

# 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, IND.,

MONDAY, January 3, 1916, 7:30 P. M.

Pursuant to Section 49, of "An Act concerning municipal corporations," approved March 6, 1905 (see Laws 64th Regular Session, Chapter 129, pages 219 to 410, and commonly called "The Cities and Towns Act"), the Common Council held its first meeting on the first Monday in January, 1916, at 7:30 P. M., in the Council Chamber, located in the City Hall, and was called to order by Thomas A. Riley, City Clerk, who called the roll of

the nine Councilmen-at-Large, all of whom answered to their respective names.

Present: Messrs. Barry, Young, McGuff, Miller, Porter, Lee, Connor, Graham and Shea.

The City Clerk announced nine members present, and stated the first business in order to be the election of a President of the Common Council for the year 1916.

Councilman Shea placed in nomination Edward R. Miller.

Councilman Connor placed in nomination Edward P. Barry.

Mr. Graham moved that the nominations be closed. Carried.

The Clerk called the roll, which resulted as follows:

Those voting for Mr. Barry, 5, viz.: Messrs. Barry, Porter, Lee, Connor and Graham.

Those voting for Mr. Miller, 4, viz.: Messrs. Young, McGuff, Miller and Shea.

City Clerk Riley announced the result of the vote and declared Councilman Barry elected President of the Common Council for the year 1916.

City Clerk Riley appointed Messrs. Miller and Young to escort Mr. Barry to the chair.

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

Councilman Porter placed in nomination Thomas C. Lee.

Councilman Shea nominated Aubrey D. Porter. Mr. Porter declined the nomination.

Councilman Miller nominated Edward McGuff. Mr. McGuff declined the nomination.

Mr. Graham moved the nominations be closed and Mr. Lee be elected by acclamation. Motion carried.

President Barry declared Mr. Lee elected President pro tem. of the Common Council for the year 1916.

REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., December 22, 1915.

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

GENTLEMEN—I have approved and signed Appropriation Ordinance No. 33, 1915, the same being an ordinance entitled "An ordinance making additional appropriations to the Department of Public Works."

I return the said ordinance herewith.

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

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., December 22, 1915.

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

GENTLEMEN—I have approved and signed General Ordinance No. 60, 1915, the same being an ordinance entitled "An ordinance authorizing the

sale of fifty (50) bonds of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) each of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, payable from the general revenues and funds of said city from the sinking fund of said city, or as may be required by law, for the purpose of procuring money to be used for the elevation of railroad tracks, and work thereunto appertaining, and providing for the time and manner of advertising, sale of bonds and the receipt of bids for the same, together with the mode and terms of sale, and fixing a time when the same shall take effect."

I return the said ordinance herewith.

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

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., December 23, 1915.

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

GENTLEMEN—I have approved and signed the following ordinances:

1. Appropriation Ordinance No. 34, 1915, the same being an ordinance entitled "An ordinance appropriating \$5,450 to the Department of Public Works for a new boiler at the City Hospital, and fixing the time when the same shall take effect."
2. Appropriation Ordinance No. 32, 1915, the same being an ordinance entitled "An ordinance appropriating \$10,000 to the Department of Public Works for the payment of consulting engineers, appraisers and expert witnesses in the case before the Public Service Commission of Indiana, for the valuation of the property of the Indianapolis Water Company and the fixing of rates."
3. General Ordinance No. 64, 1915, the same being an ordinance entitled "An ordinance making transfers in the funds of the Department of Public Safety for fire department, and fixing the time when the same shall take effect."
4. General Ordinance No. 61, 1915, the same being an ordinance entitled "An ordinance transferring \$400 from assessments erroneous to assessments against the City of Indianapolis, in the funds of the Department of Public Works."
5. Special Ordinance No. 14, 1915, the same being an ordinance entitled "An ordinance changing the name of the street known as Isabella Street to Franklin Place, from Udell Street to Roache Street."
6. Special Ordinance No. 11, 1915, the same being an ordinance entitled "An ordinance annexing certain territory to the City of Indianapolis, in the County of Marion, State of Indiana, and fixing the time when the same shall take effect."

I return the said ordinances herewith.

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

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., December 24, 1915.

