

Common Council Chamber)  
June 20th, 1853. )

The Council met. Present Messrs. Bradshaw, Carlisle, Dunlap, Delzell, Durham, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, McCarty, Nelson, Newcomb, Pitts, Strickland, & Wingate, Councilmen. The Mayor being absent. Mr. Newcomb was chosen to preside. The Minutes of the preceeding meetings read and approved.

1158.	Allowed Benjamin Pilbean	Removing Nuisance	\$ .50
1159.	" A.H. Brown	Bill Printing to date	47.50
1160.	" H. Davis	Relief fire Company	10.00
1161.	" D.C. Munson	do	2.42
1162.	" W.S. Hubbard	do Rent of	
	House to June 15, 53		20.00
1163.	Allowed George Lowe	Marion Fire Co.	1.25

The following petition was presented by Mr. Carlisle. To the Honorable Members of the Common Council of Indianapolis:

We, the subscribers of Marion County, State of Indiana residing close to and on the West side of White River in Center Township in what is commonly called "West Indianapolis" being desirous of admission into the corporate lines of the city of Indianapolis, and, to become a part of said corporation, and enjoy all the rights and privileges guaranteed to the same would respectfully petition your honorable body to extend the corporate lines of said city on the West to the present donation line, making said corporate line, as extended, run with and on, the Western donation line across the National Road and include all land now within the donation line west of White River, which if extended as prayed herein will place all the petitioners hereto within the corporation.

We pray the above upon the following conditions that, whereas, the Central Plank Road Company have erected a toll gate upon the "ational Road adjoining to and on the East side of White River Bridge, requiring toll of each and all persons crossing said bridge and consequently there being no free communication from our several residences to the city, which if not unjust and extortions under existing circumstances would certainly become so in the event of our incorporation as a part of your city, and whereas, it will be seen by reference to the Revised Statutes, Vol. 1st Page 215 that

"The Common Council shall have exclusive power over the Streets, highways, alleys & Bridges within such city, and to lay out, survey, open, straighten, widen, or otherwise alter the same." And

They may cause buildings and structures in the way of any street or public improvement to be taken down and appropriated, etc."



Therefore, as your honorable body has the exclusive power in the control of said toll gate, and as a condition precedent to our admission as a part of said corporation, we pray that the same may be removed from its present location to such other place as you may direct, and will at the same time relieve your petitioners from the payment of toll in their communication with different parts of the city, or in the event your body does not see proper to comply with the above condition that in line of the same you erect or cause to be erected a suitable bridge across White River which will be accessible from the National Road on each side of said river, and will not subject us to the payment of toll.

Signed by Wm Schoolcraft, & 34 others.

On Motion,

Referred to the City Attorney with instructions to report his opinion as to the legality of granting the petition and removing the toll gate to the Donation line.

Mr. Delzell presented the following petition:

To the Common Council of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:

We, the undersigned, petitioners and property holders of the 1st Ward residing on Market Street between East and Noble streets, request your honorable body to cause said Market street and sidewalks to be surveyed and let out to the lowest bidder for grading & graveling.

Signed by Jno. E. Kingsbury 96 ft, S.W. Drew, agt for I. Hobert 64 ft, I. Stinum 48 ft. Nehemiah West 48 ft. Christopher Zimmerman 48 ft. Eaton Lussmarn 48 ft. W.L. Lingenfelter 48 ft. M. Little, (for grading street, & grading & graveling sidewalk) 152 feet. W.I. Wallace 50 ft. F. Kepel Jr. 35 ft Gomly Wert 95 feet, William Rafert 35 feet, Abel Fehaff 35 ft. Wm L. Lingenfelter 43 feet, Mary A. Flack 114 feet.

On Motion

Ordered, That the civil engineer give grade stakes for said improvement and receive proposals for said improvement and report to this Council the bids so received for their approval.

