

Common Council Chamber
August 21 1854

The Council met at 2 o'clock P M. Present the Mayor and all the Councilmen

The following report was received.

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City Council

On examination of the cisterns, they are all in good order except the one at the female institute, it leaks, it has been repaired twice, and it is of no use to fill it untill it is repaired. I have discharged my duty in trying to get Wm Woods to fix it. I think I have done up all the work the Council has give me

William Hughey
Street Commissioner

Mr Karns moved That the Street Commissioner be authorized to have said cistern repaired at the expense of Wm Wood.

Mr Nelson moved to amend "by adding," provided said Wood fails to repair it within three days after notice to him by the Street Commissioner.

Which motions prevailed

The following report was received

The undersigned reports to the Council, that the grading and paving of gutter on North Side of Washington Street, between Illinois and Tennessee Streets, will be completed in a day or two from this time. Mr Hanlin, the contractor, is sick, and requested the undersigned to ask the Council to pass an order for an estimate of the work as soon as it is finished

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James Wood
Civil Engineer

Mr Nelson moved That the Civil Engineer be instructed to make an estimate of said work, for Mr Hanlin

Which motion prevailed

The following report was received from the Civil Engineer

Specification for grading and gravelling Georgia Street between East & Noble Streets
The grading of Georgia Street to be made in conformity to the Profile of said Street, and Stakes inserted therein by the Civil Engineer. Said Street to be gravelled Sixteen feet

wide, and twelve inches thick at the centre, and Six inches at the sides. The gravelling to be done with good coarse gravel from the bed of White river. The whole work to be finished and completed on or before the first day of November 1854, to the satisfaction of the Civil Engineer. Contractors will bid for the work by the Cubic Yard of excavation, and by the Cubic yard of gravel

Indianapolis July 29 1854

The following proposals were presented with said report

I hereby propose to grade and gravel Georgia Street between East and Noble Streets agreeable to the profile and specifications - the grading at 28 cents per cubic yard, and the gravelling at 75 cents per cubic yard
 Indianapolis August 12 1854 Robert Harbison

Indianapolis August 12th 1854

We the undersigned agree to grade and gravel Georgia Street between East and Noble Sts for the Sum of 25 cts per cubic yard for the grading, and for the gravelling 75 cents per yard
 James E Petty
 Patrick Gaughan &
 Martin Duffry

Mr Seibert moved That the Civil Engineer award said contract to the best bidder

Which motion prevailed

The following report was received from the Civil Engineer
 Specification for grading and gravelling side walk on South Side of Ohio Street, between Pennsylvania and Delaware Streets. The side walk to be graded three inches below the top of Stakes inserted therein by the Civil Engineer, and the earth removed to the valley in Vermont Street, between Delaware and Alabama Streets. The graveling of side walk to be fifteen feet wide, and five inches thick, done with gravel from White river. All the work to be finished on or before the first day of October next, and to the satisfaction of the Civil Engineer. Proposals to be given in for the grading and graveling by the Cubic Yard
 Indianapolis August 5 1854

The following bid was presented with said report

Indianapolis Aug 17th 1854

We the undersigned agree to grade and gravel the side walk on the South Side of Ohio Street, between Pennsylvania and Delaware Streets, the grading at 15 cents per Cubic Yard and the graveling at 60 cents per cubic yard
 James E Petty &
 Martin Duffy

Mr Karns moved That the Civil Engineer award Said contract to the best bidder

Which motion prevailed

The following report was received

Specification for a Bridge across the Canal race on West Street. The Bridge to be 60 feet in length, and 28 feet wide. The dimensions of lumber marked on the plan. Pier and Hand rails to be good mortice and tennon work, properly pinned. Flooring 12 inches broad, and 3 inches thick. Strips on centre and sides of bridge 5 & 3 inches. The flooring to be properly spiked down to the Stringers, with Six inch spikes. The lumber used in the construction of the Bridge to be the best quality of White Oak timber free from Sap, Shakes, and other defects. So much of the lumber of the old Bridge to be used in constructing abutments and for boarding up the ends of the New Bridge, and the balance of the lumber to be laid aside for the use of the City. All the work to be performed in a substantial workman like manner to the satisfaction of the Civil Engineer, and finished on or before the fifteenth day of October, eighteen hundred and fifty four. Payment in corporation orders, when the Bridge is completed

