

Monday, August 29. 1853.

Council met. Present Messrs. Bradshaw, Delzell, Karns, Maguire, McCarty, Nelson, Pitts & Wingate, Councilmen, & Scudder, Mayor.

Minutes of preceeding meetings read and approved.

This day being appointed to hear and determine complaints against the assessment, and to correct and equalize the same; many persons appeared for the purpose of complaining of the assessment.

Mr. Maguire offered for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of seven be appointed to call upon the assessor and his deputies and with them examine the assessment upon all the property of the city, and equalize the same, and to correct erroneuous descriptions, and report at the next session of the Council.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Messrs. Bradshaw, Delzell, Karns, Maguire, McCarty & Nelson, - 6

Noes: Messrs. Pitts & Wingate - 2.

Messrs. Maguire, Bradshaw, Carlisle, Dunlap, Delzell, Karns & Pitts were appointed said committee

Mr. McCarty offered for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That when examining the assessment of property, persons owning property are requested to point out that which may be too low.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Messrs. Bradshaw, Delzell, Karns, Maguire, McCarty & Nelson, Pitts & Wingate.- 8.

Noes. None

1271	Allowed	Hulings & Iler printing etc for Council Chamber	4.00
1270	"	Samuel M. Bristor Hewing & Dressing finger board.	2.50
1269	"	Karns & Brees for cisterns etc	6.50

Mr. Bradshaw from a select Committee on that subject reported as follows:

The committee to whon was referred the location of lamp posts report in favor of the plan submitted herewith at the suggestion of the Civil Engineer, as follows; Commencing on South Side of Washington street at the outer edge of sidewalk at the West side of every and placing posts at One hundred and seventy feet eastward one from the other, on the North side of Washington street commencing at the outer edge of sidewalk at east side of square and running westward one



hundred and seventy feet to a post, and the same distance to intervene between each and every post. See profile in Clerk's office

Bradshaw )  
Nelson & )  
Delzell )

Concurred in.

Mr Dunlap presented An ordinance entitled "an ordinance to prohibit the erection of wooden buildings" which was read a first and second time.

Mr Bradshaw from the committee on accounts presented the following report:

The Committee to whom was referred the following accounts report them correct, and recommend their allowance.  
Bradshaw, )  
Nelson ) Com.

Allowed, Chas Bisbing, Messenger Indpt Reliss Co.	
Mar. & Apl.	12.50
" A. & Chas Eaton Pumping water in cistern	4.00
" Chas Woods Messenger Indpt Reliss Co.	
May & July	18.75
" Abner Smith Fixing well, etc Marion Fire Co.	13.49

The following petition was presented,

"To the Common Council:

At a meeting of the Social Order of Temperance held on Tuesday evening, August 23d 1853 at Roberts' Chapel in the City of Indianapolis, the following resolution was unanimously adopted, viz:

"Resolved, That a committee of five citizens be appointed to wait on the Common Council, at the first meeting, and request the passage of an ordinance declaring all places in the city, where persons known to be in the habit of using intoxicating drinks resort, "Public Nuisances," and to be abated, and provide what shall be deemed evidence in such cases, to authorize the prosecution, and, also, provide for the arrest, of all persons keeping such drinking establishments as vagrants."

The undersigned having been appointed a committee under said resolution, now present the same to the honorable Common Council of Indianapolis, and request them to pass an ordinance in accordance with the provisions of said resolution.

R.B. Duncan )  
Calvin Fletcher )  
James M. Ray ) Com.  
James Blake )  
Wm Hannaman )



On Motion

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report an ordinance as prayed for.

The following petition was presented and read:

To the Honorable the Common Council of Indianapolis:

The undersigned, pray you to order the construction of two foot bridges, one over the ditch by Washington Street, and another across a branch running through the alley between Out lots Nos. 71 & 72, also, leveling about four yards in said alley.

We would suggest to your honors to refer it to your committee on streets and alleys to convince you how necessary it is for us to get this done, seeing that such requests were not refused to our neighbors, and having no access to our respective lots which we purchased lately on Out-Block No. 72. except by way of this alley.

