

REGULAR MEETING.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, IND.,

Monday, September 2, 1918.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber Monday evening, September 2, 1918, at 7:30 o'clock in regular session, President Louis W. Carnefix in the chair.

Present: The Hon. Louis W. Carnefix, President of the Common Council, and eight members, viz.: Messrs. Kirsch, Peake, Willson, Miller, Schmidt, Furniss, Pettijohn and Brown.

Mr. Brown moved to dispense with the reading of the journal. Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR.

August 26, 1918.

To the President and Members of the Common Council:

Gentlemen:

I have signed and delivered to George O. Hutsell, City Clerk, the following ordinances:

Appropriation Ordinances Nos. 22, 21, 23, 24, 26;

General Ordinance No. 43;

Resolution No. 5.

Yours truly,

CHARLES W. JEWETT.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

From the Committee on Finance:

Indianapolis, Ind., September 2, 1918.

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

Gentlemen:

We, your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred Appropriation Ordinance No. 25, 1918, entitled, "An Ordinance appropriating the sum of Sixty (\$60.00) Dollars to the Department of Finance for the purpose of paying the W. Reisinger Decorating Company in the matter of The Servian Relief Mission," beg leave to report that we have had

said ordinance under consideration, and recommend that the same be passed.

J. P. BROWN,
SUMNER A. FURNISS,
RUSSELL WILLSON,
J. E. MILLER,
W. B. PEAKE,

Mr. Brown moved that the report of the committee be concurred in. Carried.

Indianapolis, Ind., September 2, 1918.

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

Gentlemen:

We, your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred Appropriation Ordinance No. 27, 1918, entitled, "An Ordinance appropriating moneys for the purpose of defraying current expenses of the city government of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, and for the use of the several executive departments thereof, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 1919, and ending December 31, 1919, including all outstanding claims and obligations 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 be passed.

J. P. BROWN,
SUMNER A. FURNISS,
RUSSELL WILLSON,
J. E. MILLER,
W. B. PEAKE,

Mr. Brown moved that the report of the committee be concurred in. Carried.

Indianapolis, Ind., September 2, 1918.

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

Gentlemen:

We, your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred General Ordinance No. 46, 1918, entitled, "An Ordinance transferring funds in the Department of Public Works, and re-appropriating the same," beg leave to report that we have had said ordinance under consideration, and recommend that the same be passed.

J. P. BROWN,
SUMNER A. FURNISS,
RUSSELL WILLSON,
J. E. MILLER,
W. B. PEAKE,

Mr. Brown moved that the report of the committee be concurred in. Carried.

Indianapolis, Ind., September 2, 1918.

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

Gentlemen:

We, your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred General Ordinance No. 47, 1918, entitled, "An Ordinance ordering and directing the levy of an annual tax and fixing the rate of levy, or levies, and taxation for the City of Indianapolis for the year 1918, to be collected and expended in the year 1919, 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 be passed.

J. P. BROWN,
SUMNER A. FURNISS,
RUSSELL WILLSON,
J. E. MILLER,
W. B. PEAKE,

Mr. Brown moved that the report of the committee be concurred in. Carried.

INTRODUCTION OF GENERAL AND SPECIAL ORDINANCES.

By Mr. Furniss:

General Ordinance No. 48, 1918.

An ordinance, protecting the public health from venereal diseases, defining the duties of physicians, health officers and other persons in connection therewith, prohibiting the display of advertisements of venereal treatments in public places, authorizing quarantine, requiring certain reports and statements from afflicted persons, and prescribing penalties.

SECTION 1. *Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis,* That syphilis, gonorrhoea and chancroid, known as the venereal diseases, are herewith declared to be contagious, infectious and communicable and dangerous to the public health.

SEC. 2. It is hereby made unlawful for any person afflicted with any such venereal disease to go in, into or upon any public highway, street, alley or public place without at all such times taking all reasonable measures to effect a cure of said disease and such persons shall at all times be under the care and treatment for said disease of some physician authorized by law to practice medicine within said city or by the said City Board of Health or some physician authorized by said Board of Health. Provided, that in case said person submits to treatments by said Board of Health or its said authorized physician, said treatments and the medicine furnished shall be furnished without cost by said

Board of Health to said afflicted person.

