

Common Council Chamber  
Indianapolis Feby 13 1854

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

The Mayor stated the object of the meeting.

On Motion by Mr Edwards,

The reading of the minutes of the preceeding meeting was dispensed with.

Mr. Dunlap presented an ordinance relative to telegraph poles in the city of Indianapolis, and moved that it be referred to the committee on the judiciary which Motion prevailed.

Mr Maguire presented the following petition:

To the Common Council of Indianapolis: We the undersigned, citizens of the 3d Ward of the city of Indianapolis respectfully represent to your honorable body, that whereas, there is a board kiln immediately in the vicinity of our residences, which if it should catch fire would endanger our property; We, the undersigned therefore, pray that some action may be had by your body, so that the danger may be removed.

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N. Hayden  
W.W. Weaver

On Motion by Mr Maguire the petition was referred to the judiciary committee with instructions to report an ordinance relative to boardkilns in the city.

Mr. Maguire presented the following petition:

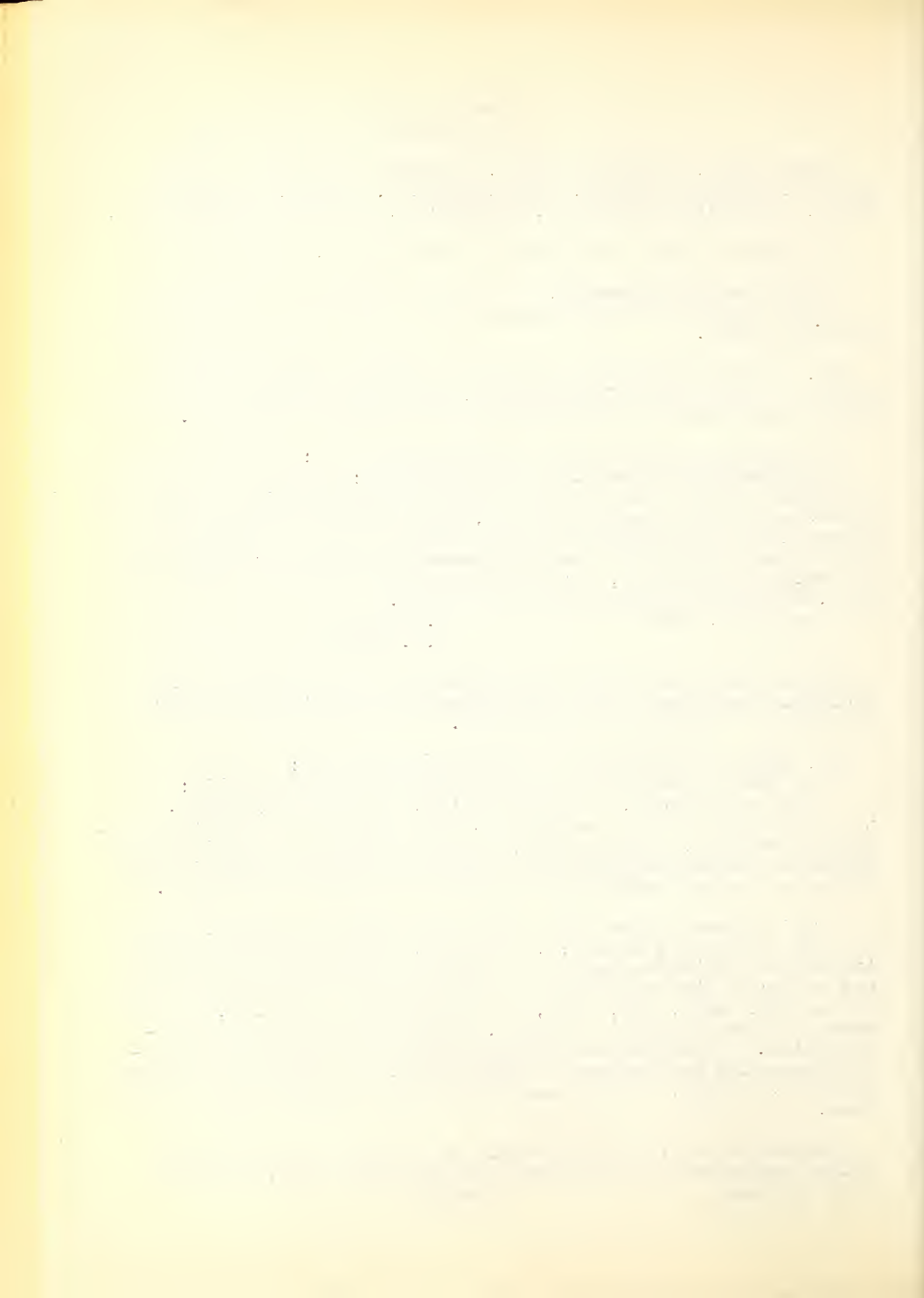
To the honorable the Common Council of Indianapolis:

Your petitioner, Valentine Butch, respectfully shows, that he is one of the owners, and the lessor of Washington Hall, in Indianapolis, that in 1853, the City Council of Indianapolis passed an order granting him a license for exhibitions in said Hall upon paying twentyfive dollars per month for the same.

