

securities let it cost what it would. I was obliged to pay 18 cents per yard to Mr. Taylor for gravel, that was superior to the other, to the amount of 186 yards, which reduced the profits to mere nothing and its at your disposal to make me a reasonable recompence, and if not I must abide by the consequence. I look to your Honorable Body for a liberal recompence.

Yours Respectfully  
H. Slaven

Laid on the table.

Adjourned

Attest C. Woodward City Clk  
pro tem

Common Council Chamber  
November 21st, 1853.

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

Minutes of preceeding meeting read and approved.

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

The undersigned members of the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred, the petitions of divers citizens of Indianapolis, asking the enactment by this Council of "Ordinances to prohibit the sale or disposal of intoxicating drinks" have had the same under consideration; and in view of the large number and respectable character, of the petitioners - the acknowledged evils of the traffic against which they so earnestly portest - and in view of the defiant and law-contemning spirit manifested by those engaged in this disreputable business, in our midst, the undersigned, deem it politic for the city authorities to exercise the extent of their powers against a traffic so detrimental to the public good, and therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary, be instructed to report an ordinance at the next meeting of the Council, in accordance with the prayer of the petitioners.

H. C. Newcomb  
D. Maguire

Concurred in by the following vote:

Ayes. - Messrs. Bradshaw, Karns, Maguire, McCarty, Nelson, Newcomb, and, Mayor Scudder - 7

Noes. - Messrs. Carlisle, Dunlap, Delzell, Durham, Pitts, and Strickland - 6.



Mr. Bradshaw, from the committee on Accounts, reported back the following account, and recommended its allowance:  
 Abner Smith for Labor, &c. \$19.00

1358 Allowed

Mr. Pitts offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Assessor be allowed \$50. extra, for assessing the City of Indianapolis.

Mr. Newcomb offered the following amendment:

Whereas, Matthew Little, the City Assessor, has represented to this Council, that the salary of \$150. allowed him by the ordinance is insufficient to pay his deputies, therefore

Resolved, That the sum of \$50 be allowed to Matthew Little as a gratuity over and above his salary. Provided, That said sum shall not be paid, nor an order issued therefor, until said Little presents to the City Clerk the receipts in full of said deputies for their services  
 (1371)

Adopted

Resolution as amended, adopted by Ayes and Noes as follows:

Ayes. - Messrs. Carlisle, Delzell, Durham, Karns, Maguire, McCarty, Nelson, Newcomb, and Pitts. - 9  
 Noes. - Messrs. Bradshaw, Dunlap, and Strickland. - 3.

James Wood, Civil Engineer, laid before the Council the following bid for Grading, and Graveling sidewalks on New Jersey street, east side, between Ohio and New York streets.

To the Honorable Councilmen of the City of Indianapolis:  
 Gentlemen:

I will grade and gravel the sidewalk on the east side of New Jersey street, between Ohio and New York, at the following prices, say twenty-five cents per yard for grading, and seventy cents for graveling.

Yours, &c.  
 J Huntington

Laid on the table. This work was awarded at a subsequent meeting. To Jas I Huntington.

Mr. Dunlap from select committee on Meridian street reported progress and asked further time. Granted

Mr. Pitts moved that Mr. Horton be allowed \$255 for buiding two Bridges over Canal

Not carried



Mr. Newcomb moved that the petition of citizens on Meridian street, be taken from the tabel.

Carried

On Motion referred to Councilmen of 3d and 4th Wards Civil Engineer and City Attorney.

Mr. Newcomb offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That James Blake be allowed to construct a sink under the pavement in front of his new building on Kentucky avenue, the same to be securely arched; and reserving to the Council the right to order the same to be filled up whenever its continuance shall be thought prejdicial to the safety or convenience of the public.

Adopted.

Mr. Maguire presented the following petition:

To the Honorable Council of the City of Indianapolis:  
Your petitioners would respectfully represent that the alley running east and west from Meridian to Illinois Street north of Washington, is in a very bad condition and needs improvement the alley is from 8 to 12 inches higher than the grade of Washington Street, and should be lowered so as to throw the drainage into some main gutter or outlet and paved with Boulder Stones. We the owners of property on said alley would therefore request that you authorize said improvement to be made and assess the owners to pay for the same according to the provisions of the law applicable to such cases:

Owners	No of feet
Little, Drum & Anderson's	32-9 $\frac{3}{4}$ in
David Craighead	39-9 $\frac{3}{4}$
H. S. Kellogg	46
Jas. Sulgrove	17.-9 $\frac{3}{4}$
H. J Horn	17-ft
N. B. Palmer, Guardian of estate of Jerome Vickers	17 "
J. L. Mothershead	17 "
J. S. Dunlop	21 "
D. V. Culley (Meikel's estate)	33 "
Beck & Loudon	16 "
Jas. M. Ray	35 " 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ in
David Macy )	
J. D. Morris )	
E. A. Hall. ) Trustees of Wesley Chapel	
S W. Drew ) M. E. Church	
H. Bates	196 ft
W Teal	36. ft
Total No of feet	120 ft
	<u>651<math>\frac{1}{2}</math> ft</u>

Referred to Civil Engineer.