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

GENTLEMEN—I have approved and signed General Ordinance No. 55, 1915, the same being an ordinance to prevent persons engaged in business upon any street, alley, highway or public place from permitting music or noise for the purpose of attracting a crowd or as a means of advertising such place.

I return the said ordinance herewith.

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

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., December 28, 1915.

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

GENTLEMEN—I have approved and signed General Ordinance No. 63, 1915, the same being an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to regulate automobile traffic, providing a penalty for violations, and fixing the time when the same shall take effect."

I return the said ordinance herewith.

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

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., December 28, 1915.

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

GENTLEMEN—I have approved and signed Resolution No. 6, 1915, the same being a resolution extending the sympathy of the Common Council to the Honorable Thomas A. Riley, City Clerk, by reason of the death of his wife and daughter.

I return the said resolution herewith.

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



## REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

From the City Clerk:

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK,  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., January 3, 1916.

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

GENTLEMEN—I thank you for the resolution of sympathy and the beautiful floral offerings sent me on account of the death of my beloved wife and daughter.

While I know they are in a brighter and happier land, yet it was hard to give them up, when the future looked so bright and happy for us.

Again thanking you, I remain,

Sincerely yours,  
THOMAS A. RILEY,  
*City Clerk.*

From the City Clerk:

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK,  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., December 29, 1915.

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

GENTLEMEN—I enclose herewith a petition from John Reichwein, addressed to the Mayor and Common Council, requesting that the name of Pendergast Street, from Concord Street to first alley west of Concord Street, be changed to North Street.

Respectfully yours,  
THOMAS A. RILEY,  
*City Clerk.*

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., December 27, 1915.

*To the Mayor and the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana:*

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned owners of real estate abutting on Pendergast Street, from Concord Street to first alley west of Concord Street, respectfully petition for the passage of a resolution providing for the change of name of said street from Pendergast Street to North Street. I represent that I am the sole and only resident owner of real estate residing on said street.

JOHN REICHWEIN.

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

From the Board of Public Works:

STATE OF INDIANA, COUNTY OF MARION, SS:

IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT.

In the Matter of the Sale of Certain Personal Property by the Board of Public Works.

PETITION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF APPRAISERS.

The Board of Public Works respectfully petitions the Court and shows that it has in its care and custody certain personal property belonging to the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, which is no longer needed, and no longer fit for the purpose for which it was intended to be used, and which this board deems advisable to sell, all as shown by the inventory attached hereto, and made a part hereof, and marked "Exhibit A."

Wherefore, your petitioner prays the Court to appoint as appraisers for said property, three disinterested freeholders of the City of Indianapolis, neither of whom shall be officers or employees of said City of Indianapolis, to make an appraisalment and sworn valuation of said property in writing, and return the same to the Mayor of said City of Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dated this 1st day of November, 1915.

J. A. RINK,  
HUBERT S. RILEY,  
GEO. B. GASTON,  
*Board of Public Works.*

STATE OF INDIANA, COUNTY OF MARION, SS:

In the Matter of the Sale of Certain Personal Property by the Board of Public Works.

APPOINTMENT OF APPRAISERS.

Comes now the Board of Public Works, and having presented the inventory, attached hereto, of certain personal property in the care and custody of said board, which said board desires to sell, and petitions the Court to appoint three disinterested freeholders of the City of Indianapolis, County of Marion, and State of Indiana, as appraisers for said property, and the Court being fully advised in the premises, does hereby appoint William H. Phillips, 1916 Cornell; John J. Marshall, 2319 North Gale, and Remster Bingham, 1005 Fletcher building, neither of whom are officers of said city, as appraisers to make an appraisalment, and sworn valuation of said property, in writing, and return the same to the Mayor of said city.

Dated this 4th day of November, 1915.

LOUIS B. EW BANK,  
*Judge, Marion Circuit Court.*

In the Matter of the Sale of Certain Personal Property by the Board of Public Works.

INVENTORY.

We, the undersigned, Board of Public Works, do hereby inventory the following personal property belonging to the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, which is no longer needed and no longer fit for the purpose for which it was intended to be used, and which it is deemed advisable by this board, which has the care and custody of such property of said city, to sell, namely:

Bridges over Pogue's Run, at the following locations:

- New Jersey Street,
- East Street,
- East Washington Street
- Davidson Street,
- Market Street,
- Pine Street.

