

His Honor briefly stated the object of the meeting to be—

To take some proper official cognizance of the great loss our city and State has sustained in the death of our honored citizen and representative, Senator OLIVER P. MORTON.

Councilman Byram offered the following motion; which was adopted:

Moved, That his Honor, the Mayor, appoint three Councilmen, and that President Newcomb be requested to select two Aldermen, and serve as chairman of the joint committee; which said committee is hereby charged with the duty of preparing and reporting resolutions appropriate to this occasion.

Mayor Caven appointed as members of above committee—

Councilmen Byram, Walker, and Sindlinger.

[The Aldermanic members of said committee, as duly appointed, were—Hon. H. C. Newcomb, chairman, and Aldermen Wiles and Stratford.]

On Councilman Walker's motion, the above committee retired, to discharge the duty assigned them.

The Common Council then took a recess until the return of aforesaid committee.

Councilmen Pouder and A. L. Wright appeared, and took their seats.

After a brief absence, the Committee on Resolutions returned to the Council Chamber, the Mayor called the Common Council to order, and aforesaid committee offered the following resolutions:

Be it resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

1. That we have received, with profound sorrow, intelligence of the death of our illustrious fellow-citizen, Hon. OLIVER P. MORTON.

2. That in his public career, as Governor of Indiana and as a Senator of the United States, the deceased has added lustre to our State and honored our city, in which, during his public life, he has had his residence.

3. That the fame achieved by our deceased fellow-citizen is a grand illustration of the ennobling result of our free institutions, under which great abilities are sure of popular recognition, and worth, rather than wealth or family distinction, is a passport to the exalted positions in the governments of the State and of the Union.

4. That we tender to the family of the late Senator our heartfelt sympathy in their personal bereavement, and that a certified copy of these resolutions, signed by the Mayor and members of the Council and Board of Aldermen, be forwarded to them by the Mayor.

5. That, as a mark of our respect for the memory of the deceased, the Common Council and Board of Aldermen will attend his funeral in a body; and that three members of the Council be appointed by the Mayor, and two Aldermen by the President of the Board of Aldermen, as a joint committee to make the necessary arrangements.

H. C. NEWCOMB,
N. S. BYRAM,
I. C. WALKER,
G. SINDLINGER,
I. W. STRATFORD,
W. D. WILES.

Which were unanimously adopted by the following vote (the members standing during the roll-call):

Affirmative—Councilmen Brown, Bugbee, Byram, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Marsee, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Reading, Sindlinger, Steinhauer, Tucker, Walker, Watts, A. L. Wright, and W. G. Wright—19.

Councilman Layman, chairman of the Committee on Accounts and Claims, introduced the following appropriation ordinance; which was read the first time:

Ap. O. 75, 1877—An ordinance appropriating money for the purpose of defraying the expenses incident to the Public Ceremonies on the occasion of the Funeral of Hon. O. P. Morton.

On Councilman Byram's motion, the rules were suspended, for the purpose of now reading the above entitled ordinance the second and third times, and placing it on its passage, by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Brown, Bugbee, Byram, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Marsee, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Reading, Sindlinger, Steinhauer, Tucker, Walker, Watts, A. L. Wright, and W. G. Wright—19.

Negative—None.

Appropriation ordinance No. 75, 1877, was then read the second time, ordered to be engrossed, read the third time, and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Brown, Bugbee, Byram, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Marsee, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Reading, Sindlinger, Steinhauer, Tucker, Walker, Watts, A. L. Wright, and W. G. Wright—19.

Negative—None.

Councilman Bagby appeared, and took his seat.

His Honor, the Mayor, appointed as the three Council members of the Joint Committee of Arrangements called for by the fifth resolution, above given—

Councilmen Byram, Reading, and Bugbee.

[President Newcomb appointed Aldermen Wiles and Snider as members of same committee.]

On motion, the Common Council then adjourned, to meet again at the hour to be hereafter determined upon by Joint Committee of Arrangements, for the purpose of attending the funeral of our deceased Senator.

JOHN CAVEN, Mayor.

Attest :

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.