

Common Council Chamber
October the 17th 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ O'cl. P.M.

Council met. Present Messrs. Bradshaw, Dunlap, Delzell, Durham, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, Nelson, Newcomb, Pitts, & Strickland - Councilmen, & Scudder, Mayor

The minutes of the preceeding meeting read and approved:

Mr. Bradshaw from committee on accounts reported the following bills; which were allowed:

1320	Hiram Lewis for hauling	\$12.50	
1317	Elder & Harkness Printing	71.62	
1321	Adams & Co's for Suction hose Marion Fire Co.	35.00	\$119.12

The committee on Streets and alleys by Mr. Delzell their chairman made the following report:

"As the petition for the improvement of the East gutter of Illinois Street prays simply for the privilege of making said improvement, the committee respectfully suggests that the petition be returned to the petitioner with a request that it be amended aspray the Council to order it done under the provisions of Section 64 of the Charter.

On Motion, Concurred in.

Mr. H. C. Newcomb, chairman of the Judiciary Committee made the following report:

The Judiciary Committee to whom was referred the Communication of John L. Ketchum, relative to a reconveyance to the city of Lots Nos. 10, 11, & 12 in Square No. 48, report that they are of opinion that any compromise by the city should be upon the basis that all of said lots should be surrendered to the city, the committee, therefore, return said communication for the consideration of the Council.

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H. C. Newcomb)
L. Dunlap) Com-
D. Maguire)

On Motion, concurred in.

The Civil Engineer reported the bids for the erection of North Street Bridge across the canal.

Awarded to Carey H. Boatright for \$350 if said bidder give security & if not the Engineer to give the work to the next lowest bidder if he gives bond.

The bridge on Maryland Street was awarded to Carey H. Boatright on same terms as above.

The bids for the bridge on South Street was referred to the Civil Engineer with instruction to award said work to either L. Comegys or C. H. Boatright The one who will do the work the soonest to get it.

The following communication was read from the James Wood the Civil Engineer:

The undersigned reports to the Council that since the city entered into contract with Owen Cullings, to repair the bridge over Pogues Run on Meridian Street, the Railroad Companies have raised Meridian Street at the North side of the bridge about eighteen inches, it will, therefore, be necessary to elevate the floor of the bridge to correspond with the railroad tracks leading to and from the Union Depot; and for this purpose, the stringers will have to be taken off, and two courses, of logs laid on the top of the abutments, which, together with fifteen cubic yards of filling at the end of the bridge will cost thirty five dollars The Council will please dispose of this matter.

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James Wood, Civil Engineer.

On Motion referred to a select committee with instructions to confer with the Union Railroad Company & see what assistance they offer to build a good bridge on Meridian Street.

The committee to consist of Councilmen Dunlap & Edwards & the Civil Engineer.

The Civil Engineer reported estimates and specification of a bridge across Pogues Run on East street and for repairs of a bridge on New Jersey Streets.

Mr Bradshaw offered for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Civil Engineer be instructed to advertise and receive bids for the erection of a bridge across Pogues Run on East Street; also, to direct the Street Commissioner to repair the bridge on New Jersey street as per estimate made.

The question being devided, the first question was "Shall the Engineer be directed to advertise for a bridge across Pogues Run on East St.?"

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Messrs Bradshaw, Dunlap, Delzell, Durham, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, Nelson, Pitts, & Strickland, - 10.

No: Mr Newcomb.

The question then being "Shall the Street Commissioner be instructed to repair the bridge on New Jersey as per estimate of Civil Engineer?"

Which was decided in the affirmative by following vote:

Ayes: Messrs. Bradshaw, Dunlap, Delzell, Durham, Edwards,
Karns, Maguire, & Pitts - 8
Noes: Messrs. Nelson, Newcomb, & Strickland - 3

The Civil Engineer presented the following communication:

"The engineer reports to the Council, that, in order to obtain a solid foundation for the bridge erected over the canal on Indiana Street, it was necessary to build an abutment for sustaining the North West corner of the bridge; the expense of which, together with 20 cubic yards of extra excavation on the East side of the canal is \$22.50. The Council will please allow Owen Cullings said amount.

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James Wood, Civil Engineer

1319 On Motion, Allowed, O. Cullings - as above \$22.50

Also, the following communication:

The undersigned respectfully reports to the City Council, that the petition of Chas W. Cady for leave to take dirt from the enlargement of Maryland Street, to fill up the space between the grade of the National Road, or Washington Street, and the sidewalk in front of Lot No. 77, and making the gutter for the water next to said sidewalk, agreeably to the established grade of said Washington Street, and the Council's order thereon have been duly considered by the undersigned, and recommend to the Council to grant the desire of the petitioner.

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James Wood Civil Engineer

On Motion,

The report was concurred in.

A communication was received and read from the petitioners residing on Vermont Street declining to pay any more than their half of said improvement.

Referred to the Councilmen of the 2d Ward with instructions to ascertain whether Croase, the contractor for the improvement of Pennsylvania Street, did not agree to fill a hole made by him in Vermont Street.

