

Common Council Chamber
Indianapolis, May 6th, 1853.

The councilmen elected pursuant to the provisions of the General Charter adopted by the city council March 7th 1853, appeared, presented their certificates of election with the oath of office endorsed thereon, and took their Seats, viz:

From the	1st	Ward,	Samuel Delzell, & George Durham.
"	"	2nd	" Horatio C. Newcomb, & William H. Karns.
"	"	3rd	" Henry H. Nelson & Douglass Maguire.
"	"	4th	" David Strickland & George W. Pitts.
"	"	5th	" Daniel Carlisle & Nathan Edwards.
"	"	6th	" Nicholas McCarty & Livingston Dunlap.
"	"	7th	" Edwin H. Wingate & William A. Bradshaw.

Caleb Scudder presented his certificate of election to the office of Mayor with oath of office subscribed thereon, and took his seat as President of the Council.

Daniel B. Culley presented his certificate of election to the office of City Clerk, with the oath of office endorsed thereon, and a bond as required by ordinance. Said bond was read and accepted.

Benjamin Pilbean presented his certificate of election to the office of Marshal, with the oath of office endorsed thereon, and a bond as required by ordinance. Said bond was read and accepted.

Ambrose F. Shortridge presented his certificate of election to the office of Treasurer, with the oath of office endorsed thereon.

William Hughey presented his certificate of election to the office of Street Commissioner, with the oath of office endorsed thereon.

Matthew Little presented his certificate of election to the office of Assessor, with the oath of office endorsed thereon, and a bond as required by ordinance. Said bond was read and accepted.

Mr. Newcomb moved that the rules governing the House of Representatives of Indiana as far as practicable, be adopted for the government of this Common Council.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion by Mr. Pitts.
The Council proceeded to the election of all officers required by the ordinance and charter, which resulted as follows: towit:

Law Library, Indiana University

Indianapolis Division



Joseph Little was elected unanimously as Chief Engineer.
(Chief E.)

B. R. Sulgrove was elected Assistant Engineer on Second ballot.

(Asst.)

Cornelius King was elected Assistant Engineer on Fifth ballot.

(Asst.)

Dr. John L. Mothershead was elected a member of the Board of Health on first ballot.

(B. of Health)

Dr. Henry Jamison was elected a member of the Board of Health on first ballot.

(B. of Health)

Dr. Chas. Parry was elected a member of the Board of Health on second ballot.

(B. of Health)

Adam Haugh was unanimously elected Weigh Master.

Henry Ohr, was elected Market Master on the first ballot.

Philip Socks was elected Sexton for Grave Yard unanimously

Joseph W. Davis was elected sealer of Weights and Measures on the first ballot.

Mr. Newcomb offered for adoption the following resolution:
"Resolved, That the City Clerk report to the Council at its next meeting, what sums have been paid during the past year for printing for the city - Stating the prices for and kind of printing done."

Adopted by the following vote:

Those voting in the affirmative were:- Messrs. Bradshaw, Carlisle, Dunlap, Delzell, Durham, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, McCarty, Nelson, Newcomb, Pitts, Strickland & Wingate - 4

Those voting in the Negative were: None.

Mr Newcomb offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Clerk report to the Council at its next meeting the amt of the city indebtedness, also what amount of money will be required to satisfy contracts heretofore made for building cisterns and other improvements before the assessment for the current year beyond the means in the Treasury.

Adopted by the following vote:

Those voting in the affirmative were: Messrs. Bradshaw, Carlisle, Dunlap Delzell, Durham, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, McCarty, Nelson, Newcomb, Pitts, Strickland & Wingate - 14

Those voting in the negative were: None.

On motion by Mr. Bradshaw,

The Mayor was directed to cast about and ascertain where a suitable room could be procured for a Council Chamber, the rent, etc. and report at next meeting of City Council.



Mr. Bradshaw offered the following resolution for adoption: Resolved, That a committee of three by the Mayor, who, with the clerk shall revise the Bylaws and Ordinances, and report at the next meeting of the Council.

Adopted by the following vote:

Those voting in the affirmative were: Messrs. Bradshaw, Carlisle, Dunlap, Delzell, Durham, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, McCarty, Nelson, Newcomb, Pitts, Strickland, & Wingate - 14.

Those voting in the negative were: None.

The Mayor appointed Messrs. Newcomb, MacGuire & Dunlap said committee.

Mr. Edwards moved that the committee on the Fire Department was instructed to report at the next meeting of the Council what action is necessary for the protection of the apparatus of the Hook & Ladder Company.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Karns offered for adoption the following resolution: Resolved, That the Council does not consider it necessary to elect Supervisors of Streets at present.

Adopted by the following vote:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Messrs. Bradshaw, Carlisle, Dunlap, Delzell, Durham, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, McCarty, Nelson, Newcomb, Pitts, Strickland, & Wingate. 14.

Those who voted in the negative were: - None.

The Mayor announced the following Standing Committees:

On Judiciary: Messrs. Newcomb, Dunlap, & Maguire
 On Finance: Messrs. McCarty, Strickland & Durham.
 On Accounts: Messrs. Bradshaw, Nelson, Edwards.
 On Bridges: Messrs. Carlisle, Karns & Wingate.
 On Cisterns: Messrs. Pitts, Bradshaw & Durham.
 On SchoolHouse: Messrs. Maguire, Delzell & McCarty.
 On Streets and Alleys: Delzell, Nelson & Edwards.
 On Markets: Messrs. Dunlap, Pitts, & Karns.
 On Fire Department. Messrs Newcomb, Carlisle & Wingate.

The Council proceeded to fix the time and hour of regular Meetings.

The 1st & 3d Mondays of the month were selected, as the days.

Three o'clock was selected as the hour, the Mayor deciding by giving casting vote: Caleb Scudder Mayor

Attest Daniel B. Culley - City Clerk.

Common Council Chamber
 May 16th, 1853.

The Common Council met. Present: Bradshaw, Carlisle, Dunlap, Durham, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, McCarty, Nelson,