

Council Chamber
Indianapolis Jany. 16, 1847.

The Council met upon a call. President absent, on account of indisposition. Mr. Louden in the chair, Councilmen Present Messrs. Montague Harrison, Louden, Cady & VanBlaricum.

The object of the meeting having been stated by the chair to refer to the decease of Samuel Goldsberry Councilman of the 2nd Ward. Mr. Harrison presented the following minute which was unanimously adopted to wit:

"Whereas the Common Council of Indianapolis have learned with the deepest regret that Samuel Goldsberry, a member of the Common Council for the last seven years, departed this life on this the 16th day of January A.D. 1847.

Therefore, Be it resolved unanimously.

That the following minute be entered on the minute book of the Town Council.

That the deceased was justly held in the highest estimation by the Members of the Common Council, as a man of the kindest feelings - upright in all his dealings - faithful and true in all his transactions as a Member of this Council, and in every way deserving of the respect and confidence of his Neighbors, and that his death is regarded by us as a public loss.

That the Common Council tender to the widow and family of the deceased their sincere sympathy and condolence for their great loss.

That the Secretary of the Common Council be directed to transcribe a copy of the foregoing preamble & minutes, and deliver the same to the widow of the deceased under the Town Seal.

Resolved Further, That the Common Council and the Officers thereof will attend the funeral of the deceased in a body, with the appropriate badges of Mourning On the left arm.

On Motion, the following Minute is directed to be entered of Record to wit:

By an act of the Legislature of 9th Feby. 1831, the agent of State for the town of Indianapolis, was directed to make an Accuzate Survey of the lands around said town etc. according to the plat presented by the said agent to the Legislature, and to cause to be made out, two complete maps or plats of the town of Indianapolis, designating the names and width of the several streets & alleys etc. & to deposite one of said Maps in the office of the Recorder of Marion County, and from that time "it shall be considered a public Record." Which map was subsequently on the day of July 1831 deposited in said office.

Portions of several of the Streets & alleys on the Outskirts of the Town, have been enclosed by the Owners of Property adjacent to them, simply for their own present convenience, and not at all with a view of vacating them.

By this unexpected decision, the beauty and Symmetry of the Capitol of the State will be seriously marred, and the property of individuals, who bought in the Neighborhood of such Streets, and with a view to them as a part of the privileges of such property very materially injured.

As the fee-simple of the Ground, was by grant of Congress in the State, the vacating of Streets & alleys does not vest the title there- to in the Owners of the adjacent property, but the same return to the State, - and as all the citizens of the State have an interest in the Capitol, in her public grounds - her streets & alleys, the Common Council of the town of Indianapolis respectfully ask the legislature to pass a law repealing all laws or parts of laws, that in any wise change or vacate any of the streets or alleys as shown by the Map aforesaid, and declaring the streets and alleys as shown by said Map, together with any other Streets or alleys that may have been laid out & a Map thereof recorded to be the streets and alleys of said town.

Ordered That the Secretary of the Common Council have a certified copy of the foregoing Minute, and of this order before the President of the Senate & the Speaker of the House of Representatives who are hereby requested to lay the same before the body over which they res- pectively preside.

(Complied with Monday Jany. 18th)

Ordered That the Secretary of the Common Council be privileged to have one of the large Maps of the Town belonging to the Common Council, for use of reference in his office.

Attest

James G. Jordan
Secy. C.C. Indpls.

A.A. Loudon

President Common Council Indpls. pro tem