SEC. 3. Any physician or other person who makes a diagnosis of, or treats, a case of syphilis, gonorrhoea, or chancroid, and every superintendent or manager of a hospital, dispensary, or charitable or penal institution, in which there is a case of venereal disease, shall report such case immediately upon blanks supplied by the State Board of Health, in the manner provided by the rules of the State Board of Health, passed by the Indiana State Board of Health, February 27, 1918, as recorded in the minutes of the meeting of said board, and shall send such report direct to said board for state record and action.

SEC. 4. It shall be duty of every physician and of every other person who examines or treats a person having syphilis, gonorrhoea, or chancroid, to instruct him or her in measures for preventing the spread of such disease, and inform him or her of the necessity for treatment until cured, and to hand him or her a copy of the circular of information obtainable for this purpose from the State Board of Health.

SEC. 5. The City Board of Health and all city health officers shall use all reasonable means to ascertain the existence of, and to investigate, all cases of syphilis, gonorrhoea and chancroid within said city and to ascertain the sources of said infection. The city health officers and their deputies are hereby empowered and directed to make such examinations of persons having syphilis, gonorrhoea or chancroid, as may be necessary for carrying out these regulations: Provided, patients under the care of physicians whose cases have been reported shall not be examined except upon the request of the attending physician.

SEC. 6. Upon receipt of a report of a case of venereal disease it shall be the duty of the city health officer to institute reasonable measures for the protection of other persons from infection by such venereally diseased person.

(a) The City Board of Health is empowered to quarantine persons who have syphilis, gonorrhoea, or chancroid whenever, in their opinion, or in the opinion of the State Health Commissioner, quarantine is necessary for the protection of the public health. In establishing quarantine the Board of Health shall designate and define the limits of the area in which the person known to have syphilis, gonorrhoea or chancroid and his immediate attendant are to be quarantined, and no person other than the attending physician shall enter or leave the area of quarantine without the permission of the city health officer.

No one but the city health officer shall terminate said quarantine, and this shall not be done until the diseased person has become non-infectious, as determined by the city health officer or his authorized deputy, through the clinical examination and all the necessary laboratory tests, or until permission has been given him so to do by the State Health Commissioner, or until such afflicted person is cured of such disease, or until such person has actually become non-infectious.

(b) The city health officer in charge shall inform all persons who are about to be released from quarantine for said venereal disease, in case they are not cured, what further treatment should be taken to complete their cure. Any person not cured before release from quarantine shall be required by said health officer to sign the following statement after the blank spaces have been filled in truthfully by said person desiring said release.

"I, _____ residing at _____ hereby acknowledge the fact that I am at this time infected with _____ and agree to place myself under the medical care of _____,
 _____ (Name of physician or clinic)
 _____ within _____ hours, and that I will remain
 _____ (Address)

under treatment of said physician or clinic until released by the health officer of _____, or until my case is transferred with the approval of said health officer to another regularly licensed physician or an approved clinic.

"I hereby agree to report to the health officer within four days after beginning treatment as above agreed, and will bring with me a statement from the above physician or clinic of the medical treatment applied in my case, and thereafter will report as often as may be demanded by the health officer."

SEC. 7. It shall be unlawful for any person having the supervision or control of any place open to the public to display or permit to be displayed any sign, poster, advertisement or notice of any kind calling attention to any medicine, formula or preparation to be used in connection with the prevention, or treatment or cure of any venereal disease.

SEC. 8. No employer shall require or permit any person to work, nor shall any person work in any building, room, basement, cellar or vehicle occupied or used for the production, preparation, manufacture, packing, storage, sale, distribution or transportation of food who is affected with any of the aforesaid venereal diseases. Every person employed in any food producing or food handling establishment shall furnish a medical certificate of health as required by the rules of the State Board of Health.

SEC. 9. It shall be unlawful for any druggist, pharmacist or other person, unless authorized by law to practice medicine within said City, to diagnose, prescribe or recommend any medicine for the treatment or cure of any such venereal disease.

SEC. 10. Penalty. Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction, be fined in any sum not less than ten dollars and not more than fifty dollars, to which may be added imprisonment not exceeding ninety days.

SEC. 11. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect, from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

Which was read a first time.

Mr. Furniss moved that the rules be suspended and General Ordinance No. 48, 1918, be placed upon its passage.