A communication from the Civil Engineer was read as follows:

In accordance with the resolution passed by the Council, at their Meeting on the 3d instant, the Civil Engineer respectfully reports, that he has made a reexamination and resurvey of meridian Streets, North of North street, and ascertained that the grade of Meridian Street between St Clair street and the Donation Line, could not be reduced more than seven inches without injuring the grade and drainage of other streets. To reduce the grade seven inches, will require the moving of 495 cubic yards of earth, and of 20 yards of gravel, which, at 15 cents per yard, will cost Seventy-seven dollars and Twenty five cents, in addition to the stipulated prices of grading and

graveling the Street. Before carrying out the resolution in reference to giving instructions to the contractor, the city engineer respectfully requests of the Council to determine how, or who will pay the the contractor for moving said earth & gravel.

James Wood. Civil Engineer.

On Motion,

The grade was order to be lowered Seven inches, & the engineer directed to dispose of the dirt.

A petition was read from W W. Roberts, & about forty others, praying the Council to repeal an ordinance lately passed respecting the pumps on Washington Street, requiring the citizens to furnish sinks for said Pumps.

Mr. Maguire offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Marshall of the city be directed to replace the pump handle on the pump on the North Side of Washington Street between Meridian & Illinois Streets, and that the ordinance on the subject of digging sinks at the pumps be suspended until the first day of April next.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Messrs. Dunlap, Delzell, Durham, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, Nelson Newcomb, Pitts, & Strickland - 10
No.-Mr Bradshaw - 1

A communication from Richard Cook praying the Council to remit a certain fine assessed against him for keeping a slaughter house on Fall Creek, and asking that an ordinance be passed legalizing the erection of slaughter Houses on the Margin of said creek.

Which was, on Motion

Referred to the Judiciary committee.

The following petition was read:

To the Common Council of Indianapolis:

The undersigned owners of property on the East side of New Jersey Street between Ohio & New York streets respectfully petition your honorable body to pass an order for the grading & graveling of the sidewalk on said street between the points above named.

Signed Fred. Ruschanpt. 68 ft. Chas Brinkman 135 ft.
Wm M Wheatley 78 ft. John Gapking 30 ft. Chas Hertman 25 ft.
A E. Evens. 33 1/3 ft Jno M Gaston - ft.

On Motion

Ordered, That the Civil Engineer set grade stakes, make estimates & specifications, advertise for bids, and report to the Common Council the bids so received.

On Motion by Mr. Pitts,

The City Clerk was authorized and directed to demand of this Lafayette & Indianapolis R.R.Co. the sum of fifty dollars, being the amount of verbal agreement to be paid for the erection of a bridge on Indiana Avenue.

Mr. Newcomb, moved the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be instructed not to make any further **improvement** upon Streets or alleys or incur any expenditure upon the same, except in cases of emergency, unless the same is first directed by the Council"

Which was adopted by the following vote

Ayes: Messrs. Bradshaw, Dunlap, Delzell, Durham, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, Nelson, Newcomb, Pitts, & Strickland.

Mr Newcomb offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be instructed to report to the Council at its next stated meeting, the amount of School taxes paid into the City Treasury by negroes & mulattoes, since the incorporation of the city of Indianapolis in 1847.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Messrs Dunlap, Durham, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, Nelson, Newcomb, & Strickland - 8.

Noes: Messrs. Bradshaw, Delzell, & Pitts. - 3.

On Motion by Mr. Bradshaw.

Chas. C. Smith & William Hannah was allowed \$2½ per day for copying assessment roll.

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(1350)

Mr Newcomb presented a communication from Daniel Carlisle relative to matters which occured at last meeting, as the paper has been abstracted from the files it does not appear of record.

Mr Newcomb asked the privilege for Jacob Landis of erecting a frame stable on Meridian Street, North side, between Meridian & Pennsylvania Streets.

Not granted.

Mr Maguire offered the following for adoption:

Resolved, That the Board of Trade of Indianapolis be permitted to occupy the Council Chamber for holding their meetings whenever it is not needed for the sessions of the Council.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Messrs Bradshaw, Dunlop, Delzell, Durham, Edwards,

Karns, Maguire, Nelson, Newcomb, & Strickland - 10
Noes. Mr. Pitts.

Adjourned

Attest: Daniel B. Culley, City Clerk.

Common Council Chamber,
November, 7th, 6½ o'clock, P.M.

Council met. Present, Messrs. Bradshaw, Carlisle, Delzell, Dunlap Durham, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, Nelson, Newcomb, Pitts, Strickland, and Scudder, Mayor.

The minutes of the preceeding meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's monthly report was read and approved.

The Civil Engineer reported the bids for the erection of a Bridge on East Street. Awarded to Levi Comegys for \$275.

Several accounts were presented, and referred to committee on accounts.

Gilbert M. Horton presented an account of \$255. for building Two Foot Bridges; referred to Councilman from the 4th and 5th Wards.

Mr. Newcomb, from the Judiciary Committee made the following report:

" The Judiciary Committee to whom was referred the petition of Richard Cook, praying that it may be declared lawful to erect Slaughter Houses, on and near the margin of Fall Creek, in this City, and also for the remission of a fine imposed upon said Cook for erecting a Slaughter House on the margin of Fall Creek, respectfully report, That they deem it inexpedient to allow Slaughter Houses to be erected any where in the City, except as now provided for by ordinance; and said committee return said petition without any recommendation for or against the remission of said fine

Laid on the Table

Mr. Bradshaw, from the Committee on Accounts reported back the following accounts and recommended their allowance

L F 113	H.S Kellog, for sundries furnished School Houses.	\$27.70
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