Habert H. Masson.  
Patrick Barrett.  
Henry Avels.  
Henry Hoffman

On Motion,

Referred to the Committee on Streets and alleys.

The following petition was presented and read.

To the Common Council of Indianapolis:

Your petitioners, owning all the property on North side of Vermont Street, between Pennsylvania and Meridian Streets ask you to order the said street graded and graveled between the points named at a grade which was agreed to at a change of grade of Pennsylvania street some two years since, as follows: commencing at the center of the street at a cut of twelve inches of ground below the present surface of the ground, at the center of street and run from thence the grade east to Pennsylvania St. and west to Meridian street, also, your petitioners ask the Council to pay any extra expense which may accrue in filling up the gravel pit in said street.

The property on South side of said street is owned by the State.

Jas W Yandes )  
Jeremy Mansur )  
Isaiah Mansur )

On Motion

The prayer of the petition was granted.

A communication was read from D.V. Culley relative to lighting east side of Square No.

Also, a communication relative to the same subject from E.S. Alvord

Which were, on Motion,

Laid on the table.



Mr Delzell,

Resolved, That in view of the fact that the Central plank Road Company are about constructing a new bridge over Pogue's Run, on Washington street, the committee on bridges with the Civil Engineer be, and they are hereby instructed to confer immediately with the proper officers of the said plank road company in relation to a change in the channel of the Run & report to the Council at its next meeting.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Messrs. Bradshaw, Delzell, Karns, Maguire, McCarty, Pitts & Wingate - 7

Noes: Mr Nelson - 1.

Mr. McCarty offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be requested to call on the banking houses of the City, and ascertain what rate of interest they will allow on the deposit of money belonging to the City Treasury, and submit to the Common Council, and on, and after their approval of any such propositions the Treasurer be required to deposit all moneys collected from time as he may make collections.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Messrs. Dunlap, Delzell, Karns, Maguire, McCarty, Nelson, Strickland & Wingate - 8

Noes: Messrs Bradshaw, & Pitts. - 2

On Motion by Mr. Karns, the Council adjourned to meet at 7½ O'clock P.M. for the purpose of fixing the salaries of officers.

Adjourned

Caleb Scudder Mayor

Daniel B Cully, City Clerk.

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Evening Session.

7½ O'clock, P.M.

Council met. Present Messrs Bradshaw, Dunlap Delzell, Karns, Maguire, McCarty, Nelson, Pitts, Strickland & Wingate Councilmen, & C Scudder President.

