

REGULAR MEETING.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, IND.,

MONDAY, October 15, 1917.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, October 15, 1917, at 7:30 o'clock, in regular session, President Michael J. Shea in the chair.

Present: The Hon. Michael J. Shea, President of the Common Council, and 6 members, viz.: Messrs. Barry, Young, Miller, Porter, Connor and Graham.

Absent, 2, viz.: Messrs McGuff and Lee.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., October 2, 1917.

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

GENTLEMEN—I return herewith without my approval General Ordinance No. 76, 1917, the same being an ordinance entitled:

“An ordinance fixing the salaries and compensation of all officers and members of the Police Force of the City of Indianapolis.”

I withhold my approval of this ordinance at this time without reference as to whether or not the City's revenue will furnish sufficient funds to provide for the payment of increase in the payroll of the Police Department.

I am withholding my approval of this ordinance at this time solely because of the inconsistencies and contradictions in the ordinance itself.

In sub-division G of the ordinance it is provided as follows: “Each patrolman shall receive the sum of Three Dollars and sixty cents a day, payable semi-monthly,” and again it is provided in the same sub-division that “each patrolman first year—Three Dollars and thirty cents per day.”

It is impossible to say which one of these provisions will be binding concerning the salary of a patrolman during the first year because one provision provides that it shall be \$3.60 and the other provides that it shall be \$3.30 per day.

It is impossible to determine what salary is provided for Motor Policemen. In line 6 of sub-division G of the ordinance it is provided as follows:

"Each Motor Policeman—Four Dollars and thirty cents per day," while in line 17 of the same sub-division it is provided as follows: "Each Motor Policeman—Three Dollars and ninety cents per day."

The ordinance shows that it has been prepared in a very careless manner and passed without careful consideration by the Common Council.

I wish in this connection to call your attention to the fact that the falling off of the revenues of the city will make it impossible to meet this increase in the payrolls unless there is a reduction in the number of Policemen upon the Force or the city sees fit to borrow money to meet current expenses. The city will lose during the coming year over three hundred thousand dollars from saloon license fees alone. So that with the increase in the Police Payroll which this ordinance, if passed, will provide, added to that which has already been made in the increase in the salaries of the Fire Department will make an increase in these two departments of at least two hundred thousand dollars each year, making a difference of one half million dollars in the matter of the city's finances, with no provisions whatever to meet it.

The increased cost of everything the city has to buy, including the increase of wages to common day laborers will add additional burdens which the next administration will have great difficulty in meeting.

Since this ordinance expressly provides that it shall not take effect until the beginning of the next administration, it is my judgment that it would be only fair to the next administration that we should not embarrass it by creating obligations when we do not provide for revenue to meet them.

Yours very truly,

J. E. BELL,

Mayor.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., October 5, 1917.

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

GENTLEMEN—I have approved and signed the following ordinances and resolution:

1. General Ordinance No. 79, 1917, the same being an ordinance entitled "An ordinance ordering the Board of Public Works of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, to improve Market Street, from the west property line of West Street to the east property line of Blackford Street by paving the roadway with wooden block, asphalt, bituminous concrete or brick, as provided for under Improvement Resolution No. 9022, adopted July 2, 1917."

2. Special Ordinance No. 20, 1917, the same being an ordinance entitled "An ordinance providing for the change of name of Adelaide Street, from Washington Street to Pratt Street."

3. Resolution No. 8, 1917, the same being an ordinance entitled "A resolution appointing and electing inspectors for the city election in the City of Indianapolis to be held November 6, 1917."

I return the said ordinances and resolution herewith.

Yours very truly,

J. E. BELL,

Mayor.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT;

CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., October 11, 1917.

To the President and Members of the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN—I have approved and signed General Ordinance No. 95, 1917, the same being an ordinance entitled "An ordinance authorizing the City Controller to make a temporary loan of \$150,000.00, or any part thereof, in anticipation of current revenues, appropriating \$152,225.00 for payment of same and fixing a time when same shall take effect."

I return the said ordinance herewith.

Very truly yours,

J. E. BELL,

Mayor.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES:

From the Committee on Finance:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., October 15, 1917.

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

GENTLEMEN—We, your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred Appropriation Ordinance No. 19, 1917, entitled "An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$300.00 to the Department of Public Works 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.

A. D. PORTER,

JOHN F. CONNOR,

EDWARD P. BARRY,

FRANK GRAHAM.

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

From the Committee on Finance:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., October 15, 1917.

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. 20, 1917,, entitled "An ordinance appropriating certain funds to the Department of Public Works, 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.

A. D. PORTER,
EDWARD P. BARRY,
JOHN F. CONNOR,
FRANK GRAHAM.

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

From the Committee on Finance:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., October 15, 1917.