He further states that on the 16th day of January, 1854, he made a contract with F.L. Robinson, Manager of Robinson's Athenum by which he agreed to furnish said Robinson a license and to lease him said Hall for two months at the rate of Sixty dollars per week, and, also, to furnish him with fuel, gass and hands to keep the Hall in order, without any additional compensation. In making said contract with said Robinson he relied upon the continuance of said order, and unless the Council restore the same, he will under his said contract incur a heavy loss.

Therefore he prays the Council to restore and reenact the order upon which he relied when he made said contract with said Robinson.

V Butsch



Mr. Wilson moved that license be granted to the Washington Hall from the 16th day of February to the 16th day of March, 1854.

Mr. Pitts moved to amend by adding, & that the license of the Marsh Troupe be extended to the 16th day of March, 1854 without extra compensation, they having already paid \$50. Which motion prevailed.

The Motion as amended prevailed.

Mr Newcomb presented the following resolution, embodying the suggestion of the city attorney relative to the matter.

Resolved, That the fine lately assessed against Ephraim Croas for obstructing an alley in Harris addition shall be remitted so soon as said Croas open said alley: Provided, The same is opened by the first day of April next; And whenever, the Mayor is satisfied that said alley has been permanently opened in good faith, he is directed to enter satisfaction of said fine on his docket.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Messrs. Bradshaw, Carlisle, Dunlap, Delzell, Durham, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, Nelson, Newcomb, Pitts, Strickland & Wingate - 13.

Mr. Pitts offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Common Schools be authorized to have all the city school lots immediately enclosed by good and suitable fences, and also a partition fence to suit the convenience of male and female scholars -

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Messrs. Bradshaw, Carlisle, Dunlap, Delzell, Durham, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, Nelson, Newcomb, Pitts, Strickland, & Wingate - 13.

Mr Maguire offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the judiciary committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reporting an ordinance regulating the running of Omnibuses in the city and for the preservation of good order in the streets adjoining the Union Depot