J. A. RINK,  
 HUBERT S. RILEY,  
 GEO. B. GASTON,  
*Board of Public Works.*

STATE OF INDIANA, COUNTY OF MARION, ss:

In the Matter of the Sale of Certain Personal Property by the Department of Public Works.

APPRAISEMENTS.

The undersigned, having been duly sworn on oath, depose and say:

That having been duly appointed by the Judge of the Circuit Court in and for the said county and state, aforesaid, to make appraisement and sworn valuation of certain personal property inventoried by the Board of Public Works for the purpose of making sale of same, we do now hereby honestly and truly appraise such property as being of the fair and reasonable value herein indicated, as follows:

BRIDGES OVER POGUE'S RUN DRAIN AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

New Jersey Street.....	\$117.00
East Street .....	203.00
East Washington Street .....	473.00
Davidson Street.....	Wooden structure; no value
Market Street .....	193.00
Pine Street .....	187.00

WILLIAM H. PHILLIPS,  
 JOHN MARSHALL,  
 REMSTER BINGHAM,  
*Appraisers.*



STATE OF INDIANA, COUNTY OF MARION, SS :

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public, in and for said county and state, this the 10th day of November, 1915.

MARGARET LIPP,  
*Notary Public.*

My commission expires April 10th, 1919.

APPROVAL BY THE MAYOR.

I, Joseph E. Bell, Mayor of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, do hereby approve the foregoing proceedings and contemplated sale of the property herein inventoried, and also, approve the appraisements and sworn valuation made by said appraisers.

Dated this 3rd day of December, 1915.

J. E. BELL,  
*Mayor.*

From the Board of Public Works :

STATE OF INDIANA, COUNTY OF MARION, SS :

IN THE MARION CIRCUIT COURT.

In the Matter of the Sale of Certain Personal Property by the  
Board of Public Works.

PETITION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF APPRAISERS.

The Board of Public Works respectfully petitions the Court and shows that it has in its care and custody certain personal property belonging to the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, which is no longer needed, and no longer fit for the purpose for which it was intended to be used, and which this Board deems advisable to sell, all as shown by the inventory attached hereto, and made a part hereof, and marked "Exhibit A."

Wherefore, your petitioner prays the Court to appoint as appraisers for said property, three disinterested freeholders of the City of Indianapolis, neither of whom shall be officers or employees of said City of Indianapolis, to make an appraisalment and sworn valuation of said property in writing, and return the same to the Mayor of said City of Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dated this 1st day of November, 1915.

J. A. RINK,  
HUBERT S. RILEY,  
GEO. B. GASTON,  
*Board of Public Works.*

STATE OF INDIANA, COUNTY OF MARION, SS:

In the Matter of the Sale of Certain Personal Property by the  
Board of Public Works.

APPOINTMENT OF APPRAISERS.

Comes now the Board of Public Works and having presented the inventory, attached hereto, of certain personal property in the care and custody of said board, which said board desires to sell, and petitions the Court to appoint three (3) disinterested freeholders of the City of Indianapolis, County of Marion, and State of Indiana, as appraisers for said property, and the Court being fully advised in the premises, does hereby appoint Charles Brown, 832 North West Street, Main 3775; Edward W. Hohlt, 817 Law building, Main 6931; John L. Bienz, 3425 North Illinois Street, North 1766, neither of whom are officers or employees of said city, as appraisers to make an appraisalment and sworn valuation of said property in writing, and return the same to the Mayor of said city.

Dated this 6th day of December, 1915.

LOUIS B. EWBANK,  
*Judge, Marion Circuit Court.*

"EXHIBIT A"

In the Matter of the Sale of Certain Personal Property by the  
Board of Public Works.

INVENTORY.

We, the undersigned, Board of Public Works, do hereby inventory the following personal property belonging to the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, which is no longer needed and no longer fit for the purpose for which it was intended to be used, and which it is deemed advisable by this board, which has the care and custody of such property of said city, to sell, namely:

1 Cole, 1913 Touring Car.

J. A. RINK,  
HUBERT S. RILEY,  
GEO. B. GASTON,  
*Board of Public Works.*

STATE OF INDIANA, COUNTY OF MARION, SS :

In the Matter of the Sale of Certain Personal Property by the Department of Public Works.

