

Common Council Chamber
Monday October 16th 1854

The Council met at 2 O'clock P.M. Present all the members of the Council except the Mayor

On motion Mr. Avery was called to the Chair and took his seat as President pro tem

The Civil Engineer reported the following bids for grading, gravelling and curbing the Side walk on the west side of Mississippi between New York & Vermont Streets

Wm Nash & Martin Duffy proposed to grade said walk at 19½ cents pr cubic yard and gravel with cellar gravel at 44 cts, or gravel with River gravel at 64 cents per cubic yard and make the curbing at 4½ cents per lineal foot.

Ephraim Croas proposed to grade said walk for 22 cents pr cubic yard, and gravel at 50 cents per cubic yard, and make the curbing at 4½ cents per running foot.

Robert Harbison proposed to grade said walk for 22 cents pr cubic yard, and gravel with River gravel at 65 cents or with pit gravel at 50 cents pr cubic yard, and make the curbing for 6¼ cents per lineal foot.

On motion of Mr. Pitts the contract for grading, gravelling and curbing said Side walk was awarded to William Nash and Martin Duffy.

The following report was received

The undersigned reports to the Council that he advertised for proposals to build a Foot Bridge over the Canal on Maryland street, but he has not received any proposals, the Council will please direct what is to be done in the matter.

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James Wood

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Civil Engineer

On motion of Mr. Jones the Civil Engineer was instructed to advertise again for proposals to build said Bridge.

The following report was received

Estimate of the cost of planting & boxing Locust trees on both sides of Kentucky Avenue, between Tennessee Street and the middle gate of Burying Ground laid out by Issac Coe
To cost of 278 Locust trees, including carriage and planting at 30 cents each \$83.40

To cost of lumber, making and putting up 278 boxes,
att 55 cents each

152.90

Total

\$236.30

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Civil Engineer

Mr Trucksess moved That the Civil Engineer be authorized to make a contract for planting & boxing said trees

Mr Dunlap moved That said report be laid on the table

Which motion prevailed

The following report from the Arbitrators to whom was referred the proposed trade between John H Bradley and the City was presented, accompanied with a diagram exhibiting the Shape of the lots as contemplated in the exchange

To the Mayor & Common Council

The undersigned has considered the matter of the division line, between the Lots of the City, and of John H Bradley on New York Street & the Avenue, and report & award that the division line should be changed. That the annexed plot gives a view of how the same shall be made. That the City should convey part "B" to Mr Bradley containing 1501.5 square feet - and Mr Bradley should convey part "C" to the City, containing 1739.54 feet, and that such change, will be advantageous to the City. That the Alley should be vacated if the adjoining owners desire it. As we have charged to & taken (in the above change from Mr Bradley) 234 feet of ground in the alley, which of course will be his if the alley be vacated

On motion of Mr Colley said report was laid on the table

The following communication was received

To the Indianapolis City Council.

Gentlemen. I herewith assign my reasons for refusing to sign the Specifications for building the Cisterns awarded to me at a late meeting of the Council. The reason for refusing to lay the brick work in pure cement, is because it is impossible to make a durable job of it in that way with the Louisville cement. I take the Cisterns with the permission to use lime and cement at the following rate, 3 bushels of unslacked lime and 2 bushels of cement. The first coat of plastering is 2 bushels of unslacked lime to 3 bushels of cement. The finishing coat is made to answer its demands
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 George D Pfeifer

Mr Dunlap moved that the contract for building said Cisterns be awarded to Mr McMains

Mr Colley moved to amend by adding "on failure of Mr Pfeifer" to sign said contract

Which motions prevailed

The following report was presented

Your Committee to whom was referred the Subject of a

change of location of Town Clock from the Roberts Chapel to the Odd Fellows Hall now in course of erection report. That the Architect of the Odd Fellows Hall is of opinion that it would cost about one thousand dollars to erect a Cupola for the reception of the Clock; it would cost about one thousand dollars more for a bell and removing the town clock, which expense will of necessity have to be borne by the City. We report the fact, without recommendation.

