

## SPECIAL MEETING.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,  
November 29, 1897. }

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, November 29, 1897, at 8 o'clock, in special session, pursuant to the following call:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., November 27, 1897.

*Charles H. Stuckmeyer, Esq., City Clerk:*

Dear Sir—Please issue the following call:

*To the Members of the Common Council:*

Gentlemen—You are hereby requested to meet in special meeting in the Council Chamber, at 8 o'clock p. m., Monday, November 29, 1897, to transact such business as may come before said meeting.

JNO. H. MAHONEY,  
*President.*

I, Charles H. Stuckmeyer, Clerk of the Common Council, do hereby certify that I have served above notice upon the President and each member of the Common Council prior to the time of meeting, pursuant to the rules.

CHAS. H. STUCKMEYER,  
*City Clerk.*

Present, Hon. John H. Mahoney, President of the Common Council, in the chair, and 20 members, viz.: Messrs. Allen, Bernauer, Bowser, Clark, Colter, Costello, Crall, Harston, Higgins, Knight, Little, Madden, Merrick, Moffett, McGrew, Rauch, Scanlon, Shaffer, Smith and Von Spreckelsen.

Absent—None.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal, whereupon Councilman Madden 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,  
November 17, 1897. }

*Hon. John H. Mahoney, President of the Common Council:*

Dear Sir—I have this day approved the following ordinance: App. O. No. 20, 1897, the same appropriating money to the Department of Finance, the Department of Public Works, the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Public Health and Charities.

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 CITY COMPTROLLER,  
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Nov. 29, 1897. }

*To the President and Members of the Common Council:*

Gentlemen—I desire to recommend the appropriation of the sum of \$18,872.75 to pay interest and exchange on bonded debt, as follows:

Interest, nine months, \$350,000 Park Bonds.....	\$10,500.00
Interest, seven months, \$150,000 Station House Bonds.....	3,500.00
Interest on suburban debts assumed by city.....	4,838.51
Exchange .....	14.24
	\$18,872.75

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There was appropriated for the payment of interest and exchange, city bonded debt, for the year 1897, \$57,036.98. From this sum \$8,618.51 has been paid in interest and exchange on station house, park and suburban bonded debt. The interest on park bonds for six months is \$7,000; station house bonds, \$3,000; interest on suburban debt yet to be paid, \$240; exchange, \$14.24. All of these last items are due January 1. As these bonds have been issued and assumed during the current fiscal year, it was impossible to make provision for the interest and exchange in the last general appropriation ordinance.

Very respectfully,

E. M. JOHNSON,  
*City Comptroller.*

Which was read and referred to Committee on Finance.

## REPORTS, ETC., FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Rauch, on behalf of the Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred the communication of Mayor Taggart and the

communication of the Secretary of the "League of American Municipalities" (see page 36), made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, November 22, 1897.

*Mr. President:*

We, your Committee on Judiciary, have had communication from the Mayor and League of American Municipalities under consideration, and beg to submit the following resolution:

Resolution No. 28, 1897.—

Whereas, We approve of the sentiment expressed in the following paragraph, taken from an official circular just issued by the said League, to-wit:

"The unanimous sentiment of the Columbus convention, which was a representative body, and which planned and formed the permanent organization, was that the League of American Municipalities would be promptly and cordially supported by the patriotic officials of American municipalities as a movement for the betterment of municipal conditions, with the inevitable results of facilitating department work, securing improved public services and lessening the burden of the taxpayers."

Therefore,

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, that said city officials, Mayor and Common Council become members of the League of the American Municipalities; and be it further

Resolved, That the Comptroller take such action as he deems best in promoting the welfare of our city.

Respectfully,

ALBERT E. RAUCH,  
FRANK S. CLARK,  
JOHN H. SCANLON,  
*Committee.*

Which was read and concurred in, and Resolution No. 28, 1897, was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 21—viz.: Messrs. Allen, Bernauer, Bowser, Clark, Colter, Costello Crall, Harston, Higgins, Knight, Little, Madden, Merrick, Moffett, McGrew, Rauch, Scanlon, Shaffer, Smith, Von Spreckelsen and President Mahoney.

