CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

REGULAR MEETING.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, July 16, 1900.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, July 16, 1900, at 8 o'clock, in regular meeting.

Present, Hon. John H. Crall, President of the Common Council, in the chair, and 19 members, viz.: Messrs. Bernauer, Billingsley, Daller, Dickson, Evans, Higgins, Kaiser, Keller, Kelly, Knight, Megrew, Moriarity, Munro, McGrew, Negley, Perrott, Reilly, Spiegel and Wheeler.

Absent 1, viz .:- Mr. Horan.

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

Which motion prevailed.

COMMUNICATIONS, ETC., FROM MAYOR.

His Honor, the Mayor, presented the following communication:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANAPOLIS, IND., July 13, 1900.

To the President and Members of the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I have this day approved the following ordinances:

App. O. No. 8, 1900. An ordinance appropriating \$77.40 to pay rebate on Christian Harmening's liquor license.

App. O. No. 9, 1900. An ordinance appropriating \$381.25; \$193.75 to

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John J. Blackwell, and \$187.50 to Benjamin Kaufman, for rebate on liquor license.

Respectfully submitted,

T. TAGGART, Mayor.

Which was read and ordered spread on the minutes.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

Communication from City Comptroller:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, OFFICE OF CITY COMPTROLLER, INDIANAPOLIS, IND., July 16, 1900.

To the President and Members of the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Enclosed herewith I submit an ordinance providing for a temporary loan in anticipation of current revenues, the proceeds of which are to be used in paying the current expenses of the city for the next three months.

The estimated expenditures are as follows:		
July \$90,550 00		
August		
September 115,373 00		
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Cash in Treasury July 16, 1900 \$128,849 88		
Bridge Fund 102,965 74		
\$25,884 14		
Estimated receipts:		
Miscellaneous sources \$60,000 00		
• Taxes		
	\$150,384	14

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Difference in estimated receipts and expenditures...... \$125,538 86 The loan, if possible, will be made in installments, as needed. The first installment maturing about November 1, 1900, and the remainder December 1, 1900.

Competitive bids will be asked for, and the loan awarded on the basis of the lowest rate of interest.

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. JOHNSON, City Comptroller.

Which was read and referred to Committee on Finance.

REPORTS FROM OFFICIAL BOARDS.

Communication from Board of Public Works:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, OFFICE OF THE BOARD, INDIANAPOLIS, IND., July 13, 1900.

To the President and Members of the Common Council:

Gentlemen-We desire to withdraw from the further consideration of

your Honorable Body the ordinance heretofore introduced for paving the roadway of Ohio street with creosoted wooden blocks. This action is necessary on account of the fact that no action has been taken, and the law requires that action be taken within sixty days. Very respectfully,

ALBERT SAHM. C. MAGUIRE. JOS W. SMITH. Board of Public Works.

Which was read and ordered spread on the minutes.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Billingsley, on behalf of the Committee on Public Property and Improvements, to which was referred:

G O. No. 28, 1900. An ordinance to amend Section 11 and repeal Section 12 of an ordinance entitled "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 for heating and illuminating purposes." Approved June 27, 1887.

Made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., July 16, 1900.

Mr. President:

Ycur committee having under consideration G. O. No. 28, 1900, recommend that same do not pass.

> J. H. BILLINGSLEY. JAMES R. MUNRO. C. M. DICKSON.

Which was read and concurred in.

Mr. Munro, on behalf of the Committee on Sewers, Streets and Alleys, to which was referred:

G. O. No. 29, 1900. An ordinance ratifying, confirming and approving the certain contract and agreement made and entered into on the 13th day of June, 1900, between the Indianapolis Clean Street Company and the City of Indianapolis, by and through its Board of Public Works, for the prevention of the casting or leaving upon the streets and public places of the city of waste paper and other litter, and to that end for the erection and maintenance at convenient and suitable places upon such streets, alleys, and public places of suitable boxes for the collection, casting and temporary deposit therein of such waste paper and other articles of litter, and to provide and arrange for the cleaning and keeping clean of such boxes and the removal and disposition of such waste paper and litter, and fixing a time when the same shall take effect.

Made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., July 16, 1900.

Mr. President:

Your Committee on Sewers, Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred

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G. O. No. 29, 1900, have given same careful consideration and would recommend that same do pass.

