

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,



Pitts, Strickland, & Delzell, & Wingate, Councilmen, & Caleb Scudder, Mayor.

The minutes of the preceeding meeting read and approved.

The Mayor, reported that a room suitable for the meeting of the Common Council could be procured of Mr. John S. Dunlop at a yearly rent of \$180. Said room is located on Meridian Street north of Washington St.

On motion by Mr. Dunlap.

The Mayor was authorized to contract for said room at the rate proposed for one year.

On Motion by Mr. Edwards,

The Mayor was authorized to procure suitable furniture for the use of the Common Council Chamber.

By request William Wallace, read the following petition to the Council:

"The undersigned, owners of property on Louisiana Street in the city of Indianapolis, between the Donation line and Noble Street, respectfully, represnt that on the day of April, 1852 an order was passed by the Common Council granting to the Lawrenceburg and Upper Mississippi Railroad Company the right to run their road in the city of Indianapolis upon Louisiana Street upon the following conditions that said Company should procure to be used as a Street 15 feet of ground on the North side, of twentyfive feet on the South side of said Louisiana Street. adjacent thereto from the Donation line to East Street, also a like order was passed on the day of July 1852 granting to the Indiana Central Railway Company the right to run their road into this city upon Maryland Street upon condition that said Rail Road Company would in like manner procure to be used as a Street forty feet of ground on the South side of and adjacent to said Maryland Street from the Donation line to East Street.

Your petitioners would respectfully represent that the public would be much better accommodated and safety to travel and persons passing and repassing with carriages and wagons greatly increased, if Streets of greater width removed say not less than 130 nor more than 150 feet from the tracks of said Railroad Company could be opened.

Your petitioners represent that in view of these facts they are desirous of Substituting instead of the strips of ground adjacent to said Railroad tracks, streets not less than 60 feet removed from said tracks North & South not to exceed 150 feet, and running from the Donation line to Noble Street.

Your petitioners, therefore pray that the Common Council will order that said Railroad Companies shall be released from their respective obligations to procure to be used as addition to the said Streets, the said strips of ground adjacent to the Tracks of said Railroad Companies between the Donation line and Noble Street, as continued in the orders of the City Council of April & July 1852, above referred to; and,also, that in consideration of the 60 feet streets to be provided by said Railroad Companies as herein-



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after required, for the use of the public, no grading whatever of Louisiana and Maryland Streets from Noble Street to the Donation line, shall be ordered or required by the Common Council or corporate authorities of the city, except as heretofore granted to said Companies for Railroad purposes; and that said Lawrenceburg and Upper Mississippi Railroad Company shall in lieu of said strips, and of grading said part of Louisiana Streets between Noble Street and the Donation line procure to be laid out and recorded a public street not less than 60 feet wide south of Louisiana Street and also a similar street North thereof, and running parallel with the track of said Railroad Company not more than 150 feet therefrom the whole distance between the Donation line and Noble Street. And that the Central Railway Company shall, also, in lieu of said strip of 40 feet procure to be laid out and recorded a public street not less than sixty feet wide south of Maryland Street and running parallel with the track of said railway company not more than 150 feet therefrom the whole distance between the Donation line & Noble Street as aforesaid. And that this order shall take effect and be in force as soon as either of said Railroad Companies shall file a certificate of the Recorder of Marion County, with the Clerk of City that said Sixty feet streets have been laid out and recorded in accordance with such order. And that such order shall only operate in favor of that Road that shall comply with the provisions of the order in all respects -

Lawrenceburg U.M. R.R. Company Per
Wm Wallace their atty.
Indiana Central Railway Co.
by Chas Parry Director

On Motion

Referred to the committees on streets and alleys,
Mr. Bradshaw and Mr. Wingate were attached to said committee for this purpose.

Mr Karns presented the following petition:

To the Common Council of Indianapolis

The undersigned would respectfully petition your honorable body to procure and erect in some suitable & central place a large bell to be used as a Fire Alarm Bell.

Signed by Jno H. Elder, and numerous others.

On Motion

Referred to the Committee on the Fire Department

Mr Delzell offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on cisterns be required to receive propositions for the building of the balance of the cisterns located in this city. Payments to be made by the 1st of November, next. And that the Committee report To the next Common Council the propositions so received.