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. 88, 1917, entitled "An ordinance providing for the transfer of certain funds of the Department of Public Safety, reappropriating the same to certain funds of the Department of Public Safety, 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.

A. D. PORTER,
EDWARD P. BARRY,
JOHN F. CONNOR,
FRANK GRAHAM.

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

At 8:00 o'clock P. M. Mr. McGuff entered the Council Chamber and took his seat.

From the Committee on Public Works:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., October 15, 1917.

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

GENTLEMEN—We, your Committee on Public Works, to whom was referred General Ordinance No. 92, 1917, entitled "An ordinance amending Section 542 of General Ordinance No. 12, 1917," beg leave to report that we have had said ordinance under consideration, and recommend that the same be not passed.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. CONNOR,
EDWARD P. BARRY,
EDWARD R. MILLER.

Mr. Connor moved that General Ordinance No. 92, 1917, be stricken from the files.

The roll was called and General Ordinance No. 92, 1917, was stricken from the files by the following vote:

Ayes, 8, viz.: Messrs. Barry, Young, McGuff, Miller, Porter, Connor, Graham and President Michael J. Shea.

Noes, none.

From the Committee on City's Welfare:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., October 15, 1917.

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

GENTLEMEN—We, your Committee on City's Welfare, to whom was referred General Ordinance No. 89, 1917, entitled "An ordinance approving a certain contract granting the Cincinnati, Indianapolis and Western Railroad Company the right to lay and maintain a sidetrack or switch across Belmont Avenue and relocate its main track, according to blueprint attached, in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana," beg leave to report that we have had said ordinance under consideration, and recommend that the same be passed.

E. R. MILLER,
JOHN F. CONNOR,
EDWARD P. BARRY.

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

From the Committee on City's Welfare:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., October 15, 1917.

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

GENTLEMEN—We, your Committee on City's Welfare, to whom was referred General Ordinance No. 90, 1917, entitled "An ordinance approving a certain contract granting the Meier Packing Company the right to lay and maintain a sidetrack or switch from the main track of the P. C. C. & St. L. R. R., St. Louis Division, Starch Works Branch, across Vinton Street, crossing the center line of Vinton Street at a point 1 ft. east of the east line of Dakota Street, according to blueprint attached, in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana," beg leave to report that we have had said ordinance under consideration, and recommend that the same be passed.

E. R. MILLER,
JOHN F. CONNOR,
EDWARD P. BARRY.

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

INTRODUCTION OF GENERAL AND SPECIAL ORDINANCES.

By Mr. Barry:

General Ordinance No. 96, 1917. An ordinance amending subdivision "b" of Section 983 of General Ordinance No. 12, 1917.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, That subdivision "b" of Section 983, General Ordinance No. 12, 1917 of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, be and it is hereby amended to read after the clause relating to the salaries of each assistant clerk, as follows: Assistant and number clerk—\$1,200.00 per year, dating from October 1, 1917, at eight o'clock A. M.

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

Which was read a first time.

Mr. Barry moved that the rules be suspended and General Ordinance No. 96, 1917, be placed upon its passage.

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

Ayes, 8, viz.: Messrs. Barry, Young, McGuff, Miller, Porter, Connor, Graham and President Michael J. Shea.

Noes, none.

Mr. Barry called for General Ordinance No. 96, 1917, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Barry moved that General Ordinance No. 96, 1917, be ordered engrossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage. Carried.

General Ordinance No. 96, 1917, was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

Ayes, 8, viz.: Messrs. Barry, Young, McGuff, Miller, Porter, Connor, Graham and President Michael J. Shea.

Noes, none.

By Mr. Porter:

General Ordinance No. 97, 1917. An ordinance amending Clause (G) of Section 983 of General Ordinance No. 12, 1917, pertaining to the compensation of members of the Police Department.

Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Ind.

SECTION 1. That Clause (G) of Section 983 of General Ordinance No. 12, 1917, pertaining to the compensation fixed for members of the Police Department be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

(G) For the Police Department:

The Superintendent of Police—Four Thousand Dollars per year.

The Secretary to Superintendent—Eighteen Hundred Dollars per year.

Inspector—Twenty-five Hundred and Twenty Dollars per year.

Each Captain—Two Thousand and Eighty-eight Dollars per year.

Each Lieutenant—Eighteen Hundred Dollars per year.

Each Sergeant—Fifteen Hundred and Eighty-four Dollars per year.

Each Detective—Fifteen Hundred and Eighty-four Dollars per year.

Each Patrolman, First Year—Three Dollars and Thirty Cents per day.

Each Patrolman, After First Year—Three Dollars and Sixty Cents per day.

Each Matron at Police Station—Eighty-five Dollars per month.