We also herewith submit an affidavit from Mr. Chas. Stuckmeyer.

JAMES R. MUNRO. HENRY L. SPIEGEL. HAROLD C. MEGREW. JAMES D. MORIARITY.

Hon. James Munro, Chairman, and Members of the Committee on Sewers, Streets and Alleys, of the Common Council, City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen—In response to the inquiry of members of the Common Council and residents of the City of Indianapolis, as to my intention in regard to placing advertising matter upon the street boxes provided for in the contract of the Indianapolis Clean Street Company now before your committee, which in any way conflicts with the business of the local merchants of the City of Indianapolis, I hereby declare it to be my purpose and intention, in conducting the advertising business persaid boxes which injures or interferes with the business of the local merchants of the City of Indianapolis, as it is my purpose to at all times conduct the said advertising business in such manner as to secure and hold the good will of the merchants of the said city.

CHAS. H. STUCKMEYER.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of July, 1900. FRANCIS J. REINHARD, SEAL. Notary Public.

My commission expires March 22, 1901.

Which was read and concurred in.

Mr. Munro, on behalf of the Committee on Sewers, Streets and Alleys, to which was referred:

G. O. No. 22, 1900. An ordinance changing the name of Paw Paw street, in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, to that of Winter avenue.

Made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., July 16, 1900.

Mr. President:

We, your Committee on Sewers, Streets and Alleys, have had G. O. No. 22, 1900, under consideration, and we recommend that the same do pass.

JAMES R. MUNRO. GEO. H. EVANS. J. D. MORIARITY. HENRY L. SPIEGEL. HAROLD C. MEGREW.

Which was read and concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Megrew, the Council returned to the order of Reports from Committee on Finance.

Mr. Megrew, on behalf of a majority of the Committee on Finance, to which was referred :

G. O. No. 24, 1900. An ordinance for a loan of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) by the City of Indianapolis for the use of the Department of Public Works, the Department of Public Safety and the

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Department of Public Health and Charities, for the construction of certain additions to the fire department, the City Hospital and the Market House and equipping the same, and authorizing the issue and sale of bonds for said amount, payable from the general funds of said city; prescribing the manner and time of advertising the sale of said bonds and the receipt of bids for the same, together with the mode and terms of sale; appropriating the proceeds thereof, and fixing the time when the same shall take effect.

Made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., July 16, 1900.

Mr. President:

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred G. O. No. 24, 1900, having considered the same, recommend that it do not pass.

The city has now a bonded indebtedness of over two million dollars; a half million of this amount is due and payable within the time covered for the maturing of the bonds in question. In 1924 there will be due, in round numbers, over one million dollars, closely followed by over a half million due in 1927. On this vast amount we are paying interest at the rate of from three and a half to six per cent; therefore, we believe it the part of wisdom and business prudence, as well as our duty, to relieve rather than add to the tax-paying burdens of the people, and that every effort should be put forth, and rigid economy practiced at this time in order to enable the city to pay off its indebtedness instead of following the too common custom of issuing new bonds to pay off old ones.

From information easily obtained we are led to believe that Indianapolis has not attained that high standard so much to be desired in the matter of Hospitals. Our people being unusually philanthropic and humane, we believe they are anxious to fully meet the requirements in this direction, and this Council will heartily co-operate with the administration in carrying out the recommendations of the Board of Health.

While concurring in the opinion that the market place should be improved, the amount suggested for that purpose seems to us to be inadequate to afford the protection to which the occupants thereof are entitled, taking into consideration the fact that the revenues from this source amount to about twenty thousand dollars annually.

Although possibly true that certain sections of the city may be in need of additional fire protection, we believe the sum asked for to be greatly in excess of the requirements. Reference to statistics gives assurance that Indianapolis is fully abreast of her sister cities in respect to engine houses and equipment. Within sixty days it becomes the duty of the Comptroller to submit

Within sixty days it becomes the duty of the Comptroller to submit to this body the estimated expenditures of the various departments of the city government for the year 1901; until this information is furnished and the Council fully advised as to the requirements, we deem it unwise to act with undue haste in a matter involving the expenditure of so large an amount of money, and this an inopportune time to pass the proposed ordinance; besides, your committee is of the opinion that the larger part of the improvements contemplated should be paid for out of the general revenues, and not by bond issue.

> HAROLD C. MEGREW A. DALLER. GEO. H. EVANS. WM. KAISER. W. H. WHEELER.

