

Mr. Greer moved to lay them on the table, But before the question was acted upon, the Council dissolved upon hearing the cry "Fire" .

Attest: David V. Culley, Prest.  
Daniel B. Culley, Secy. C. C.

## Regular Meeting

City Council Chamber  
March 7th 1853

Present - Messrs Louden, Delzell, Greer, Buchanan, Pitts, Fidler & Culley.

The minutes of the preceding meeting read and approved.

The Street Commissioners report, read and approved and the following allowances made:

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| To M. Ward Labor on Streets                         | 6 days                     | 6.00         |
| " Patrick Quinn Labor on Streets                    | 2 "                        | 2.00         |
| " Peter Volen " " "                                 | 6 "                        | 6.00         |
| " Thomas Keenan " " "                               | 1-5/8 "                    | 1.62         |
| " H. Stevens Horses & Carts                         | 3 1/2 days \$2 1/2 per day | 8.75         |
| " W. Sonfield Hauling                               |                            | 2.00         |
| " Mr. Huntington do                                 |                            | 1.50         |
| " Mr. Facres  |                            | 2.00         |
| Street Commissioners Report                         |                            | <u>29.87</u> |
| Allowed David Fletcher Well digging, repairing etc. |                            | 3.00         |
| " Williamson & Haugh, repairing pump, Youngerman    |                            |              |
|   | Comm.                      | 3.35         |
| " Joseph Shaw Labor on Streets                      |                            | 1.50         |
| " William Wilkinson, Incidental Expense Grave Yard  |                            | .50          |
| " J. S. Norris Candles, C. C. Expense               |                            | 1.70         |
| " William Sonfield Labor on Streets                 |                            | 1.00         |
| " John Ferriter                                     |                            | <u>1.00</u>  |
| General Fund orders                                 |                            | <u>41.92</u> |
| Allowed E. Catlin Repairing well in 4th Ward        |                            | 4.00         |
| " Pearsons & Cottrell Tin gutter 7 Ward S. H.       |                            | 2.20         |
| " R. L. McQuat canal coal stoves, for 5 Ward        |                            | 20.75        |

The Council on Motion gave further time for the Committee on Streets and alleys.

On Motion by Mr. Greer.

The subject of building a lodge on Georgia Street, over the canal was referred to the Committee on streets and alleys.

The President from a committee appointed to make a contract for fencing the public Grave yard, reported that Messrs Duke & Bingman had completed the fence enclosing the public Grave yard, including the burial ground of the colored people that the same has been measured and calculated agreeably to the contract made with the said Duke & Bingman



and amounted to \$301.29. That said Duke and Bingman took the surplus lumber at \$2.95 and had orders issued to them for the balance amounting to \$298.34 in full of the contract.

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Mr. Louden presented the following petition:

To the City Council of Indianapolis:-

The undersigned having built the fence around the public grave yard, petition your honorable body for an increase of pay over and above the estimate as made by the President to the amount of four cents on the foot, as there were 1698 feet of new fencing it would amount to \$67.92. The original fence being 16¢ only. And owing to the rise in the price of lumber, nails, labor, etc., we were unable to make wages, and this is only asking to give to the "laborer his hire". Twenty cents was the amount bid by us per foot but was willing if it could be done to do the work for less, but failed for the reasons stated.

Indianapolis, March 7th, 1853 Duke & Bingman."

On Motion by Mr. Greer

Allowed Duke & Bingman, 16¢ a foot for new fence amount to the additional sum of \$33.96

On Motion by Mr. Fidler, it was

Ordered That the Commissioner of Streets notify the property holders on the East side of Pennsylvania Street between Michigan and Washington Streets to grade and gravel and pave their sidewalks within ten days; and that the City Engineer set the stakes therefor immediately. And if not graded and graveled or paved at the expiration of said ten days, to advertise for bids for said improvement to be graveled.

On Motion by Mr. Greer, it was

"Ordered, That the City Engineer give grade stakes for sidewalks in front of lots Nos. 1 & 2, in Square No. 13.

On Motion by Mr. Fidler, it was

Ordered That the City Engineer give grade stakes for sidewalks on North and East side of lots Nos. 15 & 16 in Square No. 29."