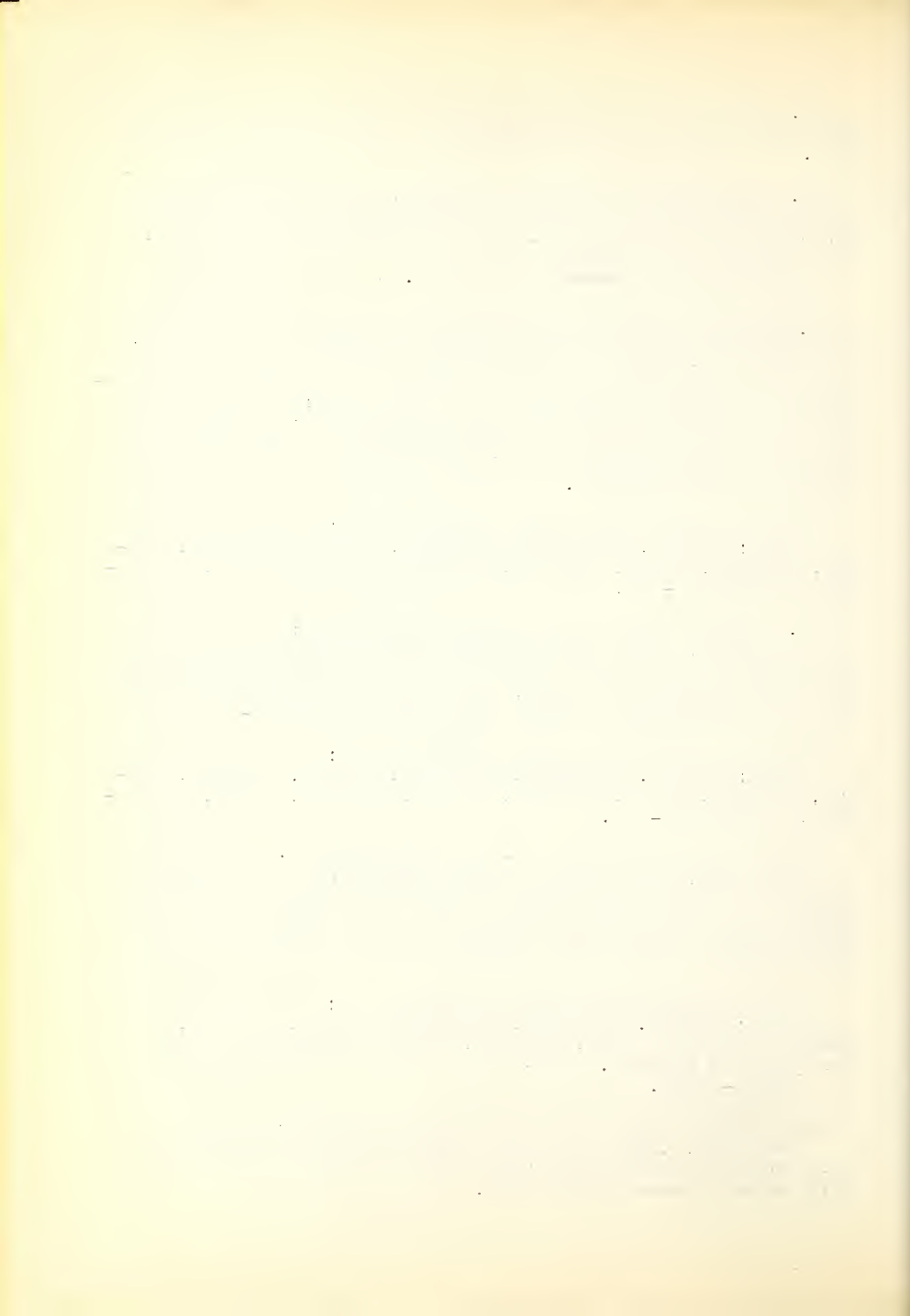
Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Messrs. Bradshaw, Carlisle, Dunlap, Delzell, Durham, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, Nelson, Newcomb, Pitts, Strickland & Wingate. 13 -

Noes - None.

Mr Delzell offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to have coarse river gravel walks made in front of the different city school houses in the city.



Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Messrs. Bradshaw, Carlisle, Dunlap, Delzell, Durham, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, Nelson, Newcomb, Pitts, Strickland, & Wingate. 13.

Noes: - None.

Mr. Nelson presented the following petition:

To the Honorable Common Council of Indianapolis:

The undersigned property holders on the north side of Washington Street, immediately west of the "Bates' House" would respectfully state to your honorable body that in consequence of the gutter in front of the "Bates House" on Washington Street, having been filled up with dirt and rubbish taken from that building, prevents the water from freely running off into the sewer on Illinois Street, which has created a stagnant pond of water in front of our stores, injurious to health and business, we would respectfully petition your honorable body to immediately instruct the street Commissioner to have the gutter cleaned out so as the water can pass off and the pond filled up in front of our Stores.

Respectfully submitted by

Weaver & Williams  
Thomas Buist  
Jas. C. Yohn  
Pierson & Cottrell  
Jno S. Eckert.

Mr. Newcomb moved that it be laid on the table, but before action,

Mr Maguire moved that it be referred to the committee on streets and alleys, which motion prevailed.

Mr Newcomb offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to have Washington street scraped, and the gutter cleansed out between Delaware and Tennessee streets, and between New Jersey and East Streets and between Mississippi street and the canal, and to remove the rubbish from the street.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Messrs. Bradshaw, Carlisle, Dunlap, Delzell, Durham, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, Nelson, Newcomb, Pitts, Strickland, & Wingate - 13