Which was read.

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Mr. McGrew, on behalf of a minority of the Committee on Finance, to which was referred G. O. No. 24, 1900, made the following report:

Mr. President:

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We have had under consideration G. O. No. 24, 1900, and recommend the same do pass.

J. W. McGrew. C. M. Dickson.

Which was read.

Mr. Megrew moved that the majority report be concurred in.

Mr. McGrew moved to lay Mr. Megrew's motion on the table.

Which motion was lost by the following vote:

AVES 9-viz.: Messrs. Bernauer, Dickson, Higgins, Kelly, Knight, Moriarity, McGrew, Perrott and Reilly.

NOES 11--viz.: Messrs. Billingsley, Daller, Evans, Kaiser, Keller, Megrew, Munro, Negley, Spiegel, Wheeler and President Crall.

Whereupon Mr. Megrew's motion, that majority report be concurred in, carried by the following vote:

AVES 11-viz.: Messrs. Billingsley, Daller, Evans, Kaiser, Keller, Megrew, Munro, Negley, Spiegel, Wheeler and President Crall.

NOES 9-viz.: Messrs. Bernauer, Dickson, Higgins, Kelly, Knight, Moriarity, McGrew, Perrott and Reilly.

INTRODUCTION OF GENERAL AND SPECIAL ORDINANCES.

Under this order of business the following ordinances were introduced:

By Mr. Keller:

G. O. No. 31, 1900. An ordinance to promote public safety by compelling the maintenance of lights at night in basements and hallways of hotels, flats and apartment houses in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana; prescribing penalties for the violation thereof, 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 it shall be the duty of each and every lessee, manager or custodian of any hotel, flat or apartment house located in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, to keep, during all hours of the night, such number of lights burning in the basements and hallways thereof as to make all parts of such basements and hallways visible to persons of ordinary eyesight coming into the same. Any person or persons violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined in any sum not exceeding fifty dollars.

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

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after its passage and publication once each week for two consecutive weeks in the Indianapolis Daily Sentinel, a 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 Safety and Comfort.

By Mr. Megrew:

G. O. No. 32, 1900. An ordinance authorizing the City Comptroller to make a temporary loan or loans in anticipation of the revenue for the current year.

Section 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, That the City Comptroller be and hereby is authorized and empowered to negotiate a temporary loan or loans in anticipation of the revenue of said city for the current year for any sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000), maturing not later than the first day of December, 1900, and at a rate of interest not exceeding six per cent. (6%) per annum.

The said loan or loans to be made from time to time as in the opinion of the City Comptroller the necessities of the city may require, and the Mayor and City Comptroller are hereby authorized and directed to execute the proper bonds or obligations of said city for the amount so borrowed, and for the payment of said bonds or obligations the faith of said city is hereby irrevocably pledged.

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. Higgins:

G. O. No. 33, 1900. An ordinance concerning the regulation of the business of selling malt liquors in greater quantities than five gallons, and fixing the annual license fee to be paid by persons engaged in such business in the City of Indianapolis and within four miles from the corporate limits thereof; providing a penalty 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 to the end that all persons engaged in the business of selling malt liquors in quantities greater than five gallons at a time within the City of Indianapolis and within four miles from the corporate limits thereof, may be reasonably required to contribute to the expense of regulating such business, said city is, for the purposes of this ordinance, divided into fifteen districts whose boundaries shall be coterminous with the ward boundaries, except that the territory within four miles from the corporate limits of said city shall, for the purposes of this ordinance, be attached to the districts to which it is contiguous.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of every person, who as owner, agent or other representative is wholesaleing malt liquors within the purview of Section 1 to make a weekly report to the Superintendent of Police of said city through one of the police officers who shall at that time have been assigned to duty in a district that includes such wholesaler's place of business, giving the number of employes at such wholesaler's place

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of business and the quantity of malt liquors taken from such wholesaler's place of business in cars, wagons or in any other way, on each day of the week between the hours of 11 P. M. and 6 A. M., and on each Sunday and any other holiday, and the names of each of the persons to whom malt liquors are thus delivered between such hours and on such holidays.