NAYS—None.

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

G. O. No. 63, 1897. An ordinance prohibiting persons under fifteen years of age on the streets, alleys or public places in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, at night after the hour of nine o'clock p. m., from March 1st to August 31st, inclusive, of each year, and from September 1st to the last day of February, inclusive, of each year, after the hour of eight p. m., and prescribing penalties for the violation thereof.

Made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, November 26, 1897.

*To the President and Members of the Common Council:*

We, your Committee on Public Morals, have examined G. O. No. 63, and hereby recommend its passage.

W. F. SMITH,  
W. W. KNIGHT,  
T. A. BOWSER,  
*Committee.*

Which was read and concurred in.

Mr. Mahoney, on behalf of the Committee on Rules, presented the following:

INDIANAPOLIS, November 29, 1897.

*To the President of the Common Council:*

Your Committee on Rules (as per order) beg leave to submit the following code of rules, and would recommend that they be adopted as the rules to govern this Common Council, and that the City Clerk do have seventy-five copies printed immediately for distribution among the members of this Council.

JNO. H. MAHONEY,  
JOHN H. CRALL,  
— ALBERT HARSTON,  
*Committee.*

#### RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

[Adopted November 29, 1897.]

##### MEETINGS.

The regular meetings shall be held on the first and third Monday evenings of each month, at the hour of 8 o'clock. At the hour fixed the Clerk shall call the roll of members, noting those present and those absent. If the President be absent at the time of first roll call, the Vice-President shall call the Council to order; and if the latter is absent any member of the Council may, upon motion, be called to the chair, and such chairman shall act as presiding officer until the arrival of the one entitled to preside.

Special meetings of the Common Council may be held upon the call made as follows: By the Mayor, or by the President, or by any five members of the Common Council. In case of a call for a special meeting, in whatever manner made, it shall be the duty of the persons authorizing the same to duly notify the City Clerk thereof, and it shall be the duty of that officer to cause notice of such meetings to be served upon each member, either in person or by notice left at his place of residence.

##### DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

###### *President.*

The presiding officer shall preserve order and decorum. He shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Council. He shall vote on all questions when the ayes and nays are taken (his name being

called last), and upon all other questions, when the Council is equally divided, he shall cast the deciding vote.

He shall appoint all standing committees, as well as all special committees that may be ordered by the Council. All standing committees shall be appointed at the commencement of the term of the Council. He shall fill all existing vacancies, or vacancies that may thereafter occur, in any of said committees.

It is the duty of the President to sign all ordinances, orders or resolutions passed by the Council before being presented to the Mayor, as well as all ordinances after enrollment, and the journal of proceedings.

Before putting the question to a vote of the Council, the President shall rise to his feet, but may state the question sitting.

#### *Clerk.*

It shall be the duty of the City Clerk to keep an accurate journal of the proceedings of the Common Council. He shall have said proceedings printed after each regular or special meeting, one copy of which shall be presented to each member, and at least fifty (50) copies of which shall be kept on file, to be bound at the end of the term, with a proper index thereto, which shall be the official journal of the Common Council of said city, and he shall also keep a proper file of all papers thereof.

He shall arrange a roll call of the members in alphabetical form. It shall also be his duty to have all necessary papers delivered to the chairmen of the committees within two days after adjournment of any meeting of the Council.

#### *Sergeant-at-Arms.*

The Sergeant-at-Arms shall preserve order in the lobby, and shall prohibit smoking and loud talking. He shall act as messenger for the Council, and shall deliver all papers to the chairman of the committee that may be placed in his hands by the City Clerk, within two days after adjournment of any meeting of the Council at which such papers have been referred. He shall also notify all members of all special meetings, and shall always act under the directions of the Council or the President, and obey all orders given him.