On Motion by Mr Dunlap

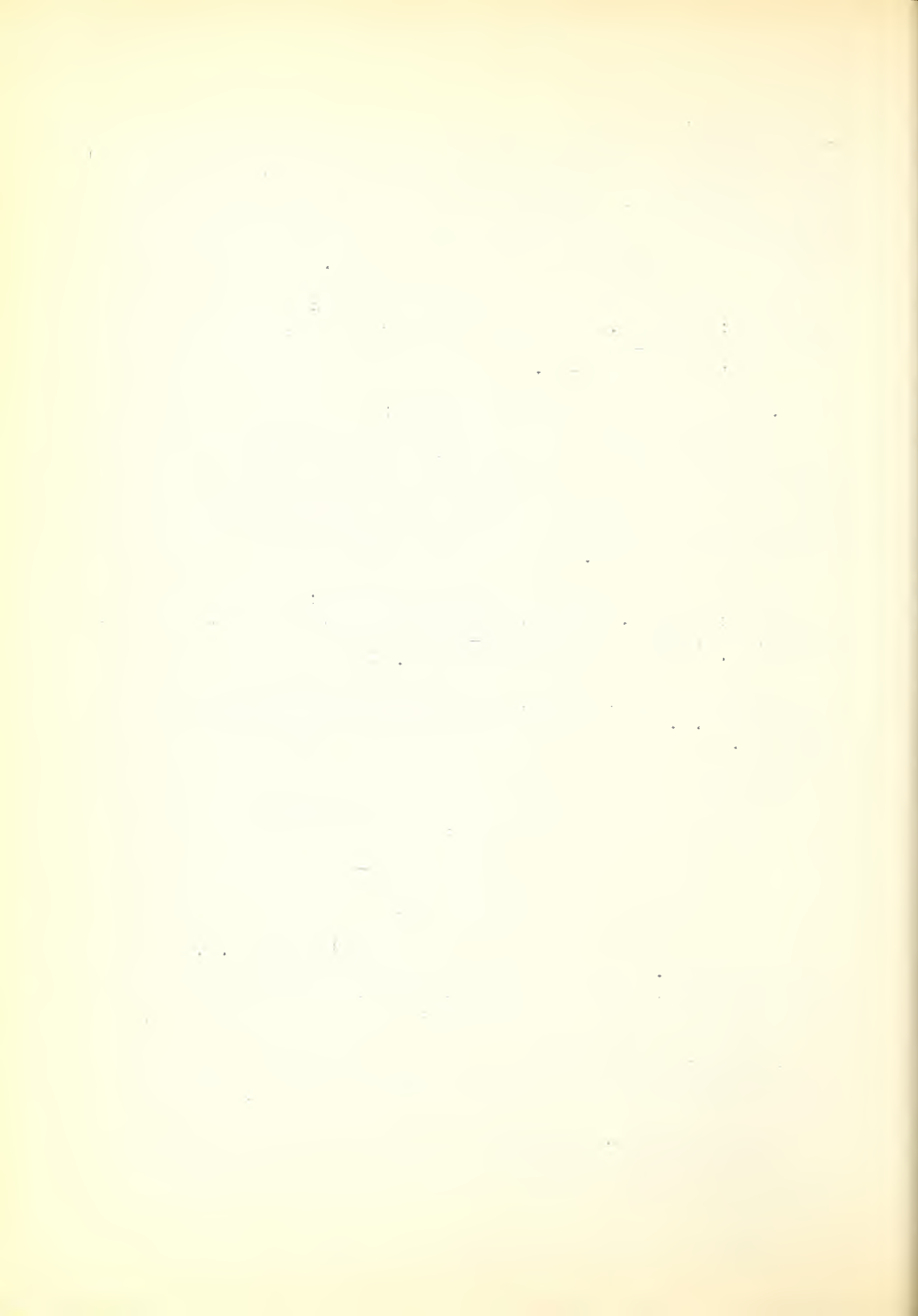
The Mayor was directed to procure a Coal stove with necessary piping for the Common Council Chamber.

On Motion by Mr. Bradshaw

The following ordinance was read, & the blanks filled:

An ordinance relative to Salaries & Compensation of Officers.

Section 1 Be it ordained by the Common Council of





Indianapolis: That the Salaries of the officers of this City shall be as follows, viz:

1. The annual salary of the Mayor shall be Six hundred dollars
- 2 The annual Salary of the City Clerk shall be Six hundred dollars.
3. The annual Salary of the Marshall shall be five hundred dollars
- 4 The annual salary of the Civil Engineer shall be Eight hundred dollars;
5. The annual Salary of the Street Commissioner shall be four hundred dollars.
- 6 The annual Salary of the Clerk of the East Market shall be One hundred and seventy five dollars.
- 7 The annual salary of the Clerk of the West Market shall be One hundred & seventy five dollars.
- 8 The annual Salary of the Sexton of the Public Grave Yard shall be Eighty dollars.
9. The annual salary of the Deputy Marshal shall be four hundred dollars.
10. The Treasurer shall receive five per centum on the first \$10,000 collected upon the duplicate, and  $2\frac{1}{2}$  per centum on all collections over and above that amount.
- 11 Each Councilman shall receive two dollars for every regular meeting, and one dollar for every special meeting of the Common Council, he may attend.

Sec. 2. All fees, salaries, or compensation, allowed by this ordinance, or any other hereafter established shall be paid quaterly on first Monday after the first Tuesday of August, November, February & May of each year.

Sec. 3 This ordinance to be in force from and after its passage.

Which was adopted by, the following vote:

Ayes: Messrs. Bradshaw, Dunlap, Delzell, Karns, McCarty, Nelson, Pitts, & Strickland - 8  
Noes, - Maguire & Wingate - 2.

On Motion

Adjourned.

Caleb Scudder Mayor

Attest

D.B. Culley, City Clerk