

Common Council Chamber
Thursday Oct 19 1854

The Council met at 7 O'clock P M. Present all the members of the Council except Messrs Avery, Dunlap, Gowan, Keely, Trucksess and the Mayor

On motion Mr Maguire was called to the chair and took his seat as President pro tem

571. Mr Karns moved That the City Clerk be authorized to draw a warrant in favor of John Moffit for the balance due him on the Town Clock

Which motion prevailed

Mr Maguire presented the following Ordinance

An Ordinance to amend an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to establish a police force in the City of Indianapolis and prescribing its duties" ordained Sept 4 1854

Sec 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis. That the 9th Section of the Ordinance to which this is an amendment be amended to read as follows; "If any of said Watchmen shall neglect their duty, become intoxicated, or be absent at any time without a valid excuse, such watchman may be removed from said watch by said Council on motion of any member, a majority of all the members elected being necessary to effect such removal; and in case of the absence of any of said watch, it shall be the duty of the Captain of said watch, if he deems it necessary, to employ a fit person to fill the place of such absentee, until such absentee returns or a successor is elected and qualified, for which service such person shall be entitled to the same pay

On motion of Mr Maguire the following Section was added.

Sec 2. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances coming in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed

On motion of Mr Karns the following Section was added.

Sec 3. This Ordinance shall be in force from and after its passage.

On motion the rule requiring the consent of three fourths of the members present to pass an Ordinance on the day of its presentation was suspended, and said Ordinance was ordained by the following vote

Those who voted in the Affirmative are Messrs Boaz, Colley, Graydon, Jones, Karns, Maguire, Nelson, Pitts & Seibert 9
In the Negative - None

Mr Colley moved That the Charge preferred against John Bishop and John Bisbing be referred back to the same Committee of investigation with the earnest request of the Council to bring in a definite report at their earliest opportunity

Which motion prevailed

Mr John B Stumph stated to the Council that he has sold the interest of Mr Dickman in a Lot bought by said Dickman of the City

On motion of Mr Colley said matter was referred to the City Attorney with instructions to report the facts to the Common Council

The following account was allowed

Wm S Hubbard for rent of Relief Engine house for 6 months
to Sep 15 1854 \$40.00

On motion of Mr Colley the Council adjourned until Saturday evening next at 7 O'clock

Attest James N. Sweetser
City Clerk

James McCready Mayor.