#### RULE 1.

1. The general rules of parliamentary law, so far as applicable, are to be considered the rules of the Council, unless the same conflict with any of the rules herein prescribed.

2. A quorum shall consist of a majority of all members elected, but no ordinance, order or resolution shall be passed, or ordinance engrossed, which shall not have received the votes of a majority of all members constituting the Common Council.

3. No one not a member of the Common Council shall be permitted to address the same, except by unanimous consent of the Council; provided, however, that any officer may, when called upon, make a report.

4. No smoking will be allowed in the Council Chamber before or during the sittings thereof.

5. The presiding officer shall decide whether any question is carried by affirmative or negative vote; but if he doubt, and the "ayes and noes" or a division be called for, the Council shall decide. In case of a rising vote, the affirmative shall first rise and be counted; after, those of the negative.

6. There shall be sixteen standing committees of the Council, and shall consist of three members each, except the Committee on Finance and Committee on Contracts and Franchises, which shall consist of

nine members each, and the Committee on Public Safety and Comfort five members, and Committee on Railroads seven members, and Committee on Sewers, Streets and Alleys five members, and shall be appointed, as herein provided, by the President of the Council, viz.:

Committee on Accounts and Claims.  
 Committee on Contracts and Franchises.  
 Committee on Elections.  
 Committee on Fees and Salaries.  
 Committee on Finance.  
 Committee on Judiciary.  
 Committee on Ordinances.  
 Committee on Printing.  
 Committee on Public Health.  
 Committee on Public Morals.  
 Committee on Public Property and Improvements.  
 Committee on Public Safety and Comfort.  
 Committee on Railroads.  
 Committee on Rules.  
 Committee on Sewers, Streets and Alleys.  
 Committee on Investigation.

7. The duties of standing committees shall be the same as in legislative bodies, except as herein modified or changed.

8. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Finance to report ordinances making the annual tax levies and those making the annual appropriations to meet the several items of expense that are appropriately chargeable against the city; all other matters relating to the raising of revenues shall also be referred to the committee.

## RULE 2.

### *Ordinances.*

1. Ordinances shall be of three distinct classes, viz.: First, appropriation ordinances; second, special ordinances relating to special matters; third, general ordinances relating to the government of the city. The Clerk shall keep each class of ordinances in distinct files, according to the number of their readings, and shall give each ordinance of each class a distinct number in the order of its introduction, and shall place such files on Clerk's desk at the opening of each meeting.

2. The vote on passage of ordinances and resolutions, upon suspension of rules, and motions to reconsider, must be by call of roll; but any two members may call the ayes and noes upon any question or motion; and any member may call for the division of a question when the sense will admit of it.

3. All ordinances shall be read by title only, upon introduction, but such title shall clearly set forth the subject-matter of the ordinance. Said ordinance shall then immediately be referred to the proper committee, or may be taken up in committee of the whole. The Council may, at any time, order that ordinances be printed for distribution among the members or other persons. No ordinance shall be passed upon the day of its introduction, except by unanimous consent.

4. Each ordinance shall be read through at its second reading, at which time it is open for amendments, and the next question will be on ordering the same to be engrossed. No amendments, except to strike out, shall be in order after the engrossment of an ordinance, unless by unanimous consent.

5. Any ordinance may be stricken from the files at any time by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected, or by a majority vote after the ordinance shall have passed a second reading.

6. Any ordinance failing to receive a majority of votes upon "engrossment" will be considered as still on its second reading and awaiting engrossment, unless stricken from the files or otherwise disposed of by order or permission of the Council.

7. Any ordinance failing to receive a sufficient number of votes on final passage will be considered as lost, and stricken from the files: Provided, The vote be not reconsidered within the time and manner authorized by Rule 4.

8. Any amendment to an ordinance may be referred, delayed, or otherwise disposed of, without delay or prejudice to the ordinance itself.

9. Ordinances reported back to the Council by committees or officers will take their proper places in first, second or third readings.