On Motion

Ordered, That the Marshal cause to be sold at auction the wood stoves heretofore used in 5th Ward School house.

The following petition was presented:

To the City Council of Indianapolis:

The undersigned citizens of the city are desirous of having the sidewalk on the East side of Pennsylvania street between Maryland Street and Pogues Run. There is plenty of earth to be obtained at a low price at this time we hope your honorable body will make an order to have it done immediately. We own three quarters and upwards of the ground here represented. Signed:- R.R. Underhill 150 ft front, Marion Coal Co. 50 ft front, Welshaw & Sinker 100 ft front, Wm. Sullivan 195 ft front, A.L. Voorhees 50 feet

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On Motion by Mr. Fidler it was

Ordered, That the City Engineer give grade stakes immediately along said East side of Pennsylvania street between Maryland street and Pogue's Run for sidewalk; and the Street Commissioner notify property owners to make said improvement within thirty days.

The Marshal informed the Council of the discontinuance of Peter Winchel as Deputy and announced the appointment of O.H.P. Bly in his stead.

On Motion the appointment was confirmed.

On Motion by Mr. Fidler it was

Ordered, That the Marshal notify the President of the Central Plank Road Company not to rebuild a bridge at the crossing of Pogue's Run on Washington as there is an order directing the Run to be straightened at Washington street.

A communication was received from George H. Dunn, President of the Lawrenceburg & Upper Mississippi Railroad Company relative to the action of the Board in regard to opening Louisiana Street, read & laid on the table.

Mr. Greer offered for adoption the following:

"Resolved, That the Act entitled "An Act for Incorporation of Cities" approved Jan'y 18, 1852, be and the same is hereby adopted for the government of this City."

Adopted by the following vote

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| Ayes. | Messrs Greer, Buchanan, Fidle & Culley | 4 |
| Noes. | " Pitts, Louden & Delzell              | 3 |

On Motion by Mr Greer,

Allowed Peter Winchell, Deputy Marshal the sum of \$25 being one month's salary of the Marshal unclaimed by him.

On Motion by Mr. Fidler it was

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to set off enough land on the front of lot No. 4 Square No. 37 for an Engine house, and to contract with John H. Bradley for the sale of the remainder of the city lot there if it should be thought expedient."

Messrs Delzell, Pitts & Greer was appointed said committee.

On Motion it was

Ordered That the Street Commissioner be requested to construct a temporary culvert under the Union track on

the West side of New Jersey Street, and make a small embankment under direction of the Street Commissioner of the 7th Ward so that the water may not stand in the creek bottom.."



D.H.Boyd's petition praying the Council to refund to him \$2.22 being the amount of taxes assessed on \$500 taxable property said to be erroneously returned. Was read but before action

The Council adjourned to meet on Monday evening next.

Attest: David V.Culley, Prest.City Council  
Daniel B.Culley,  
Secy.C.C.

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First Meeting of the Common Council under the Act for the Incorporation of Cities. Approved June 18th 1852

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Common Council Chamber  
March 14th 1853

Present: The Mayor, Messrs Louden, Delzell, Greer, Fidler, Culley & Pitts Councilmen.

The Committee on Streets and Alleys reported a plan for a bridge and recommended that it be adopted by the City for the building of all bridges.

The following report was read from the City Attorney,  
To the City Council of Indianapolis,

In compliance with a resolution of your honorable body requiring me to examine and report whether in my judgment Washington street in Indianapolis was conveyed by the State to the Central Plank Road Company in the grant to said Company of the National Road, I beg leave to report as follows:

The title to the State to Washington Street was derived from the United States by a grant different from and prior to the grant to the State of Indiana of the National Road and even prior to its location .

By an act of Congress entitled an act to enable the people of Indian Territory to form a Constitution and State Government and for the admission of said State into the Union on an equal footing with the original States" approved Apl. 19, 1816 it is enacted, among other things as follows: "That four sections of land be and the same are hereby granted to said State for the purpose of fixing their seat of government thereon which four sections shall under the direction of the Legislature of said State be located at any in such township and range as the Legislature aforesaid may select on such land as may hereafter be acquired by the United States etc. (R.S. 1838, p. 34).

On the 11th day of January 1820 the Legislature of the State of Indiana appointed commissioners to select and locate a site for the permanent