Mr. presented the following petition

We, the undersigned respectfully ask your honorable board to pass an ordinance for the renting of the vegetable stands in the East & West Market at such a price as would enable those attending Market regularly to have an established place where his customers could find him, the present price of \$5 is, in our opinion, too much or more than the sales of vegetables will justify us to pay & we believe a less price will yield more revenue to the town, there are some eight or nine that are unwilling to pay the price but are willing to



give \$3. in each Market, beside you must recollect there are five months or nearly that, that we can sell but little if any things in our line in the Market, the groceries have all the custom or they are willing to buy our produce at prices to suit us both, & thereby avoiding the chilling blasts of wintry winds which necessary attends an attendance upon the Markets during the winter months.

Your early attention to our petition will confer a favor on your obedient servants.

- John M. Barnecko
- George Subter
- Joseph Kickenbach
- Lacharias Schuell
- Martin Seeley.

On Motion.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report an ordinance embodying the prayer of the petition.

On Motion

The Select Committee heretofore appointed to cause a suitable building to be erected for the Hook & Ladder Company, were instructed to ascertain where they could procure a suitable location for said house, and report to the Council as soon as practicable.

A communication was received and read relative to the lot No 4 in Square No 37 from Comegys & McCord.

On Motion

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary with authority to send for persons & papers.

Mr. Newcomb from the Committee on the Judiciary reported an ordinance authorizing the Evansville, Indianapolis, and Cleaveland, Straight Line Railroad Company to construct a track through the city of Indianapolis, and prescribing the terms thereof."

After amending it in a few minor particulars the ordinance on Motion was laid on the table till next meeting.

Mr. Maguire offered the following resolution for adoption

Resolved, That steps be immediately taken to redeem the property of the city known as "West Market Space," (which was sold some time since under an execution against the city) and purchased by I. L. Ketchum, Esqr., and that the Judiciary Committee, in conjunction with the Attorney of the city take such measures as they shall deem proper for the recovery of the property."



Which was 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.

Mr. McCarty from the committee on finance reported that the Bank consented to take the loan of \$5,000 of the city, & recommended the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That the President, of the Common Council, and City Clerk be instructed to prepare two notes of \$2500 each, signed by the President and Clerk with the official seal of the City for the purpose of obtaining a loan from the Indianapolis Branch Bank of said amount, to be indorsed in a manner satisfactory to said Bank, the Committee on finance to take charge of said notes, and make the proper application to the Bank.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Messrs. Dunlap, Delzell, Durham, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, McCarty, Nelson, Newcomb, Strickland & Wingate - 11.

Those who voted in the negative were: Messrs. Bradshaw & Pitts.

On Motion by Mr. Maguire

Mr. J. J. Dunn was allowed four months further time to grade and gravel his sidewalk on Pennsylvania street.

Mr Nelson offered the following:

"Resolved, That the City Treasurer be directed to prepare a bond in the penal sum of \$50,000 and present it for approval of the Council at next meeting."

Which was 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.

Mr. Delzell, offered the following:

"Resolved," That the Civil Engineer be directed to examine the bridge at the crossing of Washington and Noble Streets over Pogues' Run and report the best place to build a bridge over said streets.

Which was 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.





Mr Pitts offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Marshal notify the proper officer of the Lafayette & Indianapolis Railroad Company to raise the bridge on Market Street across the canal to a level with the present grade of their track, & make an embankment west of the bridge, so as to admit of the freepassage of said bridge. Said work to be done under the supervision of the Civil Engineer."

Which was 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.

Mr. Carlisle offered for adoption the following:

"Resolved, That the Marshal be instructed to strictly enforce the ordinance relating to the passage of locomotives and railroad trains, within the city."

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Messrs. Carlisle, Delzell, Durham, McCarty, Nelson, Newcomb, Pitts, Strickland, & Wingate - 9

Those who voted in the negative were: Messrs. Bradshaw, Dunlap, Edwards, & Karns, - 4

Mr. Carlisle offered for adoption the following:

"Resolved, That the Judiciary Committee be instructed to inquire if any further legislation is necessary, or expedient, in order to hold to immediate accountability, the officers of such railroad trains, as may become emenable to existing inactments regulating the speed of trains within the city limits.