	Estimate		Feet	inches	
4 Mud Sills.	30 feet long, and	12x12 inches	120	00	
10 Posts	8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " "	12x12 "	85		
8 Braces	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " "	9x 6 "	52		
11 Stringers	60	14x10 "	660		
22 Rail Posts	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	5x 5 "	99		
Railing		5x 5	120		
			1136.0		
			at 22		\$249.92
Flooring		12x 3	1750.0		
			\$3.75		65.62
Laying the flooring &c including the spikes					30 46
			Total		\$346.00

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James Wood
Civil Engineer

Mr Pitts moved That said report be concurred in and the Civil Engineer have Said bridge constructed

Which motion prevailed

The following report was received

Estimate & Specification for a Market House on South Street

18.500	Bricks in pillars	@	\$8.00	per thousand	\$148.00
34 000	Cut Shingles	@	\$2.50	" "	85.00
3300	feet Sheeting	@	\$0.87	" hundred	28.71
4400	" Scantling	6x3 @	\$1.25	" "	55.00
750	" Jorsting	8x3 @	\$1.25	" "	9 39
500	" do	6x1 @	\$1.25	" "	6.25
1000	" caps or stringers	9x9 @	\$1.25	" "	12 50
300	" Stringers	6x4 @	\$1.25	" "	3.75
350	" boarding at ends	@	\$1.25	" "	4 37
335	" cornice	@	\$0.12 $\frac{1}{2}$	" foot	41 87
550	" boarding between pillars	25x2 inches @			
	\$1.25 pr hundred				6 87
1050	" table boards 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet long by 2 feet broad & 4 inches thick @	\$1.25			13 12
500	" framing between pillars @	\$1.25			6 25
Painting and Iron hooks					14 00
18 blocks 7 fee circumference and 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet high @ \$1.00 each					18 00
Carpenters work &c					76 92
					<u>\$530.00</u>

Indianapolis August 21, 1854 James Wood, Civil Engineer

Mr Seibert moved That the City Engineer be instructed to advertise for proposals to build the Market house on South Street

Which motion prevailed

The following accounts were allowed

431 R Weeks	For Labor	\$ 9.38
432 J H Browns	" digging well &c	7.30
433 G Kennell & Co	" Nozzle	4.50
434 Drs. Kitchen & Mears	" Attendance on Jno Sturgeon	7 00
Total		<u>\$28.18</u>

The following report was received

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To the Common Council of Indianapolis

The undersigned to whom was referred the monthly account of the City Treasurer, report that they have examined said account and found it to be correct.

James McCready, Mayor
James N Sweetser City Clerk

On motion said report was concurred in

The following report was received

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To the President and Members of the City Council
I would recommend to you, to have pumps placed at the

Cisterns; one at the crossing of Meridian Street and Ohio, as the pump is of no account as it is at present, and the Cistern at the same place is not in order, owing to a crack, Six feet below the cap. I would recommend to this body, to investigate the Bonds of the Contractors or builders of the Cistern as there has been some delay in finishing the cisterns now under contract. I would also recommend a pump at the Third Ward School house on New York Street, the pump being made useless by throwing gravel in the spout (by boys). The Cistern on South Street at the Depot is short of one cap. All the rest finished are in good order. The O K Bucket Company have reorganized. I would recommend the Company to your consideration as they have been an efficient company heretofore. They are of advantage to that part of the City, where fire cannot be reached by water from the Cisterns now in use This Company are in want of New Buckets. I would recommend you to furnish them, if it meets with your approbation, and also a proper room to hold their meetings

