

REGULAR MEETING.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,
August 19, 1901. }

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, August 19, 1901, at 8 o'clock, in regular meeting.

Present, Hon. John H. Crall, President of the Common Council, in the chair, and 19 members, viz.: Messrs. Bernauer, Billingsley, Daller, Dickson, Evans, Horan, Kaiser, Keller, Kelly, Knight, Megrew, Moriarity, Munro, McGrew, Negley, Perrott, Spiegel, Wheeler and Wolsiffer.

Absent 1, viz.: Mr. Reilly.

On motion of Mr. Bernauer, Council took a recess of ten minutes.

The Council re-convened at 8:30 o'clock P. M.

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., August 16, 1901.

To the President and Members of the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN—Herewith, I return to you App. O. No. eleven (11), 1901, the same being an ordinance appropriating \$200.68 to the Department

of Finance to pay rebate on Herman Brandes' liquor license, bearing my signature and approval.

Respectfully
T. TAGGART,
Mayor.

Which was read and ordered spread on the minutes.

His Honor, the Mayor, presented the following communication:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., August 19, 1901.

To the President and Members of the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN—I herewith return to you G. O. No. one (1) and thirty-nine (39), bearing my signature and approval.

Respectfully,
T. TAGGART,
Mayor.

Which was read and ordered spread on the minutes.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

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

G. O. No. 42, 1901. An ordinance transferring certain funds from certain funds heretofore appropriated to and for the use of the Department of Public Safety of the City of Indianapolis and fixing the time when the same shall take effect.

Made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., August 19, 1901.

Mr. President:

The Committee on Finance, having considered G. O. No. 42, 1901, report the same amended as follows:

In line 9, section 1, strike out the figures "\$2,500.00," and insert in lieu thereof "one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)."

In line 13, section 1, strike out the figures "\$1,000.00," and insert in lieu thereof "five hundred dollars (\$500.00)," and when so amended, recommend that the ordinance do pass.

HAROLD C. MEGREW,
W. H. WHEELER.
J. W. MCGREW.
GEO. H. EVANS.
A. DALLER.
C. M. DICKSON.
WM. KAISER.

Which was read and concurred in.

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

App. O. No. 12, 1901. An ordinance appropriating the sum of fifteen thousand dollars to and for the use of the Department of Public Safety of the City of Indianapolis, and fixing the time when the same shall take effect.

Made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., August 19, 1901.

Mr. President:

The Committee on Finance, having considered App. O. No. 12, 1901, report the same amended as follows:

In line 5, section 1, strike out the figures "\$9,350.00," and insert in lieu thereof "six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00)," and when so amended, recommend that the same do pass.

HAROLD C. MEGREW.
W. H. WHEELER.
J. W. MCGREW.
A. DALLER.
GEO. H. EVANS.
C. M. DICKSON.
WM. KAISER.

Which was read and concurred in.

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

G. O. No. 47, 1901. An ordinance authorizing the City Comptroller of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, to make temporary loans in anticipation of revenue for the current year, and fixing a time when the same shall take effect.

Made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., August 19, 1901.

Mr. President:

The Committee on Finance, having considered G. O. No. 47, 1901, recommend that the same do pass.

HAROLD C. MEGREW.
W. H. WHEELER.
J. W. MCGREW.
GEO. H. EVANS.
A. DALLER.
C. M. DICKSON.
WM. KAISER.

Which was read and concurred in.

Mr. Keller, on behalf of a majority of the Committee on Ordinances, to which was referred:

Sp. O. No. 1, 1901. An ordinance annexing certain territory to the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, providing for the publication thereof, and fixing a time when the same shall take effect.

Made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., August 19, 1901.