Which was 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

Mr. Carlisle offer the following:

"Resolved, That the Committee on Public Cisterns be instructed to test practically the quality of the cement to be used in the construction of the same, to the end that none but the best quality of cement may be used."

Which was 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



Mr. Dunlap offered the following:

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner notify the property holders on Washington Street between Tennessee & Delaware Streets, to number their tenements in the following manner, Blackford & Comer on Washington Street and Meridian Street shall be No. one for East Washington Street; and Graydon's corner No. two, alternating so as always to have the odd numbers on the South and the even numbers on the North Side of the Street. Norris' corner on Washington and Meridian Streets shall be numbered one for West Washington Street and Dunlop's corner No. two, alternating the numbers as directed for East Washington Street. The number of each house shall be designated by the aforesaid Commissioner, and completed within thirty days from the time of notification. The expenses to be borne by the respective property holders.

Which was 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

Mr Dunlap offered the following resolution

Resolved, That the sealer of Weights and Measures be authorized to procure, at the expense of the city, such standard weights and measures as may be required for his use under the provisions of the Revised Statutes.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

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

A communication was received from Matthew Little announcing the appointment of Samuel R. Mann, Wesley Adams, Edward Davis, & Chas. Smith as assistant assessors.

On motion the above named persons were confirmed save Charles Smith.

Mr Maguire offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Superintendent of the Central Canal be requested to let the water in the Northern Division of the Central Canal as soon as possible, as it seems to be the opinion of physicians and others that in its present condition it is prejudicial to the public health.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

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

Those who voted in the negative were Messrs. Pitts & Strickland.



A communication was received from Wm D. Shepherd, Agt. Central Canal relative to cleansing said canal.

Mr. Carlisle offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to enforce promptly and without respect to persons, the ordinance passed on the Sixth day of June relative to the removal of dirt and filth on Washington street, and the streets and alleys contiguous thereto, and, also, the ordinance requiring the filling of the remains of the old basins, near the canal bridge on Washington street, on the South and North sides of said street."

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Messrs. Bradshaw, Carlisle, Dunlap, Delzell, Durham, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, Nelson, Strickland & Wingate - 11

Those who voted in the negative were: Messrs. McCarty, Newcomb, & Pitts - 3.

Mr. Delzell offered the following:

"Resolved, That the committee on the Fire Department be directed to purchase a lot for the purpose of building an Engine House for the use of Invincible Fire Company No. 2."

On Motion

Referred to the committee without instructions.

Mr Carlisle offered the following:

Resolved, That the Judiciary Committee be instructed to draw up a suitable law relative to establishing a House of Correction or a vagrant law.

Which was 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.

Mr. Karns offered the following:

Resolved, That the Civil Engineer readvertise the letting of the grading and graveling of Meridian Street from Circle Street to Donation Line, and that he require the bidders to furnish guarantees that they will contract and give bond for the faithful performance of the work if awarded to them, and upon the reception of said bids to report them to the Council for their approval.

Which was 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



Mr Bradshaw offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Marshal be directed to cause the cross ties and other rubbish to be removed from the sidewalks where the Lawrenceburg & Upper Mississippi Rail Road crosses Alabama, New Jersey & East Streets.

Which was adopted by the following votes:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Messrs. Bradshaw, Carlisle, Delzell, Durham, Edwards, Karns, Strickland & Wingate. - 8

Those who voted in the negative were: Messrs. Dunlap, Maguire, McCarty, Nelson Newcomb & Pitts. - 6

Mr Delzell offered the following:

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be directed, (at the proper time) to have shade trees set out around the Free School lots in the city.

On Motion

Laid on the table.

Mr. Karn offered the following:

Resolved, That the committee on Revision be instructed to report an ordinance prohibiting the posting of show bills &c, on buildings without the consent of the owners."

On Motion

Laid on the table.

Mr. Maguire offered the following for adoption:

Resolved, That any member presenting a petition or offering a resolution, shall rise in his place, address the chair, and present them through the President for the consideration of the Council.

Which was 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.

On Motion the Council adjourned to meet Wednesday at 3 o'clock, P.M.

Attest

Daniel B Culley  
City Clerk

Caleb Scudder Mayor.