

# COMMON COUNCIL AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

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CALLED SESSION—MAY 25TH, 1882.  
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The Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the city of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber, Thursday evening, May 25th, A. D. 1882, pursuant to the following call:

To the Members of the Common Council and  
Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

*Gentlemen*.:— You are hereby requested to meet in special session on Thursday evening, May 25th, 1882, at 7.30 o'clock, for the purpose of taking such action, on account of the death of Hon. H. C. Newcomb, ex-Mayor and former member of the Board of Aldermen, as may be deemed appropriate, and for the transaction of such other business as may be brought before the body.

Respectfully,

D. W. GRUBBS, Mayor.

JAMES T. LAYMAN, Prest. Board of Aldermen.

May 24th, 1882.

His Honor, Daniel W. Grubbs, Mayor, and Hon. James T. Layman, President of the Board of Aldermen, presided.

His Honor the Mayor called the body to order. This being an informal session, no roll call was had.

Mayor Grubbs made the following remarks:

We are called here this evening for the purpose of taking such action as may seem appropriate concerning the death of Hon. Horatio C. Newcomb, who, in 1853, was a member of the Common Council, and in later years President of the Board of Aldermen of this city.

Judge Newcomb was known to all of you, and to know him was to respect and honor him. For years he was my neighbor, and I esteem it a privilege to have known so pure a man so intimately and so long. As a citizen, he was all that the State demands; as a lawyer, he stood in the front rank of his profession, and as a judge, his opinions were clear, logical, and almost uniformly without defect. His life and his work are worthy our emulation.

As the evening of life approaches and the shadows of life grow longer, if we can but look back over a life as useful as this good man gave to the world, we can turn, and firmly facing the future, calmly await the coming of that silent messenger who comes to high and low, and with an unflinching faith start "drifting out upon that unknown sea that rolls round all the world." For the end of such a life is peace and rest.

Councilman Pritchard offered the following motion, which was adopted, and Mayor Grubbs appointed Councilmen Pritchard, Thalmen and Fultz, and President Layman appointed Aldermen Hamilton and Seibert, to act as the members of such committee.

That his Honor the Mayor appoint three Councilmen, and that President Layman be requested to appoint two Aldermen to meet with Council committee, and the committee thus formed be charged with the duty of preparing and reporting resolutions appropriate to the occasion suggested by the death of Hon. Horatio C. Newcomb.

The committee appointed as per foregoing motion, through Councilman Pritchard submitted the following preamble and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Indianapolis, Ind., May 25th, 1882.

To the Mayor, Common Council, and Board of Aldermen :

*Gentlemen* :—Horatio C. Newcomb is dead. In all the relations of life in which he was called to act, as a Councilman, as President of the Board of Aldermen, as a journalist, as a legislator, as a lawyer, as a judge of the Marion Superior Court and the Supreme Court of the State, he discharged honestly, faithfully and with marked ability every duty he was called upon to perform. As a man he was distinguished for a strong, comprehensive and vigorous intellect, quickened and trained by a long and active participation in the stirring scenes of life. In manners he was affable, social, courteous and dignified; in conversation entertaining and instructive, and in all the relations of life generous and magnanimous, true to his friends.

In his death, his aged mother, who survives him, loses a dutiful son, his wife a loving husband, his children a kind and indulgent father. The Bar of Indianapolis parts with a brother learned in the law, the Supreme Court with an able jurist, the State with a faithful citizen, ever careful to uphold her laws, and the Church with a warm, ardent supporter, who loved its work and purposes.

Judge Newcomb was a member of the Council in 1853, and was the first President of the Board of Aldermen. He was nominated for this last-named position by a political opponent, and elected by acclamation. He presided over the deliberations of the first Board of Aldermen with careful and indulgent consideration, that governed him in all the relations of life. Therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the city of Indianapolis has received with deep sensibility the announcement of the death of Hon. Horatio C. Newcomb, who was formerly a member of our respective bodies.

*Resolved*, That our warmest sympathies are with his aged mother, wife and children in this their hour of sad bereavement.

*Resolved*, That, as a mark of respect for the memory of the deceased, the City Council and Board of Aldermen attend in a body the funeral services at the church on Friday (to-morrow) afternoon.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted by the City Clerk to the family of the deceased.

Respectfully submitted.

James A. Pritchard,  
Isaac Thalman,  
John W. Fultz,  
Council Committee.

James T. Layman,  
Hiram Seibert,  
F. W. Hamilton,  
Aldermanic Committee.

On motion by Councilman Cole, it was ordered that the members of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen meet in the Council Chamber to-morrow (Friday), May 26th, 1882, at 1:30 o'clock, sharp, for the purpose of attending the funeral in a body.

On motion the meeting then adjourned.

DANIEL W. GRUBBS, Mayor.  
JAMES T. LAYMAN,  
Prest. Board of Aldermen.

Attest:

JOS. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.