

SPECIAL MEETING.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

WEDNESDAY, November 23, 1904.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Council Chamber, Wednesday evening, November 23, 1904, at 8:15 o'clock in special session, Vice-President W. A. Rhodes, in the chair, pursuant to the following call:

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

I, the undersigned Mayor of the City of Indianapolis, do hereby call a special meeting of your honorable body to meet in the Council Chamber at 7:30 P. M., Wednesday, November 23, 1904, for the purpose of the introduction, consideration and passage of an ordinance appropriating one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars to the use of the Department of Public Health and Charities for the suppression of contagious diseases; and to receive communications from said department, the City Comptroller and myself, relative thereto.

JOHN W. HOLTZMAN,
Mayor.

I, W. M. Fogarty, Clerk of the Common Council, do hereby certify that I have served the above and foregoing notice to each member of the Common Council prior to the time of meeting, pursuant to the rules.

W. M. FOGARTY,
City Clerk.

Which was read.

The Clerk called the roll:

Present: The Hon. W. A. Rhodes, Vice-President of the Common Council, and 13 members, viz.: Messrs. Cooper, Cottey, Crall, Eppert, Fishback, Gasper, Hofmann, Moriarity, Murray, Shea, Sullivan, Uhl, Wright

Absent, 7 viz.: Messrs. Davis, Krause, Linus, Storm, Wahl, Wolsiffer and President Billingsley.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

From the City Comptroller:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., November 23, 1904.

To the Honorable, the President and Members of the Common Council:
Gentlemen: I submit herewith letter of the Board of Public Health

and Charities asking an additional appropriation of \$1,000 for "Contagious Diseases," which fund is exhausted. I recommend the appropriation, and inclose ordinance for that purpose.

Respectfully,

J. P. DUNN,
City Comptroller.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., November 15, 1904.

Mr. Jacob P. Dunn, Comptroller:

Dear Sir: I have been instructed by the Board of Health to ask you to submit to the honorable Council a request from this Department for an appropriation of \$1,000.00 into the Contagious Disease fund.

Some time ago this department submitted a request for an appropriation into the Contagious Disease fund. An appropriation was made but the appropriation was much smaller than that needed. We now have in the Contagious Disease fund only \$111.00, and we are in a season when we should expect to meet smallpox.

To combat an infectious disease such as smallpox requires an expenditure of money greater than is ordinarily supposed. Thus, a single family of three members, say, in quarantine because they had only been exposed to the disease, would cost the city from seven to ten dollars a day, because we are required by law to completely rope in the premises and have stationed a day watchman and a night watchman. We are also required to furnish food to the quarantined individuals.

The Contagious Disease fund is constantly drawn upon for the purpose of prevention of disease. Thus, we have been at considerable expense this fall in vaccinating individuals exposed. Besides smallpox this department regulates the scarlet fever and diphtheria epidemics from this fund. The disinfecting of premises is paid for from this fund, so that it is a fund that is being constantly drawn upon in emergencies. Thus it is impossible to at any time estimate, except within fairly broad limits, just what the expenditure will be in a given length of time from this fund.

We now have in the city one genuine case of smallpox. This case is under treatment at the Detention Hospital. We now have under quarantine two individuals who were intimately in contact with this case of smallpox. Indianapolis has been very fortunate indeed to have escaped so far with only one case of smallpox. There are a number of points in this State very near to our city which have a great many cases of smallpox, and it is a marvel that we have only had the one case. The case we now have came from Anderson, Indiana. She was exposed definitely to the disease some two weeks ago, and becoming frightened left Anderson.

This department has been particularly vigilant in placing in quarantine such individuals as have come to the city from surrounding towns where they had been exposed to the smallpox, and we have vaccinated a great many persons.

The necessity for the appropriation is, in the judgment of this department, most urgent, and we would respectfully urge you to submit the request to the Council at the earliest opportunity together with such a recommendation as any investigation you may make of the matter may justify.

Very respectfully

T. VICTOR KEENE,
City Sanitarian and Secretary Board of Health.

Which was read.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

By the City Comptroller:

Appropriation Ordinance No. 31—1904: An ordinance appropriating one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars to the Department of Public Health and Charities for the suppression of contagious diseases.

Section 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, That there be, and is hereby, appropriated out of the funds of the city not heretofore otherwise appropriated, the sum of one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars to and for the use of the Department of Public Health and Charities for the suppression of contagious diseases.

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

Mr. Gasper moved that the rules be suspended and Appropriation Ordinance No. 31, 1904, advanced to second reading. Carried.

Appropriation Ordinance No. 31, 1904, was read a second time.

Mr. Gasper moved that Appropriation Ordinance No. 31, 1904, be ordered engrossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage. Carried.

Appropriation Ordinance No. 31, 1904, was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

Ayes, 14, viz.: Messrs. Cooper, Cottey, Crall, Eppert, Fishback, Gasper, Hofmann, Moriarity, Murray, Rhodes, Shea, Sullivan, Uhl and Wright.

Noes, none.

On motion of Mr. Cooper the Common Council, at 8:20 o'clock P. M., adjourned.

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Vice-President.

[Signature]
City Clerk.