The roll was called and the motion to suspend the rules carried by the following vote:

Ayes, 9, viz.: Messrs. Kirsch, Peake, Willson, Miller, Schmidt, Furniss, Pettijohn, Brown, and President Louis W. Carnefix.

Mr. Furniss called for General Ordinance No. 48, 1918, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Furniss moved that General Ordinance No. 48, 1918, be ordered engrossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage. Carried.

General Ordinance No. 48, 1918, was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

Ayes, 9, viz.: Messrs. Kirsch, Peake, Willson, Miller, Schmidt, Furniss, Pettijohn, Brown, and President Louis W. Carnefix.

Br. Mr. Peake:

Special Ordinance No. 16, 1918.

An ordinance disannexing certain territory from the City of Indianapolis, and fixing the time when the same shall take effect.

Whereas, Edward H. Wischmeyer et al. have filed with the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, County of Marion, State of Indiana, their petition, addressed to said Common Council, signed by a majority of the owners of the lands and lots included in the hereinafter described territory, now in the said City of Indianapolis, in which petition said petitioners pray for the disannexation from said City of Indianapolis of the hereinafter described territory; therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, State of Indiana*, That the following described territory, now within the corporate limits of said City, be, and the same is hereby disannexed from, and thrown out of, the said City of Indianapolis, to-wit:

Beginning in the West line of the Northeast quarter of section nineteen (19), in township fifteen (15) North, of range four (4) East, at a point which is one hundred and fifty (150) feet South of the Northwest

corner of said quarter section, and running thence East, parallel to the North line of said section, seven hundred fifteen and $\frac{36}{100}$ (715.36) feet, thence South to a point which is six hundred forty-eight and $\frac{8}{10}$ (648.8) feet South of said North line, thence East, parallel to said North line two hundred and $\frac{8}{10}$ (200.8) feet, thence North to a point twenty-five (25) feet South of the North line of said section, thence East, parallel to and twenty-five (25) feet distant from, the North line of said section seven hundred thirty-seven and $\frac{20}{100}$ (737.20) feet, thence South to a point which is ten hundred thirty-four and $\frac{22}{100}$ (1034.22) feet West of the East line of said section, which point is also eleven hundred twenty and $\frac{7}{10}$ (1120.7) feet South of the North line of said section, thence East, parallel to the North line of said section, to the East line of said section, thence North, on and along said East line of said section, to a point twenty-five (25) feet North of said North line of said section nineteen (19), thence West, parallel to and twenty-five (25) feet distant from said North line of said section, to a point which is one hundred fifty-three (153) feet East of the West line of the Southeast quarter of section eighteen (18), in township fifteen (15) North, of range four (4) East, thence North forty-three and $\frac{8}{10}$ (43.8) feet, thence West to the West line of the Southeast quarter of said section eighteen (18), thence South to the place of beginning.

SEC. 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication for two consecutive weeks in a daily newspaper of general circulation printed and published in said City of Indianapolis, as by statute required.

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

INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

I desire to submit the following charges of impeachment, against George V. Coffin, Chief of Police, a city employee.

On and prior to the sixth day of August, 1918, Gus Schmidt, Louis Carnefix, Otto B. Pettijohn, Lee Kirsch and Wm. B. Peake constituted an investigating committee of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, and were engaged in investigating well-defined and persistent charges to the effect that George Coffin, Chief of Police of the City of Indianapolis, was unlawfully and feloniously permitting and protecting operators of blind tiger and gambling houses in extensive law violations.

The said Committee was also investigating certain rumors to the effect that the said Coffin operated and conducted, in rooms over the Marion County Jail, situated in Marion County, a gambling house and extensive blind tiger, where intoxicating liquor was illegally kept and dispensed in violation of the laws of the State of Indiana, and where

games of chance were conducted and participated in by the said Coffin and other persons, in violation of said laws.