APPRAISEMENTS.

The undersigned, having been duly sworn on oath, depose and say :

That having been duly appointed by the Judge of the Circuit Court in and for the said county and state, aforesaid, to make appraisal and sworn valuation of certain personal property inventoried by the Board of Public Works for the purpose of making sale of same, we do now hereby honestly and truly appraise such property as being of the fair and reasonable value herein indicated, as follows :

1 Cole 1913 Touring Car-----\$600.00

EDWARD W. HOHLT,  
JOHN L. BIENZ,  
CHAS. W. BROWN,  
*Appraisers.*

STATE OF INDIANA, COUNTY OF MARION, SS :

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and for the above named county and state, this the 6th day of December, 1915.

L. K. ADAMS,  
*Notary Public.*

My commission expires January 18th, 1918.

APPROVAL BY THE MAYOR.

I, Joseph E. Bell, Mayor of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, do hereby approve the foregoing proceedings and contemplated sale of the property herein inventoried, and also, approve the appraisements and sworn valuation made by said appraisers.

Dated this 24th day of December, 1915.

J. E. BELL,  
*Mayor.*

## INTRODUCTION OF GENERAL AND SPECIAL ORDINANCES.

By Mr. Young (by request) :

General Ordinance No. 1, 1916: An Ordinance requiring the owners and occupants of premises situate within the City of Indianapolis to keep the sidewalks improved with stone, in front of or adjacent to their premises, roughed, prescribing the times during which such sidewalks shall be roughed, providing penalties for the violation thereof, 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 occupants of occupied premises and the owners of unoccupied premises situate in the City of Indianapolis be, and the same are hereby required to keep the sidewalks in front of or adjacent to the premises so occupied by such occupant, or in front of or adjacent to the unoccupied premises so owned by such owners, where said sidewalks are improved by stone, roughed, as hereinafter provided. The word "occupy" as herein used shall be deemed to mean the person, firm or corporation occupying for business, residence or other purpose, the first floor of any building situate on the premises so occupied, and if the first floor of any such building is not occupied, then such premises shall be deemed and held to be unoccupied and the owner thereof shall be required to keep said sidewalk in front of or adjacent to such premises roughed, as hereinafter provided. Provided, that all such stone sidewalks shall be roughed in a manner sufficient to prevent slipping thereon, and shall be kept rough from the first day of October to the first day of June, inclusive.

SECTION 2. Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any of the provisions of Section 1 of this ordinance shall, upon conviction, be fined in any sum not less than Ten (\$10.00) dollars nor more than Fifty (\$50.00) dollars.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be in force from and after its passage and publication once each week for two consecutive weeks in the Indianapolis Star, a newspaper of general circulation in said city.

W. T. YOUNG (by request).

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

## INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

President Barry announced the following standing committees for the year 1916:

Finance—Porter, Connor, Lee, Graham, McGuff.

Public Works—Connor, Lee, Porter, Young, Graham.

Public Safety—Lee, Connor, Shea, Graham, McGuff.

Public Health and Charities—Graham, Porter, Connor, Miller, Young.

Parks—McGuff, Shea, Miller, Lee, Young.

Law and Judiciary—Connor, Miller, Porter, Graham, McGuff.

Elections—Porter, Miller, Lee, Connor, Shea.

City's Welfare—Lee, Shea, Porter, Young, Graham.

E. P. BARRY.

President Barry requested that all chairmen of 1915 committees turn over all ordinances which had been referred to their respective committees, and are now in their possession, to the corresponding standing committees for 1916.

By Mr. Connor:

Resolution No. 1, 1916:

WHEREAS, The Journal of the Common Council for the year 1915 is now ready to be bound; and,

WHEREAS, It should have a proper index; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the City Controller be requested to recommend an appropriation of three hundred dollars (\$300) for that purpose.

JOHN F. CONNOR.



Mr. Connor moved that Resolution No. 1, 1916, be adopted.  
Carried.

On motion of Mr. Porter, the Common Council, at 8:15 o'clock  
P. M., adjourned.

*Edward P. Barry*  
.....  
President.

ATTEST:  
*Thomas A. Turley*  
.....  
City Clerk.

