investigate and examine into the condition of the Fire Department (in compliance with Resolution No. 11, 1900), the President appointed the following named members to constitute said committee: Messrs. Crall, Billingsley, Keller, Spiegel, Negley, Knight and Kelly.

On motion of Mr. Bernauer, the Common Council, at 8:50 o'clock P. M., adjourned.

*Geo. H. Crall*  
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 President.

ATTEST:

*John F. Geckler*  
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 City Clerk.