W H Karns)
 Hiram Seibert)
 Daniel Keely) Com
 D Maguire)

On motion said report was laid on the table

The following report was presented

Your Committee to whom was referred the petition of Mr John Moffit for an allowance for extra work connected with the locating and arranging the Town Clock in the Cupola of the Roberts Chapel have examined the matter and respectfully report that the account is for certain fixtures which were necessary only because of location, that is to say, if a cupola had been erected for the Town Clock then there would have been no need for the fixtures for which he prays for pay, but as the Town Clock was placed in a cupola not suitable those fixtures were necessary. The Committee conceive the account a just one, and the am't not too high, & recommend the allowance of \$50.00 Your Committee also recommend that the maker of the Clock Mr Moffit be employed to take charge of the Clock for the coming year; at a price not greater than \$50.00 per year, he agreeing to wind it up, and keep it in good running order, and that it keep correct time without any cost whatever to the City

William H Karns
 Daniel Keely
 H Seibert

On motion of Mr Dunlap said report was concurred

On motion of Mr the City Attorney was instructed to draw a contract for said purpose between Mr Moffit and the City

The following report was presented

The Select Committee to whom was referred the petition of John Billington asking privilege of the City to build a foot Bridge at his own expense across Pogues Run on the west side of Meridian Street report, that on examination they can see no impropriety in granting the request, provided the Bridge is constructed in every particular as the Civil Engineer may direct - and that no exclusive privilege be granted to Mr Billington nor to any other person, nor in any

way obstruct the passage of the same
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 Wm Boaz)

On motion of Mr Karns said report was concurred in

The following petition was presented

To the Mayor & Common Council of the City of Indianapolis.
 The undersigned respectfully ask the privilege of hauling
 about one hundred and fifty cubic yards of sand from Alabama
 Street between Pogues Run and South Street, now being ex-
 cavated on said Street

Hassalman & Vinton

On motion of Mr Seibert said report was laid on the table

The following accounts were presented and allowed

J Davis & Co.	For Castings furnished for Fire Department	\$ 9 00
Wesley M Adams	For Lumber	5.00
Brown & Mann	" Lumber	62.35
John Herman	" Labor	.62
Hiram Lewis	" Labor	18.75
Patrick Sullivan	" Labor	8.12
Wm Luney	" Labor	3.15
Mr Hulin	" Labor	3.12
John Shay	" Labor	6.50
Michael O'Connell	" Labor	6.50
Jacob Bisbing	" removing nuisances	3.50
Benjamin Pilbean	" removing nuisances	7.75
	Total	\$ 134.54

The following petition was presented

To the Common Council.

Gentlemen the undersigned owners of two thirds of the
 number of feet fronting Square No 13 on Vermont Street, being
 desirous of improving the side walks petition your honors for
 that privilege and also, that you direct the Civil Engineer
 to give grade stakes for said Side walk for which we will ever
 pray

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 William Mansur 135 feet
 Thos Rickards 67½ "
 Robert Harbison
 Jno M Gaston 67½ "
 J A Levy 33.9 "
 David Kemp 67½ "

On motion of Mr Maguire the prayer of said petition was
 granted, and the owners permitted to make the pavements at
 their own expense

The following petition was presented

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis
 Your petitioner Daniel Keely would respectfully represent that at the point where the Penn and Indianapolis and Belfontaine Rail Road track crosses Market Street, said Street has, by being graded, created a standing pool of water, which renders said Street at that point impassable and otherwise injurious and annoying to the people living in the neighborhood thereof; Your petitioner would therefore ask your body to take such steps in reference thereto as will cause said companies or either of them to build a Culvert at said point by which said water will be made to run and flow into Pogues Run and thereby render said Street dry and passable, and your petitioner asks that said Steps may be taken in the matter so as to secure the making of said Culvert within ten days

Respectfully Your Petitioner
 Daniel Keely

On motion of Mr Selbert the prayer of said petitioner was granted and the Street Commissioner instructed to notify said Rail Road Companies to build a Culvert within ten days

The following petition was presented

To the Mayor & Common Council of the City of Indianapolis
 The undersigned respectfully asks your honorable body to grant him the privilege of erecting a small house at each Market house for the purpose of keeping an eating house exclusively at said places to accommodate persons attending the Markets, provided that it can be removed at any time by the Common Council of Indianapolis

Wm R Rose

On motion of Mr Keeley said petition was referred to the Committee on Markets

Mr Karns offered the following resolution

Resolved That the Street Commissioner be directed to fill the mud hole in Vermont Street between Delaware and Alabama Street sufficient for a wagon track in the centre

Mr Colley moved to amend said resolution by adding "2 mud holes on Merrill Street

Which amendment was accepted, and said resolution was not adopted by the following vote

Those who voted in the Affirmative are Messrs Boaz, Colley, Graydon, Karns, & Selbert 5

In the Negative Messrs Avery, Gowan, Jones, Keeley, Pitts & Trucksess 6

Mr Karns offered the following resolution

Resolved That the Street Commissioner be directed to notify the builder of the Odd Fellows Hall to open the gutter immediately on the east side of Pennsylvania Street so as to admit a free passage for the water, and on failure to remove the obstruction the Street Commissioner is hereby notified and instructed to prosecute according to the Ordinance relative to such cases

