

SPECIAL MEETING.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,
March 15, 1899. }

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber, Wednesday evening, March 15, 1899, at 8 o'clock, in special session, pursuant to the following call:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., March 14, 1899. }

To the President and Members of the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I deem it expedient that a special meeting of the Common Council should be held prior to the day for the holding of your next regular meeting, for the purpose of having an additional appropriation furnished the Department of Health and Charities, to be expended for the prevention of contagious diseases.

I therefore hereby call such a special meeting to be held in the Council Chamber, to be convened on the evening of Wednesday, March 15, 1899, at the hour of 8 o'clock. It will be lawful for your honorable body to transact any and all business at said meeting which may be transacted at any regular meeting thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

T. TAGGART,
Mayor.

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.

CHARLES H. STUCKMEYER,
City Clerk.

Present, Hon. John H. Mahoney, President of the Common Council, in the chair, and 10 members, viz.: Messrs. Bowser, Harston, Little, Merrick, Moffett, McGrew, Rauch, Shaffer, Smith and Von Spreckelsen.

Absent—10, viz.: Messrs. Allen, Bernauer, Clark, Colter, Costello, Crall, Higgins, Knight, Madden and Scanlon.

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

Which motion prevailed.

REPORTS FROM OFFICIAL BOARDS.

Communication from Board of Public Health and Charities:

CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND CHARITIES, }
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., March 15, 1899. }

Mr. E. M. Johnson, City Comptroller:

Dear Sir—We have to ask that you recommend an additional appropriation of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for the prevention of contagious diseases.

The strictest economy has been observed in the expenditure of money set aside for this purpose. During the last two weeks no special officers have been employed, infected houses having been quarantined by our own force, thereby reducing that item of expense to the minimum. Since the first appearance of smallpox, we have provided food, fuel, medicine and doctors for 140 people. We have also had to compensate these people for household goods, clothing, etc., which it was necessary to burn. It has been necessary to employ about forty additional officers for quarantine duty at \$2.25 per day. Professional nurses have been provided for the two pest houses, for which beds, bedding, stoves, fuel and food were also provided. Fifteen patients have been cared for in this way, so far. Clothing has been provided for some of these when discharged. The services of a pest house physician, and also those of an expert physician (immune), have been necessary. Tents, stoves and fuel have been furnished quarantine officers. Miscellaneous items, including chemicals and apparatus for disinfecting, livery hire, drayage, vaccine virus, etc. Compared to the cost of handling similar emergencies in other cities, we can say that the cost to this city has been a mere trifle so far. The fact that we have been contending with this disease for nearly three months is evidence of economy in handling it.

Very respectfully,

F. A. MORRISON,
President.

By E. D. CLARK,
Secretary.

Respectfully recommended.

E. M. JOHNSON,
City Comptroller.

March 15, 1899.

Which was read and referred to Committee on Finance.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

Under this order of business, the following ordinance was introduced:

By Mr. Smith:

App. O. No. 6, 1899. An ordinance appropriating the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) 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 two thousand dollars (\$2,000).

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.

On motion of Mr. Shaffer, the Common Council, at 8:15 o'clock P. M., adjourned.

Geo. H. Mahoney
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President.

ATTEST:

Chas H. Shuckmeyer
City Clerk.