That prior to the said — day of August, 1918, the said Coffin expressed a desire to said Committee to have a consultation with them in said rooms in said jail. That for the purpose of ascertaining the exact state of facts and securing such information as could be secured, the said Committee, on said date, suggested to one Taylor Groniger, an attorney, and agent of said Coffin, that said Committee visit said Coffin in said rooms in said jail and there have a consultation with reference to these conditions. That Groniger later on, about one week later, reported to the said Committee that the said Coffin would meet said Committee in said rooms in said jail. That about three days afterwards, to-wit: on or about the sixth day of August, 1918, the said Committee, pursuant to said agreement, met with said Coffin in said rooms in said jail. That present at said meeting, in addition to the said members of said Committee, were George V. Coffin, the said Taylor Groniger, one Otis Dodson, Sheriff of Marion County, and another person, whose name is to the Committee unknown, who performed certain functions herein-after designated. That the said Coffin had on hand a vast quantity of beer and whiskey. That for some purpose, lying within the peculiar knowledge of said Coffin, the said Coffin endeavored to cause to become intoxicated the members of said Committee, and unlawfully and in violation of the laws of the State of Indiana, served to them a vast amount of beer and whiskey, which he then and there unlawfully had in his possession, and he and the said Dodson then and there unlawfully drank a vast amount of said beer and whiskey and caused several members of said Committee to drink some of said whiskey and beer and unlawfully caused some members of said Committee to take large amounts of said whiskey to their respective homes.

That the said Coffin, or the said Dodson, or both of them, after a vast amount of said liquor was unlawfully consumed and immediately after and during the unlawful serving and consuming of said liquor, proposed that all present engage in a certain unlawful gambling game known as poker. That the said Sheriff Dodson, the said Chief of Police Geo. Coffin, and said members of said Committee, the latter for the purpose of entrapment only, then and there engaged in said game of poker and wagered and lost with and against each other considerable sums of money. That the participancy of said members of the Committee in all of the above transactions was solely for the purpose of verifying their suspicions and said reports concerning said Coffin and for the purpose only of entrapment of said Coffin.

That the functions performed by the said individual unknown, who was probably a prisoner in said jail, was to carry, with great frequency from a certain place where said Coffin and said Dodson unlawfully kept concealed a large amount of beer and whiskey, many bottles of beer

and several bottles of whiskey in two buckets with ice thereon.

Wherefore, I move that the President of the Council appoint a committee of three members to investigate these charges and report at the next meeting of this Council.

Respectfully,

OTTO B. PETTIJOHN,
Fourth District Councilman.

Which was read.

The following members of the Common Council were appointed by President Carnefix as a Special Committee to investigate these charges:

Russell Willson, Chairman; Wm. B. Peake, Lee J. Kirsch and Otto B. Pettijohn.

Mr. Willson rose to a point of order, stating that the Committee should be composed of an odd number of members.

The Chair ruled that the point was not well taken, President Carnefix stating that the Committee as appointed would stand.

Mr. Brown called for Appropriation Ordinance No. 25, 1918, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Brown moved that Appropriation Ordinance No. 25, 1918, be ordered engrossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage. Carried.

Appropriation Ordinance No. 25, 1918, was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

Ayes, 9, viz.: Messrs. Kirsch, Peake, Willson, Miller, Schmidt, Furniss, Pettijohn, Brown, and President Louis W. Carnefix.

Mr. Brown called for Appropriation Ordinance No. 27, 1918, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Brown moved that Appropriation Ordinance No. 27, 1918, be ordered engrossed, read a third time, and placed upon its passage. Carried.

Appropriation Ordinance No. 27, 1918, was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

Ayes, 9, viz.: Messrs. Kirsch, Peake, Willson, Miller, Schmidt, Furniss, Pettijohn, Brown, and President Louis W. Carnefix.

Mr. Brown called for General Ordinance No. 46, 1918, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Brown moved that General Ordinance No. 46, 1918, be ordered engrossed, read a third time, and placed upon its passage. Carried.

General Ordinance No. 46, 1918, was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

Ayes, 9, viz.: Messrs. Kirsch, Peake, Willson, Miller, Schmidt, Furniss, Pettijohn, Brown, and President Carnefix.

Mr. Brown called for General Ordinance No. 47, 1918, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Brown moved that General Ordinance No. 47, 1918, be ordered engrossed, read a third time, and placed upon its passage. Carried.

General Ordinance No. 47, 1918, was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

Ayes, 9, viz.: Messrs. Kirsch, Peake, Willson, Miller, Schmidt, Furniss, Pettijohn, Brown, and President Louis W. Carnefix.

On motion of Mr. Miller, the Common Council, at 8:55 o'clock p. m., adjourned.

President.

ATTEST:

City Clerk.