The following petition was presented:

To the City Council of Indianapolis:

I most respectfully petition the City Council to make an abatement in the amount of tax assessed against the property at the south-east corner of Market and Alabama streets.

I feel myself most especially aggrieved to have to pay any school tax. In the summer I applied to the agents of the City Council, the School Trustees, for the situation of Teacher in your schools, and although they have made a number of appointments since my application, they have paid no attention to my request, and I would now ask of you not only as Councilman but as citizens, interested in the welfare of other citizens, if it be right, if it be just, for me, whose every interest is in the city, who am not only a tax payer on your soil, but who feels that very soil consecrated by containing the remains of all but one of my children to take the bread from the remaining child, to pay strangers for keeping me out of employment.

I believe with but two exceptions, the entire number of teachers employed by your Trustees are not the most remotely interested to the amount of one mill as tax payers.

I am under the impression that I am not the only one, who with yourselves, have been long years residents of Indianapolis, who has had the mortification of seeing places in your schools, that they have solicited, occupied by strangers.

I most respectfully submit the above for your consideration.

11th Mo. 14th 1853

Sarah A Smith

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Dunlap moved that the Council adjourn.

Not adopted

Mr. Pitts offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Engineer hereafter examine all petitions of property holders for improving streets and alleys, and sidewalks, to ascertain the authority of property holders to sign in favor of any of the above improvements and report to the Council

Adopted as follows

Ayes. - Messrs. Bradshaw, Dunlap, Delzell, Durham, Karns Maguire, McCarty, Nelson, Pitts, and Strickland - 10

Mr. Delzell offered the following resolution

Resolved, That the City Trustees be authorized to procure additional room for the accommodation of the surplus scholars in the different Wards: Provided, said room be as near central as possible.

Mr. Dunlap moved to lay the resolution on the table

Not carried by the following vote:





Ayes. - Messrs. Dunlap, Nelson, Newcomb, and Strickland - 4  
 Noes. - Messrs Bradshaw, Delzell, Durham, Karns, Maguire, and Pitts. - 7

The resolution was then adopted by the following vote:

Ayes. - Messrs. Bradshaw, Dunlap, Delzell, Durham, Karns, Maguire, McCarty, Nelson, Newcomb, Pitts, and Strickland - 11

Mr. Maguire offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a select committee be appointed to examine the various meeting houses, the Union Depot, and other places that may be tendered for the use of the Town Clock, and report at the next meeting of the Council, the most suitable place in their opinion, for the location of the said Town Clock.

Adopted by the following vote

Ayes. - Messrs Bradshaw, Dunlap, Delzell, Durham, Karns, Maguire, McCarty, Nelson, Newcomb and Strickland - 10  
 Noes. - Mr. Pitts - 1

Mr. Pitts offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Attorney is hereby required to enter suit at the next Circuit Court against J. L Ketchum for the recovery of the lots in the West Market Square, and that H. C. Newcomb be employed to assist the City Attorney in the prosecution of the suit

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes. - Messrs. Dunlap, Delzell, Durham, Karns, Maguire, McCarty, Nelson, Pitts and Strickland - 9  
 Nays - Mr. Bradshaw - 1

Mr. Strickland offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the resolution giving the School House in the Fourth Ward to the colored people to use for one year be and the same is hereby rescinded.

Laid on the table.

1357 Mr. Karns moved that \$150 be appropriated towards Hook and Ladder Company's House to Wm Woods. Adopted.

Mr. Delzell moved that the Civil Engineer make an estimate to J Huntington for work done on Ohio Street, less 10 per cent. Adopted

Mr. Pitts moved to take from the table a resolution in relation to rescinding the appropriation of \$1000 for purchase of Lot, and building House for Invincible Fire Company. Carried.

The question being "shall the resolution be rescinded?"  
 Before the question was put, On motion of Mr. McCarty



the Council adjourned.

C Woodward City Clk pro tem

Common Council Chamber,  
December 5th, 1853.

Council met. Present - Messrs. Bradshaw, Carlisle, Durham, Delzell, Edwards, Karns, McCarty, Maguire, Nelson, Newcomb, Pitts, Strickland and Wingate.

The Mayor being absent, Mr. Maguire was called to the chair.

Mr. Edwards moved that the Council adjourn. Not carried.

The minutes of the preceeding meeting read and approved.

The regular order of business was dispensed with, for the purpose of offering resolutions

The Treasurer's monthly report was read and approved

The Civil Engineer reported that two-thirds of the number of feet of property on alley running east and west from Meridian and Illinois Streets were not legally on the petition.

On Motion of Mr. Pitts the petition was referred back to the petitioners

Mr. McCarty moved that the Council adjourn. Not carried.

On motion of Mr. Harris the Civil Engineer was ordered to make an estimate for Hook and Ladder House

Mr. Newcomb from the Judiciary committee made the following report:

"The Judiciary committee to whom was referred the petition of Mrs. Sarah A Smith for a remission of her school tax on the ground that foreign teachers have been employed in the public schools in preference to said petitioners, respectfully report that they consider it inexpedient to take any action upon the petition.

Horatio C. Newcomb, Ch'm.

On motion the report was referred to a select committee with instructions to enquire whether Mrs. Smith's property is valued too high.

The chair appointed the following committee:  
Messrs McCarty, Newcomb and Bradshaw.