

REGULAR MEETING.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
April 2, 1900. }

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, April 2, 1900, at 8 o'clock, in regular meeting.

Present, Hon. John H. Crall, President of the Common Council, in the chair, and 18 members, viz.: Messrs. Bernauer, Billingsley, Daller, Dickson, Evans, Horan, Kaiser, Keller, Kelly, Megrew, Moriarity, Munro, McGrew, Negley, Perrott, Reilly, Spiegel and Wheeler.

Absent—2, viz.: Messrs. Higgins and Knight.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal, whereupon Councilman McGrew moved that the further reading of the Journal be dispensed with.

Which motion prevailed.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

Communication from City Comptroller:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
OFFICE OF CITY COMPTROLLER, }
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., April 2, 1900. }

To the President and Members of the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I send you herewith a communication from Capt. W. H. Armstrong, Chairman of the Joint Committees of the G. A. R. on Memorial Day Exercises, requesting an appropriation to defray the expenses of this occasion.

I respectfully recommend that you make an appropriation of \$200 to the Finance Department for this purpose.

Very respectfully,

E. M. JOHNSON,
City Comptroller.

HEADQUARTERS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }
 INDIANAPOLIS, IND., March 26, 1900. }

To the Honorable, The City Comptroller and Council:

Gentlemen—At a meeting of committees from all the G. A. R. Posts, Sons of Veterans Camps, Woman's Relief Corps, and Ladies of the G. A. R. organizations, held for the purpose of making proper arrangements for the observance of Memorial Day, May 30th, the undersigned, as chairman of said joint committees, was requested to petition your honorable body for an appropriation sufficient to defray the necessary expenses of the proper public observance of the day.

A conservative estimate places the amount at \$200. The estimate is made on the most economical basis, and the expenditure will be made under the direction of properly authorized committees, who will be charged to report every item and to turn back to the city any balance that may remain.

Hoping for your favorable consideration,

Yours very respectfully,

WM. H. ARMSTRONG,
Chairman Joint Committees.

Which was read and referred to Committee on Finance.

Communication from City Comptroller:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
 OFFICE OF CITY COMPTROLLER,
 INDIANAPOLIS, IND., March 19, 1900. }

To the President and Members of the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Herewith I hand you a communication from the Board of Health and Charities asking for an appropriation to be used for the prevention of contagious diseases, and the reasons therefor.

I respectfully recommend that you make an appropriation for \$1,000 to the contagious disease fund, and herewith submit an ordinance to that effect.

Very respectfully,

E. M. JOHNSON,
City Comptroller.

CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,
 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND CHARITIES, }
 INDIANAPOLIS, IND., March 9, 1900. }

Mr. E. M. Johnson, City Comptroller:

Dear Sir—The amount appropriated for the contagious disease fund for the year ending December 31, 1900, was \$464, less than any amount appropriated for several years, the sum of \$1,000 each having been allowed for the years 1895 and 1896, and \$500 each for the years 1897 and 1898, showing that we are trying to get along with less than half the sum used five years ago. The amount set aside for our use this year will be required in caring for contagious diseases other than small-pox, such as diphtheria, scarlet fever, measles, typhoid fever, etc. In

fact, the contingency of meeting a smallpox outbreak was not taken into consideration when that amount was asked for, the board assuming that additional funds would be provided when the emergency should come. So far, we have had six well-defined cases of smallpox this year, besides twenty suspected cases, each requiring diagnosis by the special physician employed for that purpose, who is paid the same fees as are paid by the State Board of Health in such cases. To handle these cases in such manner as will prevent the spread of the disease naturally and necessarily involves considerable expense, among which are the maintenance of a pest house, doctors, nurses, drugs, bedding, furniture, fuel, etc., for the same, and fresh clothing for discharged patients. In the event of death we are required to see to proper interment in accordance with the rules regulating such cases. A special ambulance and driver (immune) is necessary. The remaining members of the families from which those afflicted are taken are quarantined in their homes, making it necessary to employ guards. During quarantine of these families they are supplied with a doctor, medicines, food, fuel, etc., for a term of two to three weeks in each case. All articles of clothing, bedding or furniture which have to be burned are paid for.

There are numerous other expenses not herein enumerated, but we hope this is sufficient to demonstrate the utter inadequacy of the sum at our disposal, which will be reduced to about \$100 when the expenses so far incurred have been met.

We therefore ask that you recommend an appropriation of \$2,000 for the prevention of contagious diseases.