Each Mounted Patrolman—Three Dollars and Sixty Cents per day.

Each Motor Policeman (which includes Bicyclemen, Wagon Men and Chauffeurs)—Four Dollars and Twenty Cents per day.

Each Plain Clothes Man—Three Dollars and Sixty Cents per day.

Each Trafficman—Four Dollars and Twenty Cents per day.

Each Deskman at Substation—Three Dollars and Ninety Cents per day.

Police Officer Assigned to Board of Children's Guardians—Seven Hundred and Ninety-two Dollars per year.

Each Humane Officer—Fifteen Hundred and Eighty-four Dollars per year.

Bertillon Clerk—Fifteen Hundred and Eighty-four Dollars per year.

Each Turnkey—Three Dollars and Ninety Cents per day.

Custodian Police Station—Two Dollars and Seventy-five cents per day.

Each Engineer at Police Station—Three Dollars per day.

Each Janitor at Police Station—Fifty-five Dollars per month.

Each Gamewell Operator at Police Station—Three Dollars and Sixty Cents per day.

Each Telephone Operator at Police Station—Fifteen Hundred and Eighty-four Dollars per year.

Surgeon Police and Fire Departments—Twelve Hundred Dollars per year.

Assistant Surgeon Police and Fire Departments—Sixty Dollars per month.

SECTION 2. The salaries and wages provided for in this ordinance shall be paid for police duty only, except when sick, disabled or on annual vacation.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect after January 1st, 1918.

Which was read a first time.

Mr. Porter moved that the rules be suspended and General Ordinance No. 97, 1917, be placed upon its passage.

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

Ayes, 6, viz.: Messrs. Barry, McGuff, Miller, Porter, Connor and Graham.

Noes, 2, viz.: Messrs. Young and President Michael J. Shea.

General Ordinance No. 97, 1917, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Miller :

Special Ordinance No. 21, 1917. An ordinance changing the name of Pine Street, from Fifteenth Street to the first alley south of Nineteenth Street, to Garfield Place.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, That the name of Pine Street from Fifteenth Street, to the first alley south of Nineteenth Street be changed and the same is hereby changed to Garfield Place.

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 Parks.

INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

City Clerk Riley reported a number of bills for supplies furnished to the Registration Bureau for audit.

Mr. McGuff moved that the bills be referred to the Committee on Finance. Carried.

ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING.

Mr. Porter called for Appropriation Ordinance No. 19, 1917, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Porter moved that Appropriation Ordinance No. 19, 1917, be ordered engrossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage. Carried.

Appropriation Ordinance No. 19, 1917, was read a third time and passed by the following vote :

Ayes, 8, viz.: Messrs. Barry, Young, McGuff, Miller, Porter, Connor, Graham and President Michael J. Shea.

Noes, none.

Mr. Porter called for Appropriation Ordinance No. 20, 1917, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Porter moved that Appropriation Ordinance No. 20, 1917, be ordered engrossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage. Carried.

Appropriation Ordinance No. 20, 1917, was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

Ayes, 8, viz.: Messrs. Barry, Young, McGuff, Miller, Porter, Connor, Graham and President Michael J. Shea.

Noes, none.

Mr. Porter called for General Ordinance No. 88, 1917, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Porter moved that General Ordinance No. 88, 1917, be ordered engrossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage. Carried.

General Ordinance No. 88, 1917, was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

Ayes, 8, viz.: Messrs. Barry, Young, McGuff, Miller, Porter, Connor, Graham and President Michael J. Shea.

Noes, none.

Mr. Connor called for Special Ordinance No. 19, 1917, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Connor moved that Special Ordinance No. 19, 1917, be ordered engrossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage. Carried.

Special Ordinance No. 19, 1917, was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

Ayes, 8, viz.: Messrs. Barry, Young, McGuff, Miller, Porter, Connor, Graham and President Michael J. Shea.

Noes, none.

Mr. Miller called for General Ordinance No. 89, 1917, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Miller moved that General Ordinance No. 89, 1917, be ordered engrossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage. Carried.

General Ordinance No. 89, 1917, was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

Ayes, 8, viz.: Messrs. Barry, Young, McGuff, Miller, Porter, Connor, Graham and President Michael J. Shea.

Noes, none.

Mr. Miller called for General Ordinance No. 90, 1917, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Miller moved that General Ordinance No. 90, 1917, be ordered engrossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage. Carried.

General Ordinance No. 90, 1917, was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

Ayes, 8, viz.: Messrs. Barry, Young, McGuff, Miller, Porter, Connor, Graham and President Michael J. Shea.

Noes, none.

On motion of Mr. Porter, the Common Council, at 8:35 o'clock P. M., adjourned.

Michael J. Shea

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President.

ATTEST:

Thomas A. Orley

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City Clerk.