10. Ordinances, resolutions and reports may be committed and re-committed at the pleasure of the Council.

11. When a reference is made of any subject to a standing or special committee, the member introducing the same shall be a member of such committee during its deliberations thereon, but shall have no power to vote. He shall be notified by the chairman of such committee of the time and place of meeting of said committee.

12. All reports from committees shall be made in writing, and must be signed by a majority of the members thereof; and all committees shall return all ordinances, resolutions and papers referred to them, and report upon the same to the Common Council not later than the second regular meeting night after the same is introduced. Provided, That the Council may, at its discretion, extend the time for making such reports.

13. After the call of the "ayes and noes" has been answered to by any one member called, it shall not be in order for any member to offer any remarks except in explanation of his vote; and no explanation shall be in order under the operation of the "previous question" or motion to "lay on the table."

### RULE 3.

#### *Motions—Their Precedence, Etc.*

1. When any motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the presiding officer, or, being in writing, it shall be handed to the Clerk and read aloud before debate, and shall be entered upon the journal with the name of the member making it, unless it is withdrawn at the same meeting.

2. Every motion shall be reduced to writing, except to adjourn; to adjourn to a day certain; to reconsider the previous question or the seconding thereof; to lay on the table; to postpone to a day certain; to postpone indefinitely; to commit; to amend; to suspend the rules, or to concur; and every other motion not so reduced to writing shall, upon the objection of any one member, be considered out of order.

3. A motion to "lay on the table" or for the "previous question" shall not be in order if prefaced by any speech or remarks.

4. Any motion or resolution which in effect contemplates a violation of law, or is in conflict with any ordinance, will be ruled out of order.

5. A motion to adjourn cannot be repeated unless other business has intervened between the motions.

6. A motion to adjourn cannot be reconsidered.

7. Any matter laid upon the table may be taken up by a vote of the Council at any time: Provided, A motion to reconsider, once laid upon the table, cannot again be taken up.

8. A motion to "reconsider" and "that when the Council adjourn it adjourn to meet on a day certain," are privileged questions, and are debatable.

9. A business which by law or necessity must or should be transacted within or by a certain time will be considered a question of privilege.

10. A motion to "suspend the rules" is a privileged question, is not debatable, and cannot be amended except to the acceptance of the mover.

#### RULE 4.

##### *Reconsideration.*

When any question has been once decided in the affirmative or negative, any member voting with the majority may move a reconsideration thereof on the same or next regular meeting: Provided, That no such motion shall be introduced at the next or subsequent meeting, unless the member intending to make the same shall have given written notice of such intention at the meeting at which the vote which he desires to have reconsidered was taken. A resolution once adopted may be rescinded by subsequent resolution, and ordinances passed may be repealed by subsequent ordinances.

#### RULE 5.

##### *Previous Question.*

The "previous question" shall be put in this form: "Shall the main question be now put?"

It shall only be admitted when decided by a majority of the members present, and, until decided, shall preclude all other motions or amendments, except the motion to adjourn. If the motion be sustained, the Chair shall at once put the question, first upon the pending amendments in their order, and then upon the main question.

#### RULE 6.

##### *Order of Business.*

1. The following order of business shall be observed by the Common Council at its meetings:
  - a. Reading and correcting journal of the preceding regular or special meetings.
  - b. Communications, etc., from the Mayor.
  - c. Reports, etc., from City Officers.
  - d. Reports from Official Boards, in the following order:
    1. Board of Public Works.
    2. Board of Public Safety.
    3. Department of Public Health.
  - e. Reports from Standing Committees, in the following order:
    1. Accounts and Claims.
    2. Contracts and Franchises.
    3. Elections.
    4. Fees and Salaries.
    5. Finance.
    6. Judiciary.
    7. Ordinances.
    8. Printing.
    9. Public Health.
    10. Public Morals.
    11. Public Property.
    12. Public Safety and Comfort.
    13. Railroads.
    14. Sewers, Streets and Alleys.
    15. Rules.
    16. Investigation.