Very respectfully,

F. A. MORRISON, *President.*

E. D. CLARK, *Secretary.*

Which was read and referred to Committee on Finance.

REPORTS FROM OFFICIAL BOARDS.

Communication from Board of Public Safety:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, }
 OFFICE OF THE BOARD, }
 INDIANAPOLIS, IND., March 28, 1900. }

To the Common Council, City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen—The Chief Fire Engineer has made a recommendation to this board that an ordinance be asked from your honorable body making it compulsory for owners and lessees of hotels, flats and apartment houses to keep lights burning in basements and hallways during the night time. The board endorses the recommendation, and the matter is herewith referred to you for your consideration.

Yours very truly,

ED. H. DAVIS, *Secretary.*

Which was read and referred to Committee on Ordinances.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Munro, on behalf of the Committee on Public Health, to which was referred:

G. O. No. 9, 1900. An ordinance entitled "An ordinance to regulate hotels, defining the same, authorizing solicitors for hotels and lodging houses in the City of Indianapolis, prescribing a license for the same, a penalty for the violation, and providing for the publication thereof."

Made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., April 2, 1900.

Mr. President:

We, your Committee on Public Health, have had G. O. No. 9, 1900, under consideration, and we recommend that Section 4 of said ordinance be amended so as to read as follows:

"Section 4. Such solicitor shall wear a uniform and badge, on which shall be indicated the name of the hotel for which he is employed, and which shall be worn exposed to public view."

And when so amended, we recommend that the same do pass.

JAMES R. MUNRO.

J. W. MCGREW.

WM. KAISER.

Which was read and concurred in.

Mr. Munro, on behalf of the Committee on Public Health, to which was referred:

G. O. No. 10, 1900. An ordinance to further promote the public health and cleanliness of the City of Indianapolis by prohibiting the practice of spitting upon sidewalks, in street cars and other public places, fixing a penalty for the violation thereof, and providing when the same shall take effect.

Made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., April 2, 1900.

Mr. President:

We, your Committee on Public Health, have had G. O. No. 10, 1900, under consideration, and, after proper investigation, we recommend that the same do pass.

JAMES R. MUNRO.

J. W. MCGREW.

WM. KAISER.

Which was read and concurred in.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

Under this order of business, the following ordinances were introduced:

App. O. No. 3, 1900. An ordinance appropriating the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200) to the Department of Finance, to be expended

towards defraying the expenses attending the proper observance of Memorial Day, May 30, 1900, at Indianapolis, Marion county, Indiana, 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 there be and is hereby appropriated, out of any funds in the treasury of the City of Indianapolis not otherwise appropriated, the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200), or as much thereof as may be necessary, to the Department of Finance, for the purpose of defraying the expenses attending the proper observance of Memorial Day, May 30, 1900, at Indianapolis, Marion county, Indiana, and the City Comptroller is hereby authorized to draw his warrant upon the treasury of said city for the above-named sum.

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

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

By Mr. Megrew:

App. O. No. 4, 1900. An ordinance appropriating the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for the use of the Department of Public Health and Charities of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, and fixing a time when the same shall take effect.

Section 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, That there be and is hereby appropriated for the use of the Department of Public Health and Charities, to be credited to the fund known as "Contagious Disease Fund," the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

Sec. 2. An emergency existing for the immediate taking effect of this ordinance, the same shall be in force from and after its passage.

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

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following communication was read:

MUNICIPAL LEAGUE OF INDIANA.

HUNTINGTON, IND., March 15, 1900.

Honorable Mayor, City Council and City Officials:

Gentlemen—The fifth regular meeting of the Municipal League of Indiana will be held in the city of Elwood, Ind., Thursday and Friday, May 11 and 12, 1900.

You are earnestly requested to be present, and if not a member already, to become one. The purpose and object of this organization is to promote the welfare and to better protect the lives and property of citizens in the cities and towns, members hereof, and to apprehend criminals, and to secure needed legislation, both State and municipal.

Any town or city in this State, or official thereof, may become a member of this League upon application to the Secretary and the payment of the fee, which is \$3 for towns of 5,000 and under, and \$5 where the population exceeds 5,000.

Some thirty-five of the cities in the central part of the State are now members of the League, and many more will be represented at this meeting.