Mr. President:

We, your Committee on Ordinances, to whom was referred Sp. O. No. 1, 1901, have carefully considered the same, and we beg leave to recommend that said special ordinance be amended as follows: Strike out all that part of Section 1 in said special ordinance following the word "street," in the eighteenth line, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Thence continuing south on an extension of the center line of the first alley east of Linnwood avenue, to the north line

of the right-of-way of the Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railway Company; thence in a westerly direction with the north line of said Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railway Company's right-of-way, to the east line of the right-of-way of the Belt Railroad and Stock Yards Company; and thence in a northerly direction with the east line of the right-of-way of the Belt Railroad and Stock Yards Company, to the center line of Walnut street, the place of beginning."

And when said Special Ordinance No. 1 is so amended, we recommend that the same do pass.

CONRAD KELLER.
W. H. WHEELER.

Which was read.

Mr. Perrott, on behalf of a minority of the Committee on Ordinances, to which was referred Sp. O. No. 1, 1901, made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., August 19, 1901.

Mr. President:

Your minority member of the Committee on Ordinances, to which was referred Sp. O. No. 1, 1901, which contemplates the annexation of territory known as Tuxedo, has not changed his mind or the stand which he had taken regarding this annexation when the same was up before this body for consideration in March, 1900.

The question is not merely one of accommodating the people of Tuxedo, in which I would be glad to concur, but one of serious importance to the city. The minority does not believe that the Council is justified in annexing large tracts of territory, containing very little population, when it finds that the necessary expenses of the city government in such territory will be largely in excess of any possible revenue from it.

The assessed valuation of the territory sought to be annexed is about \$150,000, which would yield an annual revenue of \$1,095 at the present rate of taxation, which would not be available until May, 1903.

A conservative estimate of the annual expenditures would be as follows:

Twenty electric lights.....	\$1,700	
Water rent	1,000	
Firemen	2,600	
Police	2,000	
Street and bridge repairs.....	2,000	
		\$9,300
Total annual expenditures		\$9,300
Fire engine house	\$3,000	
Fire apparatus	2,000	
		\$5,000
Total		\$14,300

Therefore, no comment is necessary to demonstrate it is a bad business proposition for the city to pay out of the treasury \$13,205 to bring territory in that is so far from being self-supporting.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL V. PERROTT.

Which was read.

Mr. Negley moved that the majority report be concurred in.

Mr. Perrott moved that the minority report be substituted for the majority report.

Mr. Billingsley moved that Mr. Perrott's motion be laid on the table.

Which motion was lost by the following vote:

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

NOES—10, viz.: Messrs. Bernauer, Daller, Dickson, Horan, Kelly, Knight, Moriarity, McGrew, Perrott and Wolsiffer.

Whereupon Mr. Perrott's motion, that minority report be substituted for majority report, was lost by the following vote:

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

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

The question now being on Mr. Negley's motion, that majority report be concurred in.

Which motion was lost by the following vote:

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

NOES—10, viz.: Messrs. Bernauer, Daller, Dickson, Horan, Kelly, Knight, Moriarity, McGrew, Perrott and Wolsiffer.

INTRODUCTION OF GENERAL AND SPECIAL ORDINANCES.

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

By Mr. Knight:

G. O. No. 50, 1901. An ordinance fixing the boundaries of the Fifteenth Precinct of the Fifth Ward in 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 all of that part of the City of Indianapolis bounded as follows: Commencing at the center line of Washington street, at the intersection of the center line of Belmont avenue, running thence west along the center line of Washington street to the center line of Tibbs avenue; thence north along the center line of Tibbs avenue to the center line of Vermont street; thence east along the center line of Vermont street to the center line of Warmon avenue; thence north along the center line of Warmon avenue to the center line of Michigan street; thence east along the center line of Michigan street to the center line of Belmont avenue; thence south along the center line

of Belmont avenue to the place of beginning, shall be and constitute the Fifteenth Precinct of the Fifth Ward of the said City of Indianapolis.

SEC. 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage, and the City Clerk is hereby directed to publish said ordinance for two (2) consecutive weeks in the *Indianapolis Sentinel*, a daily newspaper of general circulation, published in said city.

