

SPECIAL MEETING.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
 CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
 January 23, 1899. }

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, January 23, 1899, at 8 o'clock, in special session, pursuant to the following call:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., January 23, 1899.

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

Gentlemen—As you are well aware of the sad affliction and the overwhelming loss that has fallen upon our honorable Mayor, Thomas Taggart, and his family, I have deemed it proper to request you to meet in special meeting in the Council Chamber, at 8 o'clock p. m., Monday, January 23, 1899, for the purpose of taking such action as will express the sympathy of the people of this city to their Mayor and his family in this their hour of profound grief and bereavement.

Very respectfully,

JNO. H. MAHONEY,
President.

I, Charles H. Stuckmeyer, Clerk of the Common Council, do hereby certify that I have served above notice upon the President and each member of the Common Council prior to the time of meeting, pursuant to the rules.

CHAS. H. STUCKMEYER,
City Clerk.

Present, Hon. John H. Mahoney, President of the Common Council, in the chair, and 16 members, viz.: Messrs. Allen, Bernauer, Bowser, Colter, Costello, Crall, Harston, Higgins, Knight, Little, Moffett, McGrew, Rauch, Scanlon, Shaffer and Smith.

Absent—4, viz.: Messrs. Clark, Madden, Merrick and Von Spreckelsen.

Mr. Bernauer moved that President Mahoney appoint a committee of seven members to draft suitable resolutions expressing the sympathy of the Common Council and the citizens of Indianapolis, because of the great affliction which has recently befallen the Hon. Mayor Thomas Taggart, by the loss of his beloved daughter, and that a recess of ten minutes be taken by Council to give committee time to prepare same.

Which motion prevailed, and the President appointed the following members to constitute said committee: Messrs. Bernauer, Moffett, Smith, Costello, Little, Bowser and Scanlon.

The Council re-convened at 8:20 o'clock.

Mr. Bernauer, on behalf of the special committee appointed to draft resolutions expressing sympathy with the Hon. Mayor Thomas Taggart, made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., January 23, 1899.

Mr. President.

We, your special committee appointed to draft suitable resolutions expressing the sympathy of the citizens of the City of Indianapolis to the Hon. Thomas Taggart, Mayor, and his family, do respectfully present the following resolutions:

Whereas, Near the close of the month of December just past, Miss Florence Taggart, eldest daughter of the Honorable Thomas Taggart, Mayor of the City of Indianapolis, started with a party of schoolmates and friends aboard the yacht Paul Jones for a voyage down the Mississippi river and along the coast of the Gulf of Mexico, intending to spend several weeks of pleasure aboard the beautiful vessel, which was upon its first trip; and

Whereas, As the party continued southward frequent letters were received from Miss Taggart giving happy accounts of the scenes and incidents of the trip, until January 3d, when these tidings suddenly ceased. At first nothing was thought of it, and the family felt that each "tomorrow" would bring a renewal of these happy messages, until, at last, expectation began to give way to doubt and fear for the safety of the vessel and its party. When the suspense could be borne no longer, Mr. Taggart started for the Gulf coast to search for the lost vessel, hoping that somewhere his daughter could be found. The thousands of anxious friends of both the father and daughter waited each day, hoping to hear some good tidings, until at last the terrible word came that the broken wreck of the vessel had been found, indicating that it had been blown to pieces by an explosion, and the Mayor's daughter, with all on board, had been lost; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, for and on behalf of all the citizens thereof, that we hereby extend our sympathy and condolence to our Mayor and his family in this dark hour of their bereavement as they mourn for the lost daughter and sister, and we

trust that He who comforts all will help them to bear their great loss; and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread in appropriate form upon the records of the proceedings of the Common Council, and that a copy thereof be sent to the Mayor and his family.

EDWARD E. BERNAUER.
EDWARD W. LITTLE.
W. F. SMITH.
JAS. H. COSTELLO.
EDWARD D. MOFFETT.
JOHN H. SCANLON.
THOS. A. BOWSER.

Which resolutions were read and, on motion of Mr. Crall, adopted by a rising vote.

Mr. Moffett moved that the President appoint a committee of three for the purpose of having above resolutions lithographed and presenting the same to Hon. Mayor Taggart.

Which motion prevailed, and President Mahoney appointed the following committee: Messrs. Moffett, Higgins and Allen.

On motion of Mr. Bernauer, the Common Council, at 8:30 o'clock P. M., adjourned.

John H. Mahoney

President.

ATTEST :

Chas H. Chandler City Clerk.