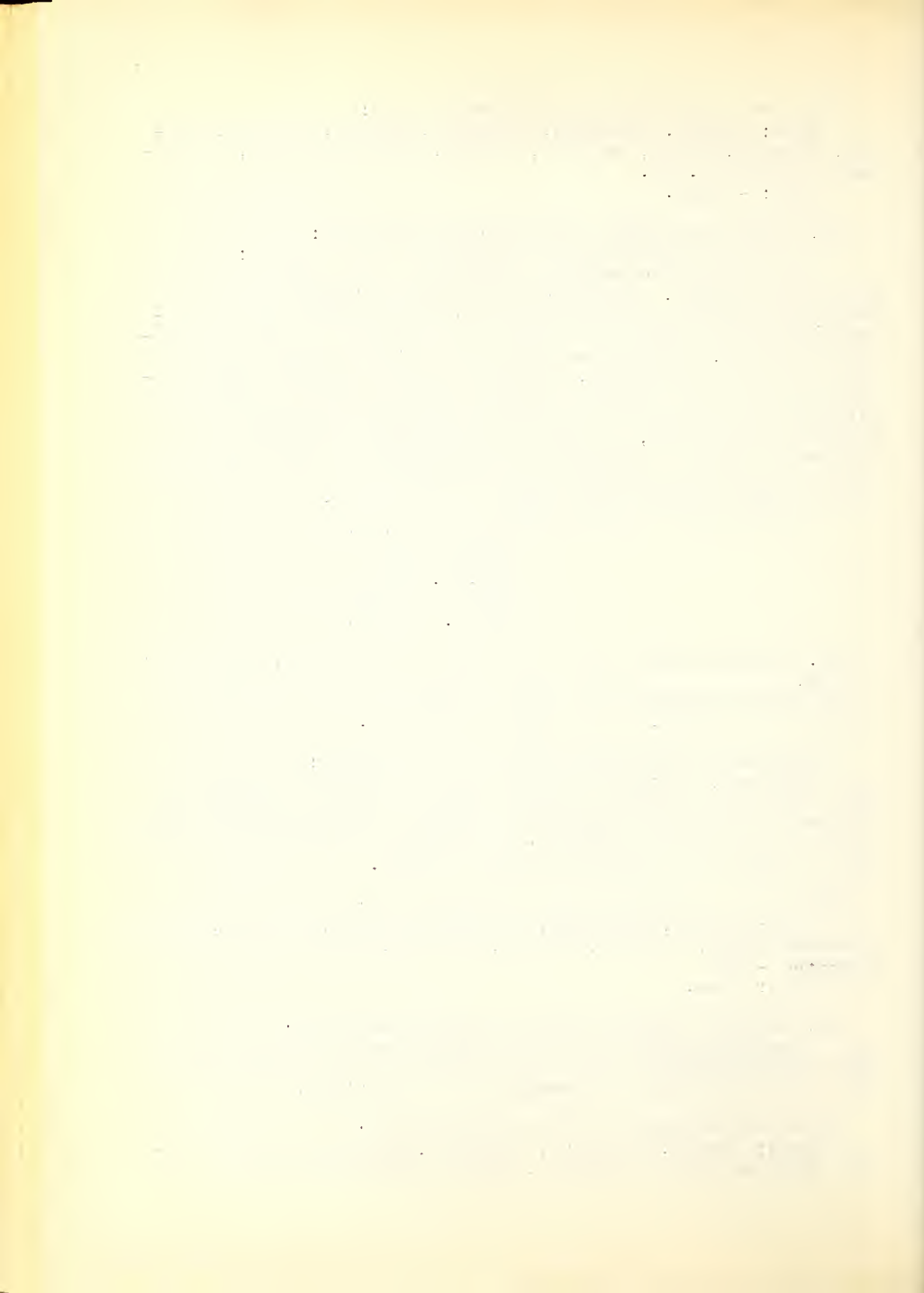
Noes: None.

Mr. Carlisle offered the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to make the crossings on Washington street on the West part of this city, according to former order immediately.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

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



Strickland - 12.  
Noes. None.

Mr Maguire offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be required to cause the obstructions to be removed from the ditches on both sides of Illinois street from Market to Washington Street.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Messrs. Bradshaw, Carlisle, Dunlap, Delzell, Durham, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, Nelson, Newcomb, Pitts & Strickland - 12.

Noes: - None.

Mr. Newcomb offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Civil Engineer be directed to make out a plat of Water street as lately surveyed by him giving by proper land-marks its location, and that he file the same in the office of the City Clerk as soon as practicable.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Messrs. Bradshaw, Carlisle, Dunlap, Delzell, Durham, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, Nelson, Newcomb, Pitts & Strickland. - 12

Noes: None.

Mr. Delzell moved the petition, praying for the improvement of the sidewalk within certain limits on Massachusetts Avenue, between certain streets named, be returned to the petitioners.

Which Motion prevailed -

Mr Maguire moved that the remonstrance received at last Meeting relative to Small pox be taken from the table.

Which Motion prevailed.

Mr. Maguire moved that the remonstrance be referred to a select committee

The Ayes & Noes being demanded resulted as follows

Ayes: Messrs Bradshaw, Carlisle, Durham, Karns, Maguire, Nelson, Newcomb, & Strickland - 8

Noes: Messrs. Dunlap, Delzell, Edwards & Pitts. - 4

The President appointed Messrs. Maguire, Dunlap & Durham said committee.

On Motion

Adjourned

Daniel B Culley

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City Clerk -