- f. Reports from select committees.
  - g. Appropriation ordinances.
  - h. Introduction of general and special ordinances.
  - i. Introduction of miscellaneous business.
  - j. Ordinances on second reading.
  - k. Ordinances on third reading.
  - l. Unfinished business.
2. The reading of the journal may be dispensed with at any time by order of the Council.
  3. Special orders may be taken up immediately after "Reports from Select Committees," if so ordered by the Council.

## RULE 7.

*Committee of the Whole.*

1. In forming a Committee of the Whole Council, the presiding officer, leaving the chair, shall appoint a chairman to preside.
2. Upon ordinances committed to a Committee of the Whole Council the ordinance shall be read throughout by the Clerk, and then again read and debated by clauses. The body of the ordinance shall not be defaced or interlined, but all amendments, noting the line and page, shall be duly entered by the Clerk on a separate paper, as the same shall be agreed to by the committee, and so reported to the Council; after report, the ordinance shall again be subject to be debated and amended by clauses before a question to engross it be taken.
3. The rules of proceeding in the Council shall be observed (as well as parliamentary law) in a Committee of the Whole Council, so far as they may be applicable, except the rule limiting the time of speaking; but no member shall speak to any question until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken.

## RULE 8.

*Decorum and Debate.*

1. When any member is about to speak or deliver any matter to the Council, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address himself to the presiding officer, and, on being recognized, may address the Council, and shall confine himself to the question in debate, and avoid personality. The Chair shall not recognize any member as in order unless he shall be in his proper seat.
2. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without leave of the Council, nor more than once until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken: Provided, All speeches shall be limited to five minutes, unless further time be granted by Council, answering questions not to be considered as part of the speaker's time.
3. When two or more members rise at once, the presiding officer shall decide which shall speak first.
4. While the presiding officer is putting a question or addressing the Council, or when any member is speaking, no member shall engage in any private discourse, or walk across or leave the room unnecessarily.
5. No member shall impeach the motive of any other.
6. Any member may change his vote before the announcement of the result by the Chair. Every member must vote upon every question, unless excused from voting by a majority of the members present.
7. If any member in anywise transgress the rules of the Council, any other member may call him to order, in which case the alleged offender shall immediately take his seat, unless permitted to explain. If the question of order be decided against him, he shall be liable, if the case require it, to the censure of the Council. If the decision be in his favor, he shall be at liberty to proceed.

## MISCELLANEOUS RULES.

## RULE 9.

When the reading of any paper is called for, if objections be made, it shall be decided by the Council; and no paper shall be read, if objected to, without the consent of the Council.

## RULE 10.

No matter or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of an amendment.

## RULE 11.

When any matter is postponed indefinitely, it shall not be again voted upon during that or the next two succeeding meetings.

## RULE 12.

*Petitions, Memorials, Etc.*

When the roll of members is called for the purpose, the member called shall have the privilege of presenting petitions, memorials, communications or remonstrances, or of offering motions or resolutions; and after such call has been made it shall not be in order for any member to present any petition, memorial, communication or remonstrance, or offer any motion or resolution, during the evening, until the call for "Unfinished Business" is reached: Provided, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent any member from offering any motion upon any pending matter during any time if the same shall be declared by the Chair to be in order.

## RULE 13.

*Amending the Rules.*

These rules may be amended or annulled by a majority vote of all the members of the Common Council. All proposed amendments to the rules shall be referred to the Committee on Rules without debate, and said committee shall have the right to report at any time, and may at any time report any change in the rules: Provided, however, That no vote on any amendment or resolution to annul shall be taken until at least two weeks' notice shall be given of such intended action.

Which was read, and, on motion of Mr. Harston, the recommendation of the Committee on Rules was concurred in and the above and foregoing rules were adopted as the rules of this Common Council.

## APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

Under this order of business the following ordinance was introduced:

By Mr. Costello:

App. O. No. 21, 1897. An ordinance appropriating the sum of eighteen thousand eight hundred and seventy-two dollars and seventy-five cents (\$18,872.75) for the use of the Department of Finance of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, 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 there be and is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the treasury of said city not otherwise appropriated the sum of eighteen thousand eight hundred and seventy-two dollars and seventy-five cents (\$18,872.75) for the use of the Department of Finance of said city, to be applied to the payment of interest and exchange, city bonded debt.

Sec. 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

Which was read 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. Moffett:

G. O. No. 69, 1897. An ordinance to amend section one (1) of "An ordinance regulating peddling and designating portions of public streets where certain kinds of peddling is prohibited, and matters connected therewith," approved March 11, 1895, 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 Section 1 of an ordinance entitled "An ordinance regulating peddling and designating portions of certain streets where certain kinds of peddling is prohibited, and matters connected therewith," approved March 11, 1895, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows, to-wit:

Section 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, That it shall be unlawful for any peddler or other person to sell or offer for sale any fruit, vegetables, candy or any article of merchandise, either from baskets, hand-carts or wagons, between the hours of 7 o'clock a. m. and 6 o'clock p. m., on any of the following-named streets or parts of said streets, to-wit:

Washington street, from the west line of Capitol avenue to the east line of Pennsylvania street; Illinois street, from the north line of Market street to the south line of Georgia street; Meridian street, from Washington street to Monument Place; Pennsylvania street, from Washington street to the south line of Ohio street, and all of Monument Place.

Sec. 2. This ordinance shall be in full force from and after its passage and publication one day each week for two successive weeks in *The Sun*, a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in said city.

With the following petition:

*To Council of the City of Indianapolis:*

We, the undersigned, doing business on Washington street, between Illinois street and Capitol avenue, would respectfully call your attention to the fact that said square is being used by venders of bananas, candies,

etc., by selling the same from carts, blocking the street, obstructing crossing, day and night, and in fact a nuisance that we think should be abated, and we ask that you give us the relief.

(Signed by nineteen business men.)

Which was read a first time and referred to Committee on Public Safety and Comfort.

By Mr. Moffett:

G. O. No. 70, 1897. An ordinance providing for the placing of asbestos drop-curtains upon the stage of each theater and opera house located in the City of Indianapolis, providing a penalty for the violation thereof, and fixing the time the same shall take effect.

Section 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, That every theater and opera house located in said city, or which may be hereafter erected therein, shall be provided with an asbestos drop-curtain, which shall be so placed and arranged that when rolled down it will completely shut off from the audience portion of such theater and opera house any and all view of the stage thereof or of any of the combustible material used in and about such stage; and such drop-curtain shall be so hung and arranged that the same will, when rolled down as aforesaid, prevent any fire that may originate on such stage from spreading to the audience portion of such theater or opera house, or from being seen from such audience portion thereof.

Sec. 2. The said asbestos drop-curtain required in the foregoing section shall be provided with and have attached thereto an electrical contrivance and arrangement so that the same can be lowered and raised by electrical power, and said electrical device shall be so arranged and adjusted that the electricity can be turned on either from the stage or from the musical director's stand, and such device shall be so arranged and connected by wire or other electrical device that the musical director of such theater or opera house can, without leaving the stand or place where he may be located, set in motion the said electrical device for rolling down the said asbestos curtain at such time as he may deem necessary, by pressing an electric button or other device attached to or connected with his said stand for such purpose. There shall be placed near the said electric button or other contrivance by which such musical director is to turn on the said electric power a small card with instructions printed thereon in plain letters, directing how such button or other arrangement shall be used.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of each proprietor or manager of any theater or opera house in the City of Indianapolis, within thirty days after the passage of this ordinance, to supply each theater under the control of such person with an asbestos drop-curtain in accordance with the foregoing sections of this ordinance, and any such proprietor or manager failing or refusing to comply with the terms of this ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined in any sum not exceeding one hundred dollars, and each day's failure to comply therewith after the lapse of the said thirty days shall constitute a separate offense; and hereafter no license shall be issued to any person by the Comptroller of said city for any theater or opera house in the said city that is not provided with an asbestos drop-curtain as required hereby.

