

REGULAR MEETING.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

MONDAY, March 16, 1914.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, March 16, 1914, at 7:30 o'clock, in regular session, President John F. Connor in the chair.

Present: The Hon. John F. Connor, President of the Common Council, and eight members, viz.: Messrs. Barry, Young, McGuff, Miller, Porter, Lee, Graham and Shea.

Mr. Miller moved that the reading of the Journal be dispensed with. Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., March 5, 1914.

To the President and Members of the Common Council, City of Indianapolis:

GENTLEMEN—I have approved and signed Appropriation Ordinance No. 7, 1914, the same being an ordinance entitled, "An ordinance appropriating \$27,000 to the Department of Finance for the payment of claims for reductions of assessments on the Brightwood sewer, and fixing a time when the same shall take effect."

I return the said ordinance herewith.

Yours very truly,
J. E. BELL,
Mayor.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

From City Controller :

FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., March 16, 1914.

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

GENTLEMEN—It will be necessary to borrow at least \$100,000 to carry the city through to the spring payment of taxes. Receipts and disbursements will probably be approximately as they were last year. On April 1, 1913, the overdraft, or deficit, was \$125,848.75. On May 1, 1913, it was \$239,526.63. In other words, the disbursements in April were \$114,000 in excess of the revenues. From present indications we shall have money to meet our bills on April 1, but thereafter will need additional funds. I enclose an ordinance herewith for a temporary loan of \$100,000, for which I ask your prompt consideration.

Respectfully,
J. P. DUNN,
City Controller.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., March 16, 1914.

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

GENTLEMEN—I beg to call to your attention the enclosed copy of a letter from the State Board of Accounts requiring the keeping in this office of a duplicate of the Barrett Law books of the City Treasurer's office, and the issuance of warrants from this office for the payments of Barrett Law bonds and interest. This order from the state board is designed to carry into full effect the provisions of Section 114 of the City Charter (Acts 1905, p. 296) as well as the laws of 1909 referred to, and the remedial law of 1913 (Acts of 1913, p. 350).

The last named law was enacted to remedy the defects in the Barrett Law system, which had caused deficits in the funds throughout the state—that in this city amounting to over \$120,000. The "Improvement Sinking Fund" tax of 1 cent is now being levied on the city to make up this deficit. An additional warning of the necessity for greater care in this public improvement work has just been given by the enforced payment of \$26,631 for reductions of erroneous assessments on the Brightwood sewer.

The added work will make a special bookkeeper necessary in this office, and while I regret to advise an increase in city expenses, the employment of this bookkeeper is necessary to compliance with the order of the state

board. It is cheaper in the long run to do work properly than to pay for mistakes. I therefore recommend the creation of the office of Barrett Law bookkeeper in the Department of Finance, at a salary of twelve hundred dollars, and send you herewith an ordinance for that purpose.

I would add that in compliance with the desire of the state board and the city treasurer to install the new system in time for the spring payments, I have employed special assistance to copy the books prepared by the state board for the treasurer's office, and that the prompt passage of this ordinance is desirable in order that the installment may proceed at once.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. DUNN,
City Controller.

(COPY)

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., March 2, 1914.

Messrs. John H. Boltz & James L. Burns, Field Examiners, Indianapolis, Indiana:

GENTLEMEN—In replying to your inquiry of recent date I beg to advise that, in my opinion, it is the duty of the Department of Finance of the city of Indianapolis to prepare the assessment roll on all special assessment improvements (Acts 1909, page 426), to keep a register of all bonds issued for such special improvements, to keep a record of all such special improvements, charging to the treasurer the amount of such special assessment entered on the assessment roll and crediting the treasurer with all disbursements made on account of warrants lawfully drawn by him on such treasurer. (Acts 1909, page 385). The city treasurer should report to the City Controller the amounts paid upon each separate improvement, and the controller should draw his warrant on the city treasurer for the principal and interest on the bonds issued on account of such improvement. Payment thereof should be made only upon the warrant of the City Controller, drawn upon the funds to the credit of that particular improvement.

If these records are not being properly kept, you will please see that they are installed at an early date. You will also please render the city authorities every assistance possible in the preparation and installation of such records.

I am enclosing a copy of this letter to Hon. Jacob P. Dunn, City Controller, and Hon. Carl Von Hake, City Treasurer.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) G. H. HENDREN,
State Examiner.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., March 16, 1914.

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

GENTLEMEN—I submit herewith letter from the Board of Public Safety requesting an appropriation of five thousand dollars for the purchase of

automobiles for the use of the assistant fire chiefs. I recommend the appropriation, and enclose ordinance for that purpose herewith. The board will furnish you further information as to the need for these automobiles.

Respectfully,

J. P. DUNN,
City Controller.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY,
OFFICE OF THE BOARD.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., March 14, 1914.

Jacob P. Dunn, City Controller, Indianapolis, Ind.:

DEAR SIR—We would respectfully request that you ask the Common Council, at their next session, for a special appropriation of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the purchase of two automobiles, roadster type, for the use of two assistant chiefs of the fire department.