Sec. 3. Every person wholesaling malt liquors within the purview of this ordinance shall quarterly, after the enactment hereof, submit to the City Chemist labeled samples of all the malt liquors which he has sold within the preceding three months, and shall file with such samples an affidavit that they are taken from the regular stocks of such wholesaler and fairly represent all malt liquors sold by him within the preceding three months. And such samples shall be analyzed by the City Chemist and his reports thereon filed with the Board of Health of said city.

Sec. 4. Every person violating the provisions of Section 2 or Section 3 of this ordinance shall, on conviction thereof, be fined in any sum not exceeding twenty-five dollars (\$25 00) for each offense.

Sec. 5 Every person wholesaling malt liquors within the purview of this ordinance shall annually pay to said city for the purpose of helping to meet the expenses of the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Health of said city the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). On the presentation to the City Comptroller of said city of a receipt showing the payment of said sum of one thousand dollars, said Comptroller shall issue a license, to be signed by the Mayor of said city, to sell malt liquors in any quantity more than five gallons at a time within said city and within four miles from its corporate limits, for one year from the date of the license.

Sec. 6. Any person that shall, directly or indirectly, sell, barter or give away, for any purpose of gain, any malt liquors in any quantity more than five gallons at a time, within said city or within four miles from its corporate limits, without having first procurred a license from the City Comptroller so to do, as hereinbefore provided, shall, upon conviction, be fined, for the first offense not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than fifty dollars (\$50.00), and for any subsequent offense not less than fifty dollars nor more than one hundred dollars.

Sec. 7. All ordinances requiring the payment of license fees by breweries, by the branches or agencies of breweries, and by wholesalers of malt liquors, including an ordinance approved December 11, 1891, and ordinance approved December 8, 1893, and the amendment thereof, approved January 13, 1894, by Sections 503 to 518, both inclusive, of the Revision of 1895 of the General Ordinances of the City of Indianapolis, and an ordinance approved — , 189–, are hereby repealed.

Sec. 8. This ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage and publication one day each week for two consecutive weeks in the Indianapolis Sentinel, a daily newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in said City of Indianapolis.

Which was read a first time.

Mr. Higgins moved that G. O. No. 33, 1900, be referred to Committee on Public Morals.

Mr. Billingsley moved to lay Mr. Higgins' motion on the table.

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Which motion was lost by the following vote:

AYES 11-viz.: Messrs. Billingsley, Daller, Dickson, Evans, Kaiser, Keller, Megrew, Munro, Negley, Wheeler and President Crall.

NOES 9-viz.: Messrs. Bernauer, Higgins, Kelly, Knight, Moriarity, McGrew, Perrott, Reilly and Spiegel.

Before the vote was announced Mr. Dickson changed his vote from the affirmative to the negative.

Thereupon President Crall referred G. O. No. 33, 1900, to the Committee on Finance.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

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

G. O. No. 28, 1900. An ordinance to amend Section 11 and repeal Section 12 of an ordinance entitled "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 for heating and illuminating purposes." Approved June 27, 1887.

And, on motion of Mr. McGrew, G. O. No. 28, 1900, was stricken from the files by the following vote:

AYES 20—viz.: Messrs. Bernauer, Billingsley, Daller, Dickson, Evans, Higgins, Kaiser, Keller, Kelly, Knight, Megrew, Moriarity, Munro, Mc-Grew, Negley, Perrott, Reilly, Spiegel, Wheeler and President Crall. Noes—None.

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

G. O. No. 29, 1900. An ordinance ratifying, confirming and approving the certain contract and agreement made and entered into on the 13th day of June, 1900, between the Indianapolis Clean Street Company and the City of Indianapolis, by and through its Board of Public Works, for the prevention of the casting or leaving upon the streets and public places of the city of waste paper and other litter, and to that end for the erection and maintenance at convenient and suitable places upon such streets, alleys, and public places of suitable boxes for the collection, casting and temporary deposit therein of such waste paper and other articles of litter, and to provide and arrange for the cleaning and keeping clean of such boxes and the removal and disposition of such waste paper and litter, and fixing a time when the same shall take effect. On motion of Mr. Munro, G. O. No. 29, 1900, was then ordered engrossed, read a third time, and passed by the following vote:

AYES 19—viz.: Messrs. Bernauer, Billingsley, Daller, Dickson, Evans, Higgins, Kaiser, Keller, Kelly, Knight, Megrew, Moriarity, Munro, Mc-Grew, Perrott, Reilly, Spiegel, Wheeler and President Crall. NoEs 1—viz.: Mr. Negley.

