

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
COMMON COUNCIL  
OF THE  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,

In Marion County in the State of Indiana.

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FIRST REGULAR MEETING.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }  
THURSDAY, October 14, 1897, 7:30 P. M. }

The records and files in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Indianapolis, a city located in Marion County in the State of Indiana, and governed by and under an act of the General Assembly of said State 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, (see laws 57th Regular Session, Chapter 97, pages 137 to 167, and commonly called "The City Charter,") showing that at the election held on the second Tuesday in October, 1897, being the 12th day of said month, pursuant to Section 2 of said act, the following officers of said city were duly elected, all of whom have qualified in pursuance to Section 6 of said act, to-wit:

THOMAS TAGGART, MAYOR.  
CHAS. H. STUCKMEYER, CITY CLERK.  
CHAS. E. COX, POLICE JUDGE.

*Councilmen-at-Large.*

JOHN H. MAHONEY.  
 ROBERT M. MADDEN.  
 JAMES H. COSTELLO.  
 THOMAS J. MONTGOMERY.  
 ALBERT E. RAUCH.  
 ALBERT HARSTON.

*Councilmen Representing the Fifteen Wards.*

WILLIS F. SMITH, First Ward.  
 JOHN R. ALLEN, Second Ward.  
 JOHN H. CRALL, Third Ward.  
 THOMAS A. BOWSER, Fourth Ward.  
 RICHARD MERRICK, Fifth Ward.  
 EDWARD D. MOFFETT, Sixth Ward.  
 GEORGE W. SHAFFER, Seventh Ward.  
 JOHN A. VON SPRECKELSEN, Eighth Ward  
 FRANK S. CLARK, Ninth Ward.  
 GEORGE R. COLTER, Tenth Ward.  
 JOHN H. SCANLON, Eleventh Ward.  
 JAMES W. MCGREW, Twelfth Ward.  
 EDWARD E. BERNAUER, Thirteenth Ward.  
 WILLIAM W. KNIGHT, Fourteenth Ward.  
 JOHN M. HIGGINS, Fifteenth Ward.

The Common Council held its first meeting on the second Thursday in October, 1897, at 7:30 o'clock P. M., in the Council Chamber, located in the Court House, and was called to order by Charles H. Stuckmeyer, City Clerk, who called the roll of the six Councilmen-at-Large and the fifteen Ward Councilmen, all of whom answered to their respective names except Councilman Moffett.

The City Clerk announced twenty members present, and stated the first business in order to be the election of a presiding officer.

Whereupon Councilman Costello nominated Councilman Montgomery, which nomination was seconded by Councilman Rauch.

There being no further nominations, Councilman Shaffer moved that the City Clerk cast the unanimous vote of the body for the nominee, which motion was adopted, and the City Clerk announced twenty votes cast for Thomas J. Montgomery, and declared him duly elected President of the Common Council.

Whereupon the President took the chair and announced as the next order of business the election of a presiding officer *pro tem*.

Councilman Madden nominated Councilman Colter, which nomination was seconded by Councilman Costello, and there being no further nominations, the election was made by acclamation, and George R. Colter was declared duly elected President *pro tem* of the Common Council.

Councilman Moffett, absent at roll-call, now arrived and took his seat.

COMMUNICATIONS, ETC., FROM MAYOR.

His Honor, the Mayor, presented the following communication :

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }  
October 7, 1897. }

*To the President of the Common Council :*

DEAR SIR—I have this day approved Resolution No. 26, 1897, the same pertaining to the appointment of Election Inspectors.

Very respectfully,  
THOS. TAGGART,  
Mayor.

Which was read and ordered spread on the minutes.

His Honor, the Mayor, presented the following communication :

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }  
October 9, 1897. }

*To the President of the Common Council :*

DEAR SIR—I have this day approved Resolution No. 27, 1897, the same pertaining to the appointment of Election Inspectors.

Respectfully,  
THOS. TAGGART,  
Mayor.

Which was read and ordered spread on the minutes.

## MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Mr. Bernauer offered and moved the adoption of the following:

We, the members of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, here assembled, do and it is hereby expressed in the following resolutions, our token of respect to the memory of Martin C. Anderson, late member of the Board of Public Works of said city:

*Resolved*, That in the death of Martin C. Anderson, his family has lost a loving husband and father, the City of Indianapolis an honest and faithful servant, and those who were associated with him, a true and sympathetic friend.

*Resolved*, That we bow in meek submission to the will of the All-Powerful Ruler, who doeth all things for the best.

*Resolved*, That we tender to the bereaved family our sincere sympathy and condolence. Be it further

*Resolved*, That the above be spread on the minutes and a copy be transmitted to the family of our departed friend; also, that a copy of the above and foregoing be given to the press of the city.

Which was read and adopted by unanimous vote, and the City Clerk was instructed to transmit a copy to the family of the deceased.

Mr. Colter offered the following motion:

Moved, that the rules governing the old Council be adopted as the rules of this Council until further consideration can be given the matter.

Which motion was adopted.

President Montgomery announced the appointment of the following standing committees:

## STANDING COMMITTEES.

## 1.—ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS.

|          |           |        |
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| Merrick, | Bernauer, | Crall. |
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## 2.—CONTRACTS AND FRANCHISES.

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| Colter, | Knight,          | Scanlon,  |
| Rauch,  | Von Spreckelsen, | Costello, |
|         | Schaffer.        |           |

## 3.—ELECTIONS.

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| Higgins, | McGrew, | Crall. |
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## 4.—FEES AND SALARIES.

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| Bernauer, | Moffett, | Harston. |
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5.—FINANCE.

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| Costello,<br>Smith, | Clark,<br>Mahoney,<br>Allen. | Moffett,<br>Madden, |
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6.—JUDICIARY.

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| Rauch, | Clark, | Scanlon. |
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7.—ORDINANCES.

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| Von Spreckelsen, | Madden, | Bowser. |
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8.—PRINTING.

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| Harston, | McGrew, | Allen. |
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9.—PUBLIC HEALTH.

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| Moffett, | Mahoney, | Shaffer. |
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10.—PUBLIC MORALS.

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| Smith, | Knight, | Bowser. |
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11.—PUBLIC PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS.

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| McGrew, | Scanlon, | Merrick. |
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12.—PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMFORT.

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| Clark, | Rauch, | Smith. |
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13.—RAILROADS.

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| Knight, | Colter, | Higgins. |
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14.—RULES.

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| Montgomery, | Mahoney, | Crall. |
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15.—SEWERS, STREETS AND ALLEYS.

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| Mahoney, | Higgins, | Bowser. |
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16.—INVESTIGATION.

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| Madden, | Costello, | Allen. |
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On motion of Mr. Costello, the Common Council, at 8:00 o'clock P. M., adjourned.

*T. J. Montgomery*  
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 President.

ATTEST:

*Chas H Stuckmeyer* City Clerk.