Respectfully,

ALBERT GALL,
ANDREW H. WAHL,
ROBERT METZGER,
Board of Public Safety.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY,
OFFICE OF THE BOARD.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., March 16, 1914.

Mr. Jacob Dunn, City Controller, Indianapolis, Ind.:

DEAR SIR—The fire department is in need of two (2) automobiles to be used by two assistant fire chiefs who are now using horses. They are compelled to cover a great many miles of territory, and in a great many cases are compelled to answer two and three alarms in different localities, and it is impossible for a chief to reach these fires until all other apparatus are there. The chief is the first man that should be at all fires, and it is impossible for him to do that with a horse. The insurance underwriters also recommend that this be done for the betterment of the fire department, and we respectfully request that you recommend to the council the appropriation of \$5,000 for the purchase of two automobiles to be used by the two assistant chiefs.

Respectfully,

ALBERT GALL,
Board of Public Safety.

From Board of Public Works :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
OFFICE OF THE BOARD,
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., March 16, 1914.

The Honorable Common Council:

I am directed by the board to submit to you for your consideration and action thereon, an ordinance concerning the compensation of certain city hall employes, which ordinance has been prepared by the Corporation Counsel.

The letter from the Corporation Counsel to the Board of Public Works in reference to said ordinance is herewith attached.

Yours very truly,
F. J. NOLL, JR.,
Clerk Board of Public Works.

DEPARTMENT OF LAW,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., March 16, 1914.

Board of Public Works, City Hall, City:

GENTLEMEN—Pursuant to your request to this department for an ordinance amending the city hall salary ordinance, so as to strike out that provision of the ordinance providing for extra pay for night work for elevator operators, and so as to increase the salary of telephone operators to such sum as will put them on a more nearly equal plane with other women employes in the city hall, we submit herewith an ordinance concerning the compensation of city hall employes. We deem it advisable to incorporate therein certain existing salaries which are not changed by this ordinance, for the purpose of enabling one to read all city hall salaries by referring to one ordinance and eliminate thereby the confusion that necessarily arises when three or more amending ordinances must be looked after to ascertain the different salaries of city hall employes. There is already too much confusion on account of amending ordinances.

Yours truly,
WILLIAM A. PICKENS,
Corporation Counsel.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

From the Committee on Finance :

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., March 16, 1914.

To the President and Members of the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN—Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred Appropriation Ordinance No. 8, 1914, entitled, "An ordinance appropriating

one hundred dollars to the Department of Finance for the payment for official bonds, and fixing a time when the same shall take effect," beg leave to report that we have had said ordinance under consideration and recommend that the same do pass.

Respectfully submitted,
 EDWARD P. BARRY,
 EDWARD R. MILLER,
 ED MCGUFF,
 A. D. PORTER,
 THOMAS LEE.

Mr. Barry moved that the report of the Committee be concurred in. Carried.

From the Committee on Public Safety:

We, the undersigned Committee on Public Safety, beg leave to report on General Ordinance No. 8, 1914, entitled, "An ordinance requiring a flagman to be stationed by the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railway Company at the crossing of said company's tracks over Tibbs avenue in the city of Indianapolis, Ind.," and recommend the same do pass.

THOMAS C. LEE,
 EDWARD R. MILLER,
 ED MCGUFF,
 W. T. YOUNG,
 MICHAEL J. SHEA.

Mr. Lee moved that the report of the Committee be concurred in. Carried.

From the Committee on Public Safety:

We, the undersigned Committee on Public Safety, beg leave to report on General Ordinance No. 9, 1914, entitled, "An ordinance requiring a flagman to be stationed by the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railway Company at the crossing of said company's tracks over South Harris avenue, in the city of Indianapolis, Ind.," and recommend the same do pass.

THOMAS C. LEE,
 EDWARD R. MILLER,
 ED MCGUFF,
 W. T. YOUNG,
 MICHAEL J. SHEA.

Mr. Lee moved that the report of the Committee be concurred in. Carried.

From the Committee on Public Safety:

We, the undersigned Committee on Public Safety, after making an investigation, beg leave to report on the General Ordinance No. 10, 1914, entitled, "An ordinance requiring the Chicago, Indianapolis & Louisville Railway Company and the Lake Erie & Western Railway Company to station and maintain a flagman at the intersection of said company's tracks with Thirtieth street, in the city of Indianapolis, and providing a penalty for the violation thereof, and fixing a time when same shall take effect," and recommend same do pass.

THOMAS C. LEE,
EDWARD R. MILLER,
ED MCGUFF,
W. T. YOUNG,
MICHAEL J. SHEA.

Mr. Lee moved that the report of the Committee be concurred in. Carried.

INTRODUCTION OF APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

By City Controller:

Appropriation Ordinance No. 9, 1914: An ordinance appropriating the sum of five thousand dollars to the Department of Public Safety for purchase of automobiles for assistant fire chiefs.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, that there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of five thousand dollars for the purchase of automobiles for the use of assistant fire chiefs.

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

Which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

INTRODUCTION OF GENERAL AND SPECIAL ORDINANCES.