The constitution provides: "Sec. 8. Each town or city shall be entitled to two representatives, besides the Mayor, who must be selected from the city officials by the Town Board or Common Council." And it is important that you bring this matter before the Common Council at your next Council meeting, and have them select two representatives (other than the Mayor, who is a member and Vice-President under the constitution) to be present. Every department of the city should be represented at this meeting, as matters of great interest to the municipal government will be taken up during the two days' session and discussed, and such needed legislation will be acted upon and prepared ready to submit to the next State Legislature for their consideration.

It is earnestly desired that every department of the city be represented, as a separate meeting will be held on Thursday evening, where the needs of each department will be discussed and submitted to the Legislative Committee to formulate in the necessary bill for legislative enactment.

This meeting will be of more than usual importance, as it will be expected that the members elected to the next Indiana Legislature shall make an effort to carry out the wish of whatever reforms adopted by the League at this meeting.

Kindly have this letter read to your Common Council, and have them take such action as will be to the interest of your city.

We enclose you the official program, and hope that you will be present and become one of us, take part in meeting, and enjoy the social part of the program.

Elwood and her civic organizations are leaving nothing undone to royally entertain the members and visitors attending this meeting. Hoping to see you at that time, I am,

Very truly,

Z: T. DUNGAN, *President League.*

And, on motion of Mr. Negley, was ordered spread on the minutes.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Bernauer, the following entitled ordinance was taken up and read a second time:

G. O. No. 9, 1900. An ordinance entitled "An ordinance to regulate hotels, defining the same, authorizing solicitors for hotels and lodging houses in the City of Indianapolis, prescribing a license for the same, a penalty for the violation, and providing for the publication thereof."

Mr Bernauer moved that the amendment to G. O. No. 9, 1900, as recommended by the Committee on Public Health, be adopted.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Bernauer, G. O. No. 9, 1900, was then ordered

engrossed, as amended, read a third time, and passed by the following vote:

AYES 19—viz.: Messrs. Bernauer, Billingsley, Daller, Dickson, Evans, Horan, Kaiser, Keller, Kelly, Megrew, Moriarity, Munro, McGrew, Negley, Perrott, Reilly, Spiegel, Wheeler and President Crall.

NOES—None.

On motion of Mr. Megrew, the following entitled ordinance was taken up, read a second time, ordered engrossed, and then read a third time:

App. O. No. 2, 1900. An ordinance appropriating the sum of six hundred dollars (\$600) to the Department of Law to be used in the compensation of special counsel in the suit of Campbell et al. vs. The City of Indianapolis et al. in the Supreme Court of Indiana, and fixing a time when the same shall take effect.

Mr. Knight, absent at roll call, arrived.

And App. O. No. 2, 1900, was passed by the following vote:

AYES 20—viz.: Messrs. Bernauer, Billingsley, Daller, Dickson, Evans, Horan, Kaiser, Keller, Kelly, Knight, Megrew, Moriarity, Munro, McGrew, Negley, Perrott, Reilly, Spiegel, Wheeler and President Crall.

NOES—None.

On motion of Mr. Megrew, the following entitled ordinance was taken up, read a second time, ordered engrossed, and then read a third time:

G. O. No. 4, 1900. An ordinance to increase the public revenue of the City of Indianapolis by requiring every wholesale dealer in malt liquors to obtain and pay for a license.

And was passed by the following vote:

AYES 20—viz.: Messrs. Bernauer, Billingsley, Daller, Dickson, Evans, Horan, Kaiser, Keller, Kelly, Knight, Megrew, Moriarity, Munro, McGrew, Negley, Perrott, Reilly, Spiegel, Wheeler and President Crall.

NOES—None.

On motion of Mr. Kaiser, the following entitled ordinance was taken up and read a second time:

G. O. No. 10, 1900. An ordinance to further promote the public health and cleanliness of the City of Indianapolis by prohibiting the practice of spitting upon sidewalks, in street cars and other public places, fixing a penalty for the violation thereof, and providing when the same shall take effect.

Mr. Kaiser moved that G. O. No. 10, 1900, be ordered engrossed.

Mr. Bernauer moved to lay Mr. Kaiser's motion on the table.

Which motion was lost.

The question being on Mr. Kaiser's motion.

Which motion prevailed.

G. O. No. 10, 1900, was then read a third time, and passed by the following vote:

AYES 15—viz.: Messrs. Billingsley, Dalier, Evans, Horan, Kaiser, Keller, Knight, McGrew, Moriarity, Munro, McGrew, Negley, Spiegel, Wheeler and President Crall.

