

On Motion Adjourned to meet on Saturday evening.

Attest:

Daniel B. Culley,  
City Clerk.

Adjourned Meeting. -

Common Council Chamber,  
Saturday evening, April 22d, 1854.

Council met. Present Messrs. Bradshaw, Dunlap Delzell, Durham, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, McCarty, Nelson, Pitts, & Strickland - Councilmen, & C. Scudder, Mayor. 10

The minutes of the preceeding meeting read and approved.

The following accounts were presented and allowed:

165)		
to )	James Wood, as Civil Engineer from 1st Janry 1853	
173)	to May 1st	\$ 90.00
174)		
to )	N. B. Taylor as City Attorney " 1st May, 1853	
183)	to 1st May 1854	250.00
184.	Staats & English, glazing & glass for Marion Engine house	2.85
185.	James Kennedy, roofing and carpenter work M. E. House	15.00
186.	J. S. Dunlop, Jr. Treasurers Office rent. 1st May '54.	50.00
		<hr/> \$407.85

Henry S. Kello's acct was on Motion, referred to the committee on accounts.

The Finance Committee asked for futher time to settle with the Treasurer. granted.

The following communication was read:

The undersigned respectfully calls the attention of the Council to the phraseology of the petition of property holders in Square No. 54, on the North side of Washington street, between Illinois and Tennessee streets, praying that a certain portion of the sidewalk on the said street between the points named be graded and paved at the expense of the respective owners. The question is can the prayer of the



petition be legally granted? Said petition is herewith returned.

James Wood, Civil Engineer.

On Motion,  
Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

The Civil Engineer reported the bids for improvement of Vermont street & the filling up of certain mud holes on Bluff road.

On Motion,  
The work of improving Vermont Street was awarded Jeremiah Shea at 17 cents per Cubic Yard.

After considerable discussion relative to the filling of the "hole" on Bluff road, it was,

On Motion  
Laid on the table for the present.

On Motion by Mr. Delzell,  
The petition of Greenup S. Pittman & others for gas posts and burners to be located on the East side of Alabama street between Market and Ohio Streets, ( which see recorded in proceedings of February 7th 1854.) was referred to the Judiciary Committee with instructions to report an ordinance assessing a tax for said lighting.

On Motion is was  
Ordered, That the Civil Engineer furnish estimate of the expense of said gas posts, burners, etc.

Mr. Edwards presented the following petition:  
To the City Council of Indianapolis: Gentlemen:  
We, the undersigned, do respectfully ask of your honorable body the survey, grading, and graveling of sidewalk in front of square No. 63, (sixty eight) on Maryland street.

Wm D. Wygant, Lot 9.	67 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet	
Wm Robson, for I & C. R.R Co. Lot 7.	67 $\frac{1}{2}$ do	
John P. Dunn Pt. lot 12.	67 $\frac{1}{2}$ do	
Wm Braden Lot 8	67 $\frac{1}{2}$ do	270 ft.

On Motion  
Referred to Civil Engineer.

The following petition was presented:  
To the Honorable Council: I wish permission to have a well & pump in front of my lot No. 7, in square No. 66 on Illinois Street for the purpose of building.

J. F. Ramsey

On Motion,  
The prayer of the petition was granted.



Mr. Maguire presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Fire Department be instructed to negotiate with the owners of the bell on the Old frame church on alley west of Pennsylvania Street, and report whether in their opinion it would be suitable for a fire alarm bell, and if so, to ascertain the price at which it could be purchased with the privilege of using the frame in which it now hangs.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Messrs. Bradshaw, Delzell, Durham, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, McCarty, Nelson, Pitts & Strickland. - 10  
Noes. None.

Mr. Karns presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to repair the embankment of the bridges at the several streets across Pogues' Run, caused by the late high water. The repairs to be done under the direction of the Civil Engineer.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Messrs. Bradshaw, Delzell, Durham, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, McCarty, Nelson, & Strickland - 9.

On Motion by Mr. Bradshaw, it was

Ordered, That the Civil Engineer report to this Council whether the culvert beneath Washington street at New Jersey Street crossings is of sufficient size to vent the quantity of water which should flow through it.

Mr. Bradshaw, presented the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That the City Attorney be instructed to examine the ordinances granting the several railway companies permission to construct tracks within the city, and report to the Council, what said companies are compelled to do under said ordinance.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Messrs. Bradshaw, Delzell, Durham, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, Nelson, Pitts & Strickland. 9  
Noes: McCarty

Mr Bradshaw presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to notify the Union Railway Company to construct good passable crossings on all streets over which their several tracks run within five days after such notice, and if said Company fail to do so within said time, said Commissioner report the fact to the Mayor without delay.



Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Messrs. Bradshaw, Delzell, Durham, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, McCarty, Nelson, Pitts, & Strickland. 10  
Noes: None.

Mr. Delzell offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Civil Engineer be directed to report to the City Council the additional number of cisterns that may be necessary, in his opinion, for the preservation of the property of the city, and the proper location of the same.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Messrs. Bradshaw, Delzell, Durham, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, McCarty, Nelson, Pitts, & Strickland - 10  
Noes: None.

On Motion by Mr. Bradshaw, it was

Ordered, that the Street Commissioner be directed to fill up spaces with earth at the small bridges and culverts in that portion of the city south of Washington Street, caused by the late freshet without delay.

On Motion by Mr. Pitts it was

Ordered, That the Street Commissioner cause the sidewalk to be immediately repaired at the crossing of the alley on Washington Street north side, between Canal and Mississippi street.

Mr. Nelson, moved that James Wood, be privileged to procure earth in Vermont Street west of Illinois to improve said Vermont street East of Illinois; which motion prevailed.

Mr. Maguire moved that the Street Commissioner be ordered to cause the alley, abutting on Illinois street between Vermont & Michigan Streets, to be filled up as far as the sidewalk on said Illinois street requires it.

On Motion by Mr. Bradshaw, it was

Ordered, That the Marshal cause the obstructions now existing on West sidewalk of Meridian street between Lawrenceburg Railroad track and Pagues' Run to be removed immediately.

On Motion by Mr. Nelson, it was

Ordered, That the Street Commissioner cause crossing of Illinois North side of North Street to be graveled.

Mr. Maguire offered for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That an order for the amount estimated to be due the contractors on Meridian Street from Circle Street North to the Donation line, deducting the amount collected by them, be issued by the Clerk to said Contractor they relinquishing their contract and all damages.





Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Messrs. Bradshaw, Delzell, Durham, Edwards, Karns,  
Maguire, McCarty, Nelson, Pitts, & Strickland - 10  
Noes. None.

Mr. Delzell offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to notify E. S. Alvord to immediately cause the sidewalk in front of his residence on Pennsylvania street to be lowered and repaved.

Also, to notify Wm Sheets to cause the sidewalk in front of his property to be paved immediately.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Messrs. Bradshaw, Delzell, Durham, Edwards, Maguire,  
Nelson, & Pitts - 7  
Noes. Mr. Strickland - 1.

Mr. Maguire moved that a column on poll book be added for the purpose of ascertaining whether the voters of Indianapolis will be willing that an tax of four cents should be levied on each one hundred dollars of taxable property returned by the assessor vs for the support of widows and orphans under the direction of the Widows & Orphans Society. Which Motion prevailed.

On Motion by Mr. Delzell it was

Ordered, That the City Assessor ascertain the population of the city, and shall place a column on assessors list for that purpose.

On Motion

Adjourned

Attest: D. B. Culley  
City Clerk.