

# PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL.

SPECIAL SESSION—MAY 21, 1887.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Council Chamber, Saturday evening, May 21st, A. D. 1887, at eight o'clock, in special session, pursuant to the following call :

*Indianapolis, May 19th, 1887.*

To Hon. C. S. DENNY, Mayor of the City of Indianapolis, Ind :

We, the undersigned, members of the Common Council, respectfully request you to call a special meeting of that body for Saturday evening, May 21, 1887, at eight o'clock, for the purpose of transacting such business as may come before it.

Theo. F. Smither. Councilman from 4th Ward.  
John R. Pearson. Councilman from 5th Ward.  
C. F. Rooker.... Councilman from 3d Ward.  
D. F. Swain ..... Councilman from 2d Ward.  
Isaac Thalman... Councilman from 11th Ward.

To the Members of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

*Gentlemen:*—In pursuance to the foregoing request, I hereby call a special meeting of the Common Council for Saturday evening, May 21, 1887, at eight o'clock, for the purpose of transacting such business as may come before it.

C. S. DENNY, Mayor.

PRESENT—Hon. Caleb S. Denny, Mayor, and *ex officio* President of the Common Council in the Chair, and 20 members, viz : Councilmen Burns, Coy, Cummings, Dell, Dunn, Edenharter, Haugh, Herig, Howes, Mack, McClelland, Newland, Pearson, Reynolds, Rooker, Smith, Smither, Swain, Thalman, and Waterman.

ABSENT, 5—viz: Councilmen Benjamin, Markey, McGroarty, Reinecke, and Stuckmeyer.

The Special Committee on Natural Gas, through Councilman Swain, submitted the following report ; which was received :

To the Common Council :

*Gentlemen:*—The undersigned, members of your Special Committee appointed at a meeting held on the 2d inst., to whom were referred all ordinances and resolutions appertaining to the granting of privileges to Natural Gas Companies, beg leave to report that they have, in addition to appointing a sub-committee to visit Pittsburgh—a full report of whose doings was made by them to the Council on the 16th inst.—held several meetings of their full committee in this city, and have had the assistance of committees of manufacturers and other citizens who have recently been investigating natural gas questions. We do not believe either of the ordinances now pending before the Council and Board of Aldermen—being General Ordinance No. 24, 1886, and General Ordinance No. 12, 1887—are as full and well

guarded as the present sentiment of the public demands. We therefore return said ordinance herewith to the Clerk, and have instructed Councilman Swain, of our committee, to introduce at this meeting an ordinance which has been prepared and agreed to by us, together with certain amendments thereto which have suggested themselves since our last meeting, and we recommend the speedy passage thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

D. F. Swain,  
C. F. H. Waterman,  
A. L. Newland,  
Isaac Thalman,  
M. M. Cummings,  
Special Council Committee.

C. S. DENNY, Mayor.  
S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.  
WM. L. TAYLOR, City Attorney.

Thomas E. Endly,  
M. L. Brown,

Special Committee of Board of Aldermen.

Councilman Swain, in behalf of the Special Committee on Natural Gas, introduced the following entitled ordinance, which was read a first time :

G. O. 14, 1887—An ordinance authorizing corporations, firms, companies or individuals, to lay and maintain pipes in the streets, alleys, avenues, lanes and public grounds of the City of Indianapolis, for the purpose of supplying said city and its inhabitants with natural gas.

Councilman Thalman moved to suspend the Rules for the purpose of placing the above entitled ordinance—G. O. 14, 1887—on its final passage.

Which failed, by the following vote :

AYES, 16—viz: Councilmen Coy, Cummings, Dunn, Haugh, Herig, Howes, Mack, McClelland, Newland, Pearson, Reynolds, Rooker, Smither, Swain, Thalman, and Waterman.

NAYS, 4—viz: Councilmen Burns, Dell, Edenharter, and Smith.

On motion by Councilman Cummings, the City Clerk was directed to have one hundred copies of G. O. 14, 1887, printed as soon as possible.

Councilman Swain, in behalf of the Committee on Water, introduced the following entitled ordinance, which was read a first time :

G. O. 15, 1887—An ordinance making and providing for the execution of a contract between the City of Indianapolis and the Indianapolis Water Company.

On motion of Councilman Thalman, the consideration of the above entitled ordinance—G. O. 15, 1887—was made a "Special Order" for the next regular session of the Common Council.

Councilman Swain offered the following resolution :

WHEREAS, The Citizens' Street Railway Company has not complied with the resolution of the Council and Board of Aldermen heretofore passed, ordering said company to extend and build a line of street railway on Mississippi street, from Indiana avenue to Twelfth street; and

Whereas, Said company has not complied with the orders of the Council and Board of Aldermen in other matters, as under the provisions of their franchise they are required to do; therefore,

*Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen,* That the right of said company to the use and occupancy of said Mississippi street by said company for the purpose of extending and building thereon a line of street railway, be, and the same is hereby, forfeited; and said company is hereby ordered to take up that part of its track now laid on said street. And be it

*Resolved, further,* That it is the sense of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, that public interests would be subserved by the construction and operation of another system of street railways in this city; therefore we pledge ourselves to grant a franchise to any properly organized corporation to build, maintain and operate a general system of street railways in this city, and we especially invite the attention of persons or corporations engaged in building and operating electric and cable street railroads to Indianapolis as a place for investment.

On motion by Councilman Coy, the foregoing resolution was referred to the Special Committee appointed January 17, 1887, "to aid the project of securing a Street Car Line to Crown Hill Cemetery."

On motion, the Common Council then adjourned.

C. S. DENNY, Mayor,

President of the Common Council.

Attest: MICHAEL F. SHIELDS, City Clerk.