Sec. 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication one day each week for two successive weeks in *The Sun*, a newspaper of general circulation printed and published in said city.

Which was read a first time and referred to Committee on Public Safety and Comfort.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

President Mahoney announced the appointment of the following (revised) Standing Committees:

*Accounts and Claims—*

Merrick, Bernauer, Crall.

*Contracts and Franchises—*

Colter, Madden, Knight, Little, Costello, Von Spreckelsen, Scanlon, Rauch, Shaffer.

*Elections—*

Scanlon, Clark, Bowser.

*Fees and Salaries—*

Bernauer, Moffett, Harston.

*Finance—*

Costello, Clark, Smith, Madden, McGrew, Bernauer, Moffett, Merrick, Allen.

*Judiciary—*

Rauch, Little, Allen.

*Ordinances—*

Von Spreckelsen, Colter, Shaffer.

*Printing—*

Harston, McGrew, Allen.

*Public Health—*

Moffett, Higgins, Shaffer.

*Public Morals—*

Smith, Knight, Bowser.

*Public Property and Improvements—*

McGrew, Merrick, Crall.

*Public Safety and Comfort—*

Clark, Rauch, Smith, Moffett, Bowser.

*Railroads—*

Knight, Bernauer, Higgins, Colter, Harston, Little, Crall.

*Rules—*

Mahoney, Harston, Crall.

*Sewers, Streets and Alleys—*

Higgins, Scanlon, Von Spreckelsen, Moffett, Bowser.

*Investigation and Impeachment—*

Madden, Costello, Allen.

Mr. Moffett introduced the following resolution:

Resolution No. 29, 1897.—

Whereas, We, the Common Council of Indianapolis, have been chosen to represent the best interests of the tax-payers of this city; and since the inauguration and application of the Dingley tariff has still greater widened the breach between capital and labor, so that the classes are favored, to the injury of the masses, by causing a greater increased price of many commodities; and that labor wages are disproportionately reduced by this and by many employers cutting the scale of wages of many of their employes, still greater destroying and almost completely destroying the "right of contract" of labor, until it has little or no voice in any contracts; and that we believe these things to be unjust and undemocratic; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the Common Council of Indianapolis, will heartily co-operate in the attainment thereof, and believe that no contracts should be let by the City of Indianapolis to any bidders to do work for the city unless there is specified in the contracts (with a forfeiture clause) that the contractors will pay from thirty to fifty cents an hour for all skilled labor and hazardous occupations, and that the commonest kind of labor shall receive as the minimum of wage not less than twenty cents an hour.

Resolved, That we deplore the state of society whereby unjust and unmerciful business men and corporations are constantly jeopardizing our institutions by their cruel oppression of those under them.

Mr. Moffett moved that the Common Council go into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering Resolution No. 29, 1897.

The ayes and nays being called for, the motion was adopted by the following vote:

AYES 19, viz :—Messrs. Bernauer, Bowser, Clark, Colter, Costello, Harston, Higgins, Knight, Little, Madden, Merrick, Moffett, McGrew, Rauch, Scanlon, Shaffer, Smith, Von Spreckelsen and President Mahoney.

NAYS 2, viz :—Messrs. Allen and Crall.

Thereupon the Council went into Committee of the Whole, and President Mahoney appointed Mr. Rauch Chairman of the Committee.

At 9:35 President Mahoney called the Council to order.

Mr. Rauch, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole, reported progress on Resolution No. 29, 1897.

Mr. Colter moved that Resolution No. 29, 1897, be referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Which motion prevailed.

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On motion of Mr. Harston, the Common Council, at 9:40 o'clock  
P. M., adjourned.

*Geo. H. Mahoney*

President.

ATTEST :

*Chas H. Stuckmeyer* City Clerk.