Yours

J B Fidler
Chief Engineer

Mr Maguire moved That the pumps be repaired immediately, and that part of said report in reference to the O K Bucket Company be referred to the Committee on the Fire Department

Which motion prevailed

The following report was received

The following named men served as Special watchmen as follows

Amos Scott	2	nights	
Joseph Britney	2	"	
Almon A Scott	1	"	
Henry Jepson	2	"	
Wm N Foster	2	"	
Henry Vandergriff	1	"	\$22.00
		Benjamin Pilbean	
		City Marshall	

Mr Pitts moved That Said watchmen be paid two dollars per night

Which motion prevailed

The following report was received

To the Common Council of Indianapolis
The Committee to whom was referred the Subject of Cisterns, after due consideration, recommend that there located and built cisterns as follows to wit: One in the first ward at the crossing of New Jersey and Wood Streets; in the Second Ward one at the crossing of Pennsylvania and Market Streets;

in the third ward one to be located wherever the Councilman of said ward may direct, in the fourth ward one opposite the Carlisle house, in the fifth ward one at the crossing of Maryland and Mississippi Streets - in the Sixth ward one at the Branch Bank - in the Seventh ward two, to be located by the Councilmen of the Said Seventh ward - all of which is Respectfully Submitted

John S Avery
 Alex Graydon Jr
 W H Jones
 Henry H Nelson
 S Dunlap
 C Gowan
 Hiram Seibert

Mr Seibert moved That Said report be adopted

Which motion prevailed

Mr Karns moved That the Civil Engineer be instructed to advertise for proposals to build Said Cisterns

Which motion prevailed

Mr Pitts moved That the Civil Engineer be instructed to require bidders to State the time they will complete the Cisterns they bid for.

Mr Colley moved to amend by striking out all after the words "bidders to," and insert "have Said cisterns completed on or before the 1st day of December 1854"

Which motion prevailed

Mr Jones offered the following resolution

Resolved That the Street Commissioner be instructed to open the gutter on the North side of Maryland Street from Tennessee to Mississippi Street

Adopted by the following vote

Those who voted in the Affirmative are Messrs Avery Boaz, Colley, Dunlap Graydon, Gowan, Jones, Karns, Keeley, Maguire, Nelson, Pitts, Seibert & Truksess. 14

In the Negative - None

Mr Dunlap offered the following resolution

Resolved That the City Engineer be requested to report at the next regular meeting of the Council, whether the Telegraph Companies have complied in every respect with the requirements of the Ordinances in relation to the establishment of Telegraph poles in the City - and if not to explain the reason why.

Adopted by the following vote

Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs Avery,
Boaz, Colley, Dunlap, Graydon Gowan, Jones, Karns, Keeley,
Maguire, Nelson, Pitts, Seibert & Truksess 14

In the Negative, None

Mr Seibert offered the following resolution

Resolved That the City Engineer be instructed to have
the School Lot in the 7th ward graded and graveled sufficiently
high to run the water off

Adopted by the following vote

Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs Avery,
Boaz, Colley, Dunlap Graydon, Gowan, Jones, Karns, Keeley,
Maguire, Nelson, Pitts, Seibert and Trucksess 14

In the Negative - None

Mr Pitts offered the following resolution

Resolved That the Council now proceed to appoint one
other watchman in addition to those already appointed for
the 1st 7th 4th & 5th wards

Mr Boaz moved to amend by adding one for the 6th ward

Mr Karns moved to amend by adding one for the 2nd ward

Which motion prevailed

Mr Nelson moved to amend by adding one to the 3d ward

Which motion prevailed

Mr Maguire moved to amend said resolution by striking
out all after the resolving clause and inserting "That the
Judiciary Committee inquire whether it be necessary to in-
crease the police force, and report at the next meeting of
the Council

Which motion did not prevail, and the following resolution

Resolved That this Council now proceed to appoint one
other watchman in addition to those already appointed for the
1st 7th 4th 5th 6th 2nd & 3d wards