By City Controller :

General Ordinance No. 13, 1914: An ordinance authorizing the City Controller to negotiate a temporary loan of \$100,000 in anticipation of current revenues, 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 the City Controller be and is hereby authorized and empowered to negotiate a temporary loan in the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), maturing not later than July 1st, and at a rate of interest not exceeding 6 per cent. The said loan shall be made under competition bids, and under such other regulations as the City Controller may prescribe. The Mayor and City Controller are hereby authorized and directed to issue the proper obligations of the city for the amount so borrowed, and for the payment of such obligations the faith of the city is hereby irrevocably pledged.

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

Which was read a first time.

Mr. Barry moved that the rules be suspended and General Ordinance No. 13, 1914, be placed upon its passage.

The roll was called and the motion to suspend the rules was lost for want of a unanimous vote, as follows :

Ayes, 2, viz. : Messrs. Barry and Shea.

Noes, 7, viz. : Messrs. Young, Miller, McGuff, Porter, Lee, Graham and President John F. Connor.

General Ordinance No. 13, 1914, was thereupon referred to the Committee on Finance.

By City Controller :

General Ordinance No. 14, 1914: An ordinance creating the office of Barrett Law bookkeeper, fixing the salary, and providing when the same shall take effect.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, that there is hereby created the office of Barrett Law bookkeeper in the Department of Finance. Such bookkeeper shall be appointed by the City Controller, and shall receive a salary of twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200) per annum. He shall give bond in the sum of \$1,000, which shall be paid for as other official bonds.

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

Which was read a first time and referred to the Committee on Public Works.

By Mr. Young:

General Ordinance No. 15, 1914: An ordinance concerning the wages and compensation of laborers employed by the City of Indianapolis, and fixing the time when the same shall take effect, and repealing all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, That all laborers employed by the City of Indianapolis shall each receive wages at the rate of twenty-five cents (\$.25) per hour.

SECTION 2. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Which was read a first time and referred to the Committee on City Welfare.

INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. McGuff:

Resolution No. 1, 1914:

WHEREAS, There are many ordinances upon the ordinance records of the City of Indianapolis which have been declared invalid by the courts; and

WHEREAS, There are also many ordinances on such books for which any public necessity has ceased to exist on account of change in conditions; and

WHEREAS, There are in many cases two or more ordinances covering

the same subject matter, but which are in conflict in one way or another; and

WHEREAS, There has been no revision of the ordinances of the City of Indianapolis since the year 1910, since which time many important ordinances have been enacted; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, That the Department of Law of said city be respectfully requested to investigate and report to this Council as to the advisability of a systematic revision of all ordinances of the City of Indianapolis, whenever passed, with a view of expressly repealing all ordinances which have been declared invalid by the courts or which are manifestly invalid without such judicial decision, and of a codification, revision and publication of such ordinances as shall then remain.

In the event said Department of Law shall recommend that this be done, said department is hereby requested to submit to this Council a plan for carrying out such work. And in the event said department shall consider it advisable or necessary to secure legal assistance outside such department by contract, such report to the Council shall contain an estimate of the cost of such legal assistance and also of the cost of publication of the revision of the ordinances herein proposed.

Said Department of Law is hereby also requested to confer with the City Controller in the event such expense is considered advisable, and to report to this Council whether or not said City Controller is willing to recommend the necessary appropriation in accordance with such estimate or proposition to carry out such plan. And also to submit to this Council a form of resolution or ordinance necessary and proper for carrying such plan into effect.

Which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Law and Judiciary.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

Mr. Barry called for Appropriation Ordinance No. 8, 1914, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Barry moved that Appropriation Ordinance No. 8, 1914, be ordered engrossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage. Carried.

Appropriation Ordinance No. 8, 1914, was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

Ayes, 9, viz.: Messrs. Barry, Young, Miller, McGuff, Porter, Lee, Graham, Shea and President John F. Connor.

Mr. Lee called for General Ordinance No. 8, 1914, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Lee moved that General Ordinance No. 8, 1914, be ordered engrossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage. Carried.

General Ordinance No. 8, 1914, was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

Ayes, 9, viz.: Messrs. Barry, Young, Miller, McGuff, Porter, Lee, Graham, Shea and President John F. Connor.

Mr. Lee called for General Ordinance No. 9, 1914, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Lee moved that General Ordinance No. 9, 1914, be ordered engrossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage. Carried.

General Ordinance No. 9, 1914, was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

Ayes, 9, viz.: Messrs. Barry, Young, Miller, McGuff, Porter, Lee, Graham, Shea and President John F. Connor.

Mr. Lee called for General Ordinance No. 10, 1914, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Lee moved that General Ordinance No. 10, 1914, be ordered engrossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage. Carried.

General Ordinance No. 10, 1914, was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

Ayes, 9, viz.: Messrs. Barry, Young, Miller, McGuff, Porter, Lee, Graham, Shea and President John F. Connor.

On motion of Mr. Shea the Common Council, at 8:25 o'clock P. M., adjourned.

John F. Connor
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President.

ATTEST:

Thomas A. Riley
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City Clerk.

