

REGULAR MEETING.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,
November 5, 1900. }

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, November 5, 1900, at 8 o'clock, in regular meeting.

Present, Hon. John H. Crall, President of the Common Council, in the chair, and 15 members, viz.: Messrs. Daller, Dickson, Evans, Horan, Kaiser, Keller, Kelly, Knight, Megrew, Munro, Negley, Perrott, Reilly, Spiegel and Wheeler.

Absent 5, viz.: Messrs. Bernauer, Billingsley, Higgins, Moriarity and McGrew.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal, whereupon Councilman Daller 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., October 22, 1900.

To the President and Members of the Common Council:

I return herewith, with my approval, Res. No. 14, 1900, entitled: "Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to investigate the conditions and needs of the City Hospital."

Respectfully submitted,

T. TAGGART,
Mayor.

Which was read and ordered spread on the minutes.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

Communication from City Comptroller:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
OFFICE OF THE CITY COMPTROLLER,
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., November 5, 1900.

To the President and Members of the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN—I send you herewith, with my approval, an ordinance appropriating the sum of three hundred and forty-nine dollars and fifty cents, to pay certain claims made under and by virtue of an act of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, entitled: "An Act to better regulate and restrict the sale of intoxicating liquors," etc., approved March 11, 1895, the said claims being in conformity with Section 8 of said Act.

Respectfully yours,

E. M. JOHNSON,
City Comptroller.

Which was read and referred to Committee on Finance.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Spiegel, on behalf of the Committee on Public Morals, to which was referred:

G. O. No. 47, 1900. An ordinance to prohibit idling, loitering or sleeping in public places in the City of Indianapolis.

Made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., November 5, 1900.

Mr. President:

Your committee to whom was referred G. O. No. 47, 1900, recommend that the same do pass.

HENRY L. SPIEGEL,
HAROLD C. MEGREW.

Which was read and concurred in.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

Under this order of business the following ordinance was introduced:

By Mr. Megrew:

App. O. No. 16, 1900. An ordinance appropriating the sum of three hundred and forty-nine dollars and fifty cents (\$349.50) to the Depart-

ment of Finance of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, with which to pay certain claims made by virtue of Section 8 of an Act of the General Assembly, entitled: "An Act to better regulate and restrict the sale of intoxicating liquors," etc., approved March 11, 1895, 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 sum of three hundred and forty-nine dollars and fifty cents (\$349.50) be and the same is hereby appropriated to the Department of Finance of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, to pay the following claims made under and by virtue of Section 8 of an Act of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, entitled: "An Act to better regulate and restrict the sale of intoxicating liquors," etc., approved March 11, 1895:

Percy H. Rozier, administrator of the estate of George H. Rozier, deceased, the sum of one hundred and eighteen dollars (\$118).

Julia Lucid, administratrix of the estate of Michael Lucid, deceased, two hundred and thirty-one dollars and fifty cents (\$231.50).

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 Finance.

INTRODUCTION OF GENERAL AND SPECIAL ORDINANCES.

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

By Mr. Negley:

G. O. No. 50, 1900. An ordinance regulating and prescribing the manner of crossing steam railroads by street cars in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, and prescribing the duties of conductors, motormen, gripmen and engineers in charge of such cars while about to and in the act of crossing such steam railroads with such cars. And providing penalties for the violation thereof, 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 it shall be unlawful for any conductor in charge of any street car using the streets of said city for the purpose of carrying passengers or freight to permit such car to cross or enter upon the track or tracks of any steam railroad in said city until such conductor shall have first fully crossed on foot to the opposite side of the farthest track of said steam railroad from his said car. And it shall be unlawful for any motorman, gripman or engineer in charge of any such car to bring his said car into or upon the track or tracks of any such steam railroad until the conductor in charge of such car shall have first crossed on foot to the opposite side of the farthest track of said steam railroad from said car, and shall from said point have signalled such motorman, gripman or engineer to proceed with his said car.

SEC. 2. Any person or persons violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined in any sum not less than five dollars (\$5.00) nor more than fifty dollars (\$50.00), to which may be added imprisonment for not more than thirty (30) days.

SEC. 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication once each week for two consecutive weeks in

the Indianapolis Daily 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 Safety and Comfort.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following communication was read:

LEAGUE OF AMERICAN MUNICIPALITIES.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,

111 Nassau Street, New York City.

NEW YORK, October 11, 1900.

To the Honorable Mayor, Thomas Taggart, Indianapolis, Ind.:

DEAR SIR—Everything indicates a very large and interesting convention at Charleston this year of the League. The program will be large and varied, and a long list of subjects will be discussed. A number of well-known city officials have already accepted invitations to be present and prepare papers. We should be pleased to have your municipality represented upon this program upon any subject that you think would be of interest to the delegates and the city officials generally.

Please consider this an invitation for you or any of the officials in your city to participate in the proceedings, and let me know if any papers will be prepared, and upon what subject, in order that the same may be added to the program.

We beg to enclose to you herewith a bill showing that your city is indebted to the League in the sum of \$50, which we trust you will place in the way of payment at an early a date as possible.

It is the desire of the Executive Committee to have all the arrearages paid before the time of the convention. As you well know, there is considerable expense in preparing programs, advertising and incidentals, which obligations we must meet, consequently we will consider it a great favor if you will endeavor to have our bill paid promptly.

Yours very respectfully,

B. F. GILKISON,
Secretary.

And, on motion of Mr. Knight, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Negley offered the following resolution:

Resolution No. 15, 1900.—

WHEREAS, It has been openly charged in the public press of the City of Indianapolis, and by various citizens of said city, that certain members of this Common Council have been guilty of soliciting and accepting bribes for the purpose of influencing their action and votes on pending measures; and,

WHEREAS, The grand jury of Marion County is now engaged in an investigation of said charges, and, having made no report, is presumed to be still engaged in said investigation; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this body, having a due regard for the ends of justice and a desire to in no wise interfere with the investigation of said grand

jury by a premature expose of its evidence, does now hold itself in readiness to at once take up and investigate any and all such charges as soon as said grand jury has made its report; and, be it further

Resolved, That a failure on the part of said grand jury to return an indictment against any person shall in no wise be considered as of any effect on the future actions of this body in that behalf.

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

AYES—15, viz.: Messrs. Daller, Evans, Horan, Kaiser, Keller, Kelly, Knight, Megrew, Munro, Negley, Perrott, Reilly, Spiegel, Wheeler and President Crall.

NOES—1, viz.: Mr. Dickson.

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

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

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

G. O. No. 47, 1900. An ordinance to prohibit idling, loitering or sleeping in public places in the City of Indianapolis.

Mr. Higgins, absent at roll-call, arrived.

On motion of Mr. Kelly, G. O. No. 47, 1900, was then ordered engrossed, read a third time, and passed by the following vote:

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

NOES—None.

On motion of Mr. Megrew, the Common Council, at 8:20 o'clock P. M., adjourned.

Geo. N. Crall

President.

ATTEST:

John F. Eschler City Clerk.