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

By Mr. McGrew:

G. O. No. 51, 1901. 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.

Mr. Daller moved that G. O. No. 51, 1901, be referred to Committee on Finance.

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

Which motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

NOES—9, viz.: Messrs. Bernauer, Daller, Dickson, Horan, Kelly, Moriarity, McGrew, Perrott and Wolsiffer.

Whereupon President Crall referred G. O. No 51, 1901, to the Committee on Contracts and Franchises.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following communication was read:

HEADQUARTERS OF FIRE FORCE,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., August 19, 1901.

To the President and Members of the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN—The Committee on Arrangements of the Fire Chiefs' Convention hereby extends to your honorable body an invitation to attend the sessions of the International Convention of Fire Chiefs, which meets in this city August 27-30, 1901, and to witness the tests of various apparatus to be on exhibition.

Respectfully yours,

THOMAS F. BARRETT,
Chief Fire Engineer.

On motion of Mr. Billingsley the invitation was accepted.

Council having reached the order of "Unfinished Business," Mr. Megrew moved that Council return to the order of

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

Which motion prevailed.

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

App. O. No. 12, 1901. An ordinance appropriating the sum of fifteen thousand dollars to and for the use of the Department of Public Safety of the City of Indianapolis, and fixing the time when the same shall take effect.

Mr. Megrew moved that the amendment to App. O. No. 12, 1901, as recommended by the Committee on Finance, be adopted.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Evans offered the following amendment to App. O. No. 12' 1901:

Mr. President:

I move that the title of App. O. No. 12, 1901, be amended by striking out the words "fifteen thousand dollars" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "eleven thousand six hundred and fifty dollars."

GEO. H. EVANS.

Which amendment was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Megrew, App. O. No. 12, 1901, was then ordered engrossed, as amended, read a third time, and passed by the following vote:

AYES—20, viz.: Messrs. Bernauer, Billingsley, Daller, Dickson, Evans, Horan, Kaiser, Keller, Kelly, Knight, Megrew, Moriarity, Munro, McGrew, Negley, Perrott, Spiegel, Wheeler, Wolsiffer and President Crall.

NOES—None.

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

G. O. No. 42, 1901. An ordinance transferring certain funds from certain funds heretofore appropriated to and for the use of the Department of Public Safety of the City of Indianapolis, and fixing the time when the same shall take effect.

Mr. Megrew moved that the amendment to G. O. No. 42, 1901, as recommended by the Committee on Finance, be adopted.

Which motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Megrew, G. O. No. 42, 1901, was then ordered engrossed, as amended, read a third time, and passed by the following vote:

AYES—20, viz.: Messrs. Bernauer, Billingsley, Daller, Dickson, Evans, Horan, Kaiser, Keller, Kelly, Knight, Megrew, Moriarity, Munro, McGrew, Negley, Perrott, Spiegel, Wheeler, Wolsiffer and President Crall.

NOES—None.

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

G. O. No. 47, 1901. An ordinance authorizing the City Comptroller of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, to make temporary loans in antici-

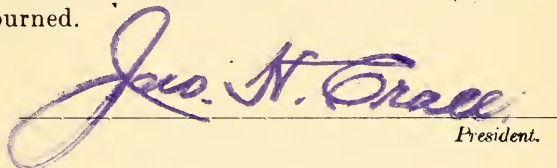
pation of revenue for the current year, and fixing a time when the same shall take effect.

And was passed by the following vote:

AYES—20, viz.: Messrs. Bernauer, Billingsley, Daller, Dickson, Evans, Horan, Kaiser, Keller, Kelly, Knight, Megrew, Moriarity, Munro, McGrew, Negley, Perrott, Spiegel, Wheeler, Wolsiffer and President Crall.

NOES—None.

On motion of Mr. Keller, the Common Council, at 9:05 o'clock P. M., adjourned.


President.

ATTEST:


City Clerk.