NOES I-VIZ.: MIT. Negley.

Mr. Evans offered the following:

Mr. President:

I hereby give notice that I will at the next regular meeting move a reconsideration of the vote by which G. O. No. 29, 1900, was passed.

GEO. H. EVANS.

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

G. O. No. 13, 1900. An ordinance to tax, license and regulate dealers in second-hand bottles, designating a license fee to be paid to the City of Indianapolis by owners, persons, firms, corporations or companies carrying on stores for the purchase, barter, handling, exchange and sale of bottles at second hand, and to forbid their purchasing or receiving from minors any second-hand bottles whatever without the consent of their parents or guardians, as provided for by the Act of the General Assembly of Indiana, approved March 6, 1891.

Mr. Megrew moved that G. O. No. 13, 1900, be stricken from the files.

Mr. Higgins moved to lay Mr. Megrew's motion on the table.

Which motion was lost.

The question being on Mr. Megrew's motion.

Which motion was lost by the following vote:

AYES 10-viz.: Messrs. Billingsley, Daller, Evans, Keller, Megrew, Munro, Negley, Spiegel, Wheeler and President Crall.

NOES 10-viz: Messrs. Bernauer, Dickson, Higgins, Kaiser, Kelly, Knight, Moriarity, McGrew, Perrott and Reilly.

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

G. O. No. 22, 1900. An ordinance changing the name of Paw Paw street, in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, to that of Winter avenue.

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And was passed by the following vote:

AYES 12—viz.: Messrs. Billingsley, Daller, Evans. Kaiser, Keller, Knight, Megrew, Munro, Negley, Spiegel, Wheeler and President Crall. NOES 8—viz.: Messrs. Bernauer, Dickson, Higgins, Kelly, Moriarity, McGrew, Perrott and Reilly.

Before the vote was announced Mr. Higgins changed his vote from the negative to the affirmative.

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

G. O. No. 13, 1900. An ordinance to tax, license and regulate dealers in second-hand bottles, designating a license fee to be paid to the City of Indianapolis by owners, persons, firms, corporations or companies carrying on stores for the purchase, barter, handling, exchange and sale of bottles at second-hand, and to forbid their purchasing or receiving from minors any second-hand bottles whatever without the consent of their parents or guardians, as provided for by the Act of the General Assembly of Indiana, approved March 6, 1891.

And failed to pass by the following vote:

AYES 11—viz.: Messrs. Bernauer, Daller, Dickson, Higgins, Kaiser, Kelly, Knight, Moriarity, McGrew, Perrott and Reilly.

NOES 9-viz.: Messrs. Billingsley, Evans, Keller, Megrew, Munro, Negley, Spiegel, Wheeler and President Crall.

Before the vote was announced Mr. Daller changed his vote from the affirmative to the negative.

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

G. O. No. 24, 1900. An ordinance for a loan of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) by the City of Indianapolis for the use of the Department of Public Works, the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Public Health and Charities, for the construction of certain additions to the fire department, the City Hospital and the Market House and equipping the same, and authorizing the issue and sale of bonds for said amount, payable from the general funds of said city; prescribing the manner and time of advertising the sale of said bonds and the receipt of bids for the same, together with the mode and terms of sale; appropriating the proceeds thereof, and fixing the time when the same shall take effect.

And, on motion of Mr. Megrew, G. O. No. 24, 1900, was stricken from the files by the following vote:

AYES 11—viz: Messrs. Billingsley, Daller, Evans, Kaiser, Keller, Megrew, Munro, Negley, Spiegel, Wheeler and President Crall.

NOES 9-viz.: Messrs. Bernauer, Dickson, Higgins. Kelly, Knight, Moriarity, McGrew, Perrott and Reilly.

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Mr. Perrott moved that the Council do now adjourn.

Which motion was lost by the following vote:

AYES 9-viz.: Messrs. Bernauer, Dickson, Higgins, Kelly, Knight, Moriarity, McGrew, Perrott and Reilly.

NOES 11-viz.: Messrs. Billingsley, Daller, Evans, Kaiser, Keller, Megrew, Munro, Negley, Spiegel, Wheeler and President Crall.

On motion of Mr. Billingsley, the Common Council, at 9:15 o'clock P. M., adjourned.

ATTEST:

City Clerk.

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