Adopted by the following vote

Those who voted in the Affirmative are Messrs Avery, Boaz, Colley, Graydon, Gowan, Jones, Karns, Keely, Maguire, Nelson, Pitts, Seibert & Trucksess 15

In the Negative - None

Mr Nelson offered the following resolution

Resolved That the Judiciary Committee inquire into the expediency of reporting an Ordinance taxing Billiard Tables and Ball Alleys as provided in the Charter of the City of Indianapolis

Adopted by the following vote

Those who voted in the Affirmative are Messrs Avery, Boaz, Colley, Graydon, Gowan, Jones, Karns, Maguire, Nelson, Pitts, Seibert, & Trucksess 12

In the Negative - Mr Keeley 1

Mr Colley offered the following resolution

Resolved That the Civil Engineer be authorized to make an estimate of the cost of making a suitable Stone Culvert across Washington Street at the crossing of New Jersey Street and report at the next meeting of the Council

Adopted by the following vote

Those who voted in the Affirmative are Messrs Avery, Boaz, Colley, Graydon, Gowan, Jones, Karns, Keely, Maguire, Nelson, Pitts, Seibert & Trucksess 13

In the Negative - None

Mr Seibert offered the following resolution

Resolved That a Committee of four be appointed in connexion with the Civil Engineer to locate the Market House to be erected on South Street

Adopted by the following vote

Those who voted in the Affirmative are Messrs Avery, Boaz, Colley, Graydon, Gowan, Jones, Karns, Keely, Maguire, Nelson, Pitts, Seibert & Trucksess 15

In the Negative - None

Messrs Seibert, Boaz, Colley & Dunlap were appointed said Committee

On motion of Mr Seibert the Street Commissioner was in-

structed to put gravel rode around said house under the direction of said Committee

Mr Karns offered the following resolution

Resolved That the Street Commissioner be directed to make a gravel walk in front of the Seminary to Pennsylvania Street, also across New York & Meridian Streets not to exceed four feet wide

Adopted by the following vote

Those who voted in the Affirmative are Messrs Avery, Boaz, Colley, Graydon, Gowan, Jones, Karns, Keeley, Maguire, Nelson, Pitts, Seibert & Trucksess 13

In the Negative - None

Mr Nelson moved That Mr Harbison be allowed \$100 in part payment on his contract for graveling around the Market House

Which motion prevailed

Mr Nelson moved That the Street Commissioner be instructed to make a gravel walk and clean the gutter on the North side of North Street across Illinois Street

Which motion prevailed

Mr Keeley moved That the Street Commissioner be instructed to make a gravel walk across Alabama Street on the North side of Market Street, and also a gravel walk across Ohio Street on the East side of Alabama Street

Which motion prevailed

Mr Pitts moved That the Street Commissioner be instructed to make gravel walks on both sides of each Street at the crossing of Mississippi and Vermont Streets

Which motion prevailed

Mr Seibert moved That the Street Commissioner be instructed to gravel and fix all the Street crossings on graded Streets in the City

Which motion prevailed

Mr Seibert moved That the Street Commissioner be instructed to put 2 loads gravel on the side walk on Virginia Avenue, North of Pogues at the crossing of the Rail Road tracks.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr Colley moved That hereafter this Council shall meet at 7 O'clock P M instead of 2 O'clock

Which motion prevailed

Mr Nelson offered the following resolution
 592. Resolved That the sum of dollars be allowed to the
 Chairman of the Judiciary Committee for the Compilation of
 the Ordinances, preparing marginal notes to the Charter and
 Ordinances, making index for the same, and superintending
 the printing, he paying out of this allowance for the services
 of Mr D B Colley in aiding in the copying and compilation of
 the Ordinances

Mr Colley moved that the blank be filled with "one hundred"

Mr Karn's moved that it be filled with "Seventy five"

Mr Pitts moved that it be filled with Sixty

And the question being shall the blank be filled with "one
 hundred" said motion prevailed and the resolution as amended
 was adopted by the following vote

Those who voted in the Affirmative are, Messrs Avery, Boaz,
 Colley, Gowan, Jones, Karns, Keely, Nelson, Seibert & Trucksess
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In the Negative - Mr Pitts. 1

Mr Colley moved That this Council adjourn until tomorrow
 evening for the purpose of taking into consideration the
 conduct of the Night Watch, and that the Marshall notify the
 Captain of the Watch to be present and make a report about
 the conduct of each watchman and all things within his know-
 ledge connected therewith.

Which motion prevailed

Attest

James N Sweetser
 City Clerk

James McCready Mayor