Mr Dunlap moved to amend by adding an additional Cistern at the Madison & Indianapolis Railroad Depot.

Which Motion did not prevail

The question recurring upon the adoption the original resolution resulted in the affirmative as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Messrs. Bradshaw, Carlisle, Dunlap, Delzell, Durham Edwards, Karns, Maguire

McCarty, Nelson, Strickland, Wingate, - 12
Those who voted in the negative were: Mr. Pitts.

Mr Pitts offered the following for adoption.
"Resolved, That George W Harlun M.M be allowed the pro-
portional amount for ½ month over services & Ten Dollars
extra services for publishing notices, and making sale of
stalls."

On Motion
Referred to Committee on claims.

Mr Carlisle offered the following resolution.
"Resolved, That the Committee on the judiciary be in-
structed to confer with the officers of the Central Plank
Road Company, and ascertain upon what terms said company
will cede to the city so much of said road as lies within
the limits of the Donation."

Which resolution was adopted by the following vote:
Those who voted in the affirmative were: Messrs
Carlisle, Dunlap, Durham, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, Nelson,
& Strickland. - 8
Those who voted in the negative were: Messrs. Bradshaw,
Delzell, McCarty, Pitts & Wingate - 5.

On Motion by McCarty.
The questions of assessment, as asked by the assessor
were referred to the Judiciary Committee with instruction
to report at next Meeting.

Mr. Carlisle offered the following resolution:
Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be in-
structed to ascertain who are the legal owners of the
Northern Division of the Central Canal, and that said
committee report to the Council the best means of requiring
said owners to keep up the bridges across the canal within
the corporate limits

Which resolution failed by the following vote:
Those who voted in the affirmative were: Messrs. Brad-
shaw, Carlisle, Dunlap, Delzell, Durham, & Karns. - 6
Those who voted in the negative were: Messrs. Edwards,
Maguire, McCarty, Nelson, Pitts, Strickland & Wingate - 7

Mr. Pitts offered the following for adoption:
"Be it resolved, That the Trustees for the city examine
all the Schools, and if on examination, they find pupils
attending the Schools who are not actually residents of the
city the Trustees shall expel the same from the schools."

Which was adopted by the following vote:
Those who voted in the affirmative were: Messrs. Brad-
shaw, Carlisle, Dunlap, Delzell, Durham, Edwards, Karns,
Nelson, Pitts, Strickland & Wingate
Those who voted in the negative were: Messrs Maguire &
McCarty - 2.

Mr. Carlisle offered the following:
"Resolved, That the Committee on bridges be instructed
to enquire into the expediency of erecting a bridge, eight



feet in width across the canal on the south side of Washington St. and that Said committee report upon the same at an early day."

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Messrs. Bradshaw, Carlisle, Dunlap, Durham, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, McCarty, Nelson, Pitts, Strickland & Wingate. - 12

Those who voted in the negative was: Mr. Delzell - 1

Mr. Bradshaw offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Street commissioner be directed to request the Managers of the Lawrenceburg and Upper Mississippi Railroad Company to throw foot bridges across the ditches of said road, and at such places as the Commissioners may direct, and if not done in ten days after notice, the same to be done by the city, and cost to be paid by Railroad Company."

Adopted by the following vote:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Messrs. Bradshaw, Carlisle, Dunlap, Delzell, Durham, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, McCarty, Nelson, Pitts, Strickland, & Wingate, - 13.

Those who voted in the negative was: None.

Mr. Bradshaw offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to examine Louisiana street between Alabama and East streets and ascertain whether the Lawrenceburg and Upper Mississippi Railroad Company are complying with the ordinance directing the grade and repairing of said street, and report at the next meeting."

Adopted by the following vote:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Messrs. Bradshaw, Carlisle, Dunlap, Delzell, Durham, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, McCarty, Nelson, Pitts, Strickland & Wingate - 13.

Those who voted in the negative were. None.

These President laid before the Council the following communication.

To Caleb Scudder, Mayor of Indianapolis

The Terre Haute and Richmond Railroad Company are now ready to have the grade stakes fixed for the grading of the street on which the road comes into the city according to the ordinance on that subject.