NOES 5—viz.: Messrs. Bernauer, Dickson, Kelly, Perrott and Reilly.

On motion of Mr. McGrew the Common Council returned to the order of

INTRODUCTION OF GENERAL AND SPECIAL ORDINANCES.

The following ordinances were introduced:

By Mr. McGrew:

G. O. No. 11, 1900. An ordinance changing the name of Klondyke avenue to that of Division street.

Section 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, That the name of that street in said city now and hitherto known as Klondyke avenue be and the same is hereby changed to that of Division street, which shall hereafter be the name of such street.

Sec. 2. That this ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after its passage.

With the following petition:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., March 27, 1900.

To the Members of the Common Council:

Gentlemen—The undersigned owners of real estate abutting on Klondyke avenue, from Morris street to the terminus of Klondyke avenue, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for the change of the name of Klondyke avenue to Division street.

(Signed by fifty-six property owners.)

Which was read a first time and referred to Committee on Sewers, Streets and Alleys.

By Mr. McGrew (by request):

G. O. No. 12, 1900. An ordinance regulating the removal of dead animals and animal matter from the City of Indianapolis, prescribing 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 it shall be the duty of the party having the contract with the city, heretofore or hereafter made, for the removal of dead animals, to take, haul, remove and dispose of all animals dying in the city (other than animals killed for meat) and all animals or parts thereof found dead in said city, in accordance with the regulations of the Department of Public Health and Charities of said city relating thereto; and such contractor shall have the exclusive right in said city to remove and to conduct the business of removing all such dead animals and animal matter from such city to such place as may be required by the contract under which such contractor operates; the intent, purpose and object of this ordinance being to assume and exercise municipal control over all such dead animals and animal matter for the protection of the public health and comfort.

Sec. 2. Whenever such contractor shall receive notice, verbal or otherwise, from the Department of Public Health and Charities, or anyone whomsoever, or shall in any way acquire knowledge of any animal dying in said city (other than an animal killed for meat), or of any animal or part thereof found dead in said city, such contractor shall immediately take, haul, remove and dispose of such animal or animal matter in accordance with the requirements of this ordinance and to the satisfaction of the Department of Public Health and Charities. So far as it may be done, authority is hereby conferred upon such contractor to take any such dead animal or animal matter wherever it may be found, and to enter upon private premises for such purpose.

Sec. 3. Such contractor shall transport such dead animals and animal matter through the alleys of said city, where it is possible to do so; shall use in such transportation only closed box railroad cars, wagons provided with a closed box, or wagons covered with good tarpaulin, and so that no part of such animal or animal matter shall be visible, and so as to prevent the escape of noxious fumes, vapors or odors therefrom; shall conform to the regulations of the Department of Public Health and Charities in respect to such transportation; shall remove such dead animals and animal matter to Sellers Farm in Marion county, Indiana, or such place as may be designated in the contract for such removal; shall there dispose of the same in a manner not to be offensive or injurious to the public, as the Department of Public Health and Charities may require.

Sec. 4. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation other than such contractor to engage in the business of hauling or of removing dead animals, or any part thereof (other than animals killed for meat) from said city, or to haul, transport or remove any dead animal, or any part thereof (other than one killed for meat) through, along or upon any of the streets or alleys of said city.

Sec. 5. When any animal (not killed for meat) shall die within said city, it shall be the duty of the person, firm or corporation owning or in possession of such animal at the time of death, within two hours after learning of such death, to give notice thereof and of the place where such animal is, to the Department of Public Health and Charities. All such notices and all other notifications relating to dead animals or animal matter received by the Department of Public Health and Charities shall be immediately communicated by said Department of Public Health and Charities by telephone to such contractor, whose duties, upon receipt thereof, shall be to immediately remove such dead animal as hereinbefore provided.

Sec. 6. The present contractor for the removal and disposal of dead animals may have the benefits of this ordinance upon filing its written acceptance thereof with the City Clerk and the Department of Public Health and Charities.

Sec. 7. Any person violating any one of the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined in any sum not exceeding one hundred dollars, and each day's continuance of such violation shall constitute a separate offense.

Sec. 8. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Sec. 9. This ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after its passage and publication once each week for two consecutive weeks in the Indianapolis Sentinel, a daily newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana.

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

On motion of Mr. Megrew, the Common Council, at 8:40 o'clock p. m., adjourned.

President.

ATTEST :

John F. Eskler

City Clerk.