

SPECIAL MEETING.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

THURSDAY, October 19, 1905.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Council Chamber, Thursday, October 19, 1905, at 7:45 o'clock p. m. in special session, President James H. Billingsley in the chair, pursuant to the following call :

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., October 18, 1905.

To the President and Members of the Common Council:

Gentlemen: I hereby call your honorable body in special session for Thursday, October 19, 1905, at 7:30 p. m., at the Council Chambers, for the purpose of the introduction, consideration and passage of an ordinance transferring the sum of \$6,000.00 from the appropriation heretofore made to the Board of Public Works for sprinkling to the fund of said Department for sweeping and cleaning improved streets; also for the introduction, consideration and passage of an ordinance appropriating \$3,000.00 to the use of the Department of Health for the contagious disease fund.

I understand it is claimed that the ordinance which failed of passage at your last regular meeting, which provided for the transfer of \$6,000.00 from the sprinkling fund to the fund for cleaning improved streets, was opposed by certain members for the reason, as given, that some of this fund was to be used for putting on extra men at this time for campaign purposes. Of course no such use of this appropriation was ever contemplated. The fund has been exhausted and a further appropriation is absolutely required if the work of street cleaning is to continue.

The appropriation for street cleaning this year was \$72,500.00 as against \$80,640.65 in 1903, while the mileage of improved streets this year to be cleaned is 110.81 as against 95.41 miles swept in 1903.

In addition, it must be remembered, that out of this year's appropriation the sum of \$25,733.54 was expended for equipment now owned by the city. This leaves \$46,766.46 as the net amount expended for sweeping this year as against \$80,640.65 expended in 1903. So the economy of the work of street cleaning this year is apparent. Nevertheless the fund appropriated is exhausted. The weekly pay roll is approximately \$1,200.00 per week and an appropriation of \$4,000.00 will enable the Department to continue the sweeping of the improved streets until election week. So this appropriation can be cut down to \$4,000.00, an amount only sufficient to cover the pay roll of the men already employed. There can be, therefore, no pretense that any part of this appropriation can be used for political purposes, and, in order that the work of street cleaning may go on, I respectfully recommend the passage of this ordinance with the amount reduced to \$4,000.00 if you so desire. It must be understood, however, that immediately after the

election an additional appropriation of \$2,000.00 must be made to complete the work of this year.

Very respectfully,

JOHN W. HOLTZMAN,
Mayor.

I, W. M. Fogarty, Clerk of the Common Council, do hereby certify that I have served the above and foregoing upon each and every member of the Common Council prior to the time of meeting, pursuant to the rules.

W. M. FOGARTY,
City Clerk.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., October 19, 1905.

To the Honorable, the President and Members of the Common Council:

Gentlemen: I am requested by the Board of Public Works to renew my recommendation for the transfer of \$6,000.00 from the Sprinkling appropriation to that for Sweeping and Cleaning Permanently Improved Streets, an ordinance for which is pending before you. I recommend this, and also extend my sanction for the reduction of the amount to \$4,000.00, if you should prefer that course.

I am also requested by the Board of Public Health and Charities to ask immediate action on the ordinance appropriating \$3,000.00 for the Suppression of Contagious Diseases. I trust that you may see fit to make this necessary provision for safeguarding the public health.

Respectfully,

J. P. DUNN,
City Controller.

Which was read.

Present: The Hon. James H. Billingsley President of the Common Council, and 11 members, viz.: Messrs. Cottey, Fishback, Gasper, Linus, Moriarity, Murray, Shea, Sullivan, Uhl, Wolsiffer, Wright.

Absent, 9, viz.: Messrs. Cooper, Crall, Davis, Eppert, Hofmann, Krause, Rhodes, Storm, Wahl.

On motion of Mr. Uhl the Council adjourned to meet at 1 o'clock P. M. Friday, October 20, 1905, for consideration of the matters mentioned in the above call. Carried.

J. H. Billingsley
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President.

ATTEST

W. M. Fogarty
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City Clerk.