Very Respectfully
E. J. Peck
for J. H & R. R. Co'y.

On Motion it was

Ordered, That the City Engineer be directed to set grade stakes; and that Councilman Edwards & Carlisle see that the Terre Haute Company confine themselves strictly to the grade.

Mr Maguire offered the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the resolution heretofore adopted by the Council, preventing the further location of Railroad lines through the city be and the same is hereby repealed."

Which resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Messrs.



Bradshaw, Carlisle, Dunlap, Delzell, Durham, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, McCarty, Nelson, Pitts, Strickland, and Wingate. - 13.

Mr. Pitts offered the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the City Clerk advertise for sealed proposals for the building of a bridge across the canal on Indiana Avenue; to receive two separate proposals, one predicated on cash payments, and the other on the 1st of November next."

Mr. Edwards moved that the resolution be amended by including a bridge over canal on Georgia st. and another over canal on South Street.

Which motion did not prevail.

The following petition was presented and read as follows.

"To the Honorable the Common Council of Indianapolis:

Your petitioners, The Evansville, Indianapolis, and Cleveland straight line Railroad Company" present, that they are about to locate and run their railroad from Evansville on the Ohio river, to Union in the county of Randolph, in the State of Indiana, by way of the city of Indianapolis, that in the location of said road, it becomes necessary to run the same through the city of Indianapolis, upon or near the following route that is to say, commencing on the North side of the Cumberland road, or Washington St. near the East end of the bridge over Pogues' Run, on the East side of the city, running from thence on the South Side of Pogues' Run near the bank of the same, crossing East Street, New Jersey Street Alabama Street, and Pennsylvania Street, and the intermediate alleys passing south of the gas works and crossing Meridian Street, Illinois Street, and Tennessee Street, and the intermediate alleys, and passing North of the Peg & Last Factory of Mr. Osgood's, crossing Mississippi Street, Missouri Street, and West Street, and the intermediate alleys and running to White river at, or near the bluff bank, where the river strikes the same, below the grade yard. Your petitioners, therefore, petition the Board of Common Council to pass an ordinance authorizing the construction of said road, and the running of the same upon, or near, said line through the city of Indianapolis, upon such terms and regulations as the Council shall deem right and proper and your petitioners, &c.

O.H. Smith, Prest

E. I. & Clevd & S. Line R R Co.

On Motion by Mr. Maguire

The Council decided to consider the petition on Wednesday the 8th day of June, and it was, on motion

Ordered, That the City Clerk publish a notice of the pendency of said petition as required by ordinance.

Mr. Karns presented the following petition:

To the Common Council:

Your petitioners, a committee appointed by the Hook & Ladder Company of this city, would respectfully represent, that said company have procured a good, neat, & substantial wagon, for the purpose of hauling their fire apparatus to and from fires, and that there is no house for the wagon to be kept in. And that it is now standing out and liable to damage therefore your petitioners, would respectfully ask that your honorable body cause to be erected without delay a good building sufficient large to contain said wagon and apparatus.

Respectfully Submitted, A.W. Jenkins, John Shellenberger & C. King, Com.

Mr Dunlap moved that a select committee of three be appointed to contract for the building of a suitable house.

Which motion prevailed.

Messrs. Nelson, Karns, & Pitts were appointed said committee.

Benjamin Pilbean, Marshal, prayed the Council for authority to appoint a Deputy Marshal, at such a salary as would secure the services of a good & reliable man.

Mr. Dunlap moved that the Marshal be authorized to appoint a Deputy at such compensation as he may think right and proper, and report his action in the matter to the Council for confirmation.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Maguire offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to cause the privies of the School Houses to be cleaned, and that he cause them to be kept in decent repair hereafter.

Which resolution was adopted by the following vote

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Messrs Bradshaw, Carlisle, Dunlap, Delzell, Durham, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, McCarty, Nelson, Pitts, Strickland & Wingate. - 13.

On Motion.

The Street Commissioner was instructed look after the pumps of city, and when out of order, to have them repaired; also, the cisterns of the city, when necessary to have them filled with water.

On Motion adjournment to meet tomorrow evening at 7 O clock P.M. Caleb Scudder Mayor

Attest:

Daniel B. Culley
City Clerk

President C.C.