

Common Council Chamber
Indianapolis May 9th 1854

The Council met pursuant to the call of the Mayor and the Councilmen elected presented their certificates of election with their oaths of office thereon endorsed and took their Seats Viz

1st Ward	John L Avery Daniel Keely
2nd Ward	Alexander Graydon Jr. W. H. Karnes
3d Ward	Douglass Maguire H. H. Nelson
4th Ward	G. W. Pitts Canada Gowan
5th Ward	W. H. Jones John Trucksess
6th Ward	Livingston Dunlap
7th Ward	Sims A. Colley Hiram Seibert

James M. Cready presented his certificate of election to the office of Mayor with the oath of office subscribed thereon and took his seat as President of the Council.

James N. Sweetser presented his certificate of election to the office of City Clerk with the oath of office endorsed thereon and presented a bond as required by the ordinance upon the reading of which bond it was deemed informal and time was given to the obligors to amend the bond.

Benjamin Pilbean presented his certificate of election to the office of Marshall with the oath of office endorsed thereon and filed a bond as required by ordinance which was read and accepted.

A. F. Shortridge presented his Certificate of election to the office of Treasurer with his oath of office endorsed thereon and upon this statement to the Council that his bond was not ready for presentation time was given him to file his bond.

John G. Waters presented his Certificate of election to the office of Assessor with the oath of office endorsed thereon and filed a bond as required by ordinance which was read and approved.

William Huey presented his certificate of election to the office of Street Commissioner with the oath of office endorsed thereon and time was given him to file his bond.

N. B. Taylor presented his oath of office without a certificate and time was given him to file his certificate with his proper oath of office thereon.

By Consent of the Council time was given to James Wood to file his Certificate and oath of office.

On motion the Council proceeded to the election of all officers required by the ordinances and charter which resulted as follows to wit,

Jacob B. Fidler was elected chief Fire Engineer on the first ballot.

Cornelius King and William Mansur were elected assistant fire Engineers on the first ballot.

John L. Mothershead John S. Bobbs and G. W. Mears were elected members of the Board of Health on the first ballot.

J. T. Williams was elected Sealer of Weights and Measures on the first ballot.

Jacob Miller was elected Clerk of the East Market House on the first ballot.

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George Bisbing was elected Sexton of the graveyard on the first ballot.

Messrs Elder & Harkness were elected to publish the ordinances and do all other printing ordered by the Council, on the first ballot.

Julius Boettocher was elected to publish all ordinances in the German Language, on the first ballot.

The Mayor announced the following Standing Committees

On the Judiciary	Messrs. Maguire, Pitts & Dunlap
On " Finance	" Dunlap Keely & Karnes
On " Accounts	" Karnes Boaz & Seibert
On " Bridges	" Pitts Jones & Gowan
On " Cisterns	" Nelson Keely & Gowan
On " School Houses	" Avery Nelson & Jones
On " Streets & Alleys	" Colley Boaz & Maguire
On " Markets	" Seibert Colley & Trucksess
On " Fire Department	" Graydon Trucksess & Avery

Henry Ohr Clerk of the Markets presented his report for the

year ending May A D 1854 which was read and accepted.

Mr. Maguire offered for adoption the following resolution

Resolved, That the City Engineer set grade stakes for a stone gutter to be put in on the east and west sides of Illinois Street from Washington Street north to the alley so soon as the owners of the property on either side are ready to construct the same and also to give grade stakes on the alley running east and west through Square 54 making the summit at the centre of said Square.

Adopted by an unanimous vote.

Mr. Pitts offered for adoption the following resolution

Resolved, That the City Engineer make an estimate in favor of Jeremiah Shea for work done on Vermont Street between Meridian and Pennsylvania Street and also for work done on New York Street.

Adopted by the following vote.

Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs Avery Dunlap Colley Gowan Jones, Keely Pitts & Seibert.

Those voting in the negative are Messrs Graydon Karnes Maguire and Trucksess.

Mr. Maguire offered the following resolution for adoption

Resolved, That the City Clerk be directed to procure the proper books for the City assessor and that he provide a column for the value of the real estate and a separate column for the valuation of the improvement and immediately afterwards a column to add both together and make a total valuation.

Adopted by an unanimous vote.

Mr. Maguire offered the following resolution for adoption

Resolved that the City Assessor be directed to proceed immediately to the performance of his duties as prescribed by the City Charter.

Adopted by an unanimous vote.

Mr. Nelson presented for adoption the following resolution

Resolved, That the Rules of the House of Representatives of the State of Indiana, so far as they may be applicable, be adopted for the government of the City Council.

Adopted by an unanimous vote.

Mr. Pitts offered the following resolution for adoption

Resolved, That L D Wilson be allowed the sum of eighteen dollars and ten cents for work done on the side walk on Pennsylvania Street.

Adopted.

A petition was presented from Messrs. Wests & Stewart requesting the priveledge of erecting a post on Washington Street in front of their store which petition was referred to the Committee on Streets and alleys.

The Marshall announced the appointment of Jacob Bisbing as Assistant Marshall which appointment was confirmed.

Messrs Karnes, Graydon and Dunlap were appointed a committee in reference to the Town Clock.

The City Clerk reported the indebtedness of the City to be at this day nine hundred and fifty one dollars and eighty eight cents (\$951.88)

On Motion

Adjourned

James McCready, Mayor.

James N. Sweetser
City Clerk.