Was adopted by the following vote

Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs Boaz,
Colley, Graydon, Gowan, Jones, Karns, Keeley & Pitts 8

In the Negative - Messrs Avery, Dunlap, Maguire, Nelson,
Seibert & Trucksess 6

Mr Jones offered the following resolution

Resolved That the Street Commissioner be instructed to
notify the owner or agent of the property to dig a ditch
sufficiently large to completely drain the pond at the South
west corner of the City grave yard and on failure to comply

with this resolution to proceed to drain said pond at the expense of the owner of the property

Adopted by the following vote

Those who voted in the Affirmative are Messrs Boaz, Colley, Graydon, Gowan, Jones, Karns, Pitts & Trucksess 8
In the Negative Messrs Dunlap, Keeley, & Nelson 3

Mr Boaz offered the following resolution

Resolved That the Street Commissioner be directed to make the side walk at the crossing of Pennsylvania and Georgia Street on the west side of Pennsylvania Street, and make a culvert under said walk sufficient to drain Georgia Street

Adopted by the following vote

Those who voted in the Affirmative are Messrs - Boaz, Colley, Dunlap, Graydon, Gowan, Jones, Karns, Keeley, Maguire, Nelson, Pitts, Seibert and Trucksess 13
In the Negative - None

Mr Pitts offered the following resolution

Resolved That the City Engineer prepared plan, specification and estimate for building a Bridge across the Canal on Vermont Street and report at our next meeting

Adopted by the following vote

Those who voted in the Affirmative are Messrs Avery, Boaz, Colley, Gowan, Jones, Karns, Keeley, Maguire, Nelson, Pitts, Seibert and Trucksess 12
In the Negative - Messr Graydon 1

Mr Boaz offered the following resolution

Resolved That the Street Commissioner be directed to fill and drain the two mud holes in the Bluff road sufficient that people can get in the City with wagons

Mr Nelson moved to refer said resolution to the Committee on Streets and alleys

Which motion did not prevail

Mr Colley moved to amend by Striking out the word "and drain"

Which motion prevailed, and the following resolution

Resolved That the Street Commissioner be directed to fill the two mud holes in the Bluff Road sufficient that people can get in the City with wagons

Adopted by the following vote

Those who voted in the Affirmative are Messrs Boaz, Colley, Dunlap, Gowan, Jones, Keeley, Maguire, Pitts, Seibert & Trucksess 10

In the Negative - Messrs Graydon, & Nelson 2

Mr Avery moved That the Civil Engineer be instructed to make an estimate of the work done on Ohio Street by Mr Huntington as soon as said work is completed

Which motion prevailed

On motion of Mr Pitts the Council proceeded to the election of Night Watchmen

Mr Maguire moved to postpone said election until next meeting. Which motion did not prevail

The following persons were elected watchmen

First ward	Jefferson Springtean
Second ward	Amos Scott
Third ward	David Anderson
Fourth ward	Robert Johnson
Fifth ward	Benjamin Sobaugh
Sixth ward	George S Thompson
Seventh ward	Hubbard Adams

Mr Dunlap moved That the difficulty existing between the Sexton of the grave yard and Mr Weaver be referred to the City Attorney, for his opinion to be reported at the next meeting

Which motion prevailed

Mr Dunlap moved That when the Council adjourn, they adjourn to meet on Friday evening at candle lighting

Which motion prevailed

Mr Nelson moved That the Civil Engineer make an estimate of the work done on Illinois Street by Mr Lowman, and that Charles Mayer have the privilege of stopping the work in front of his lot for the present, provided said Mayer pays the full amount of the estimate, and will depend upon the completion of said work hereafter, by the said Lowman

Which motion prevailed

Mr Colley moved That a committee of three consisting of Messrs Maguire, Dunlap, and Graydon be appointed to act in conjunction with the Mayor to receive the Councilmen from Dayton Ohio upon their contemplated visit to this City

Which motion prevailed

On motion the Council adjourned

Attest

James N Sweetser
City Clerk

James McCready Mayor