

On motion the Council adjourned

Attest

James N Sweetser
City Clerk

James McCready Mayor.

Common Council Chamber
Monday November 6th 1854

The Council met at 7 O'clock P M. Present the Mayor and all the members except Mr Keeley

The Tesserers monthly account was presented and on motion was referred to the Mayor and City Clerk for examination

The following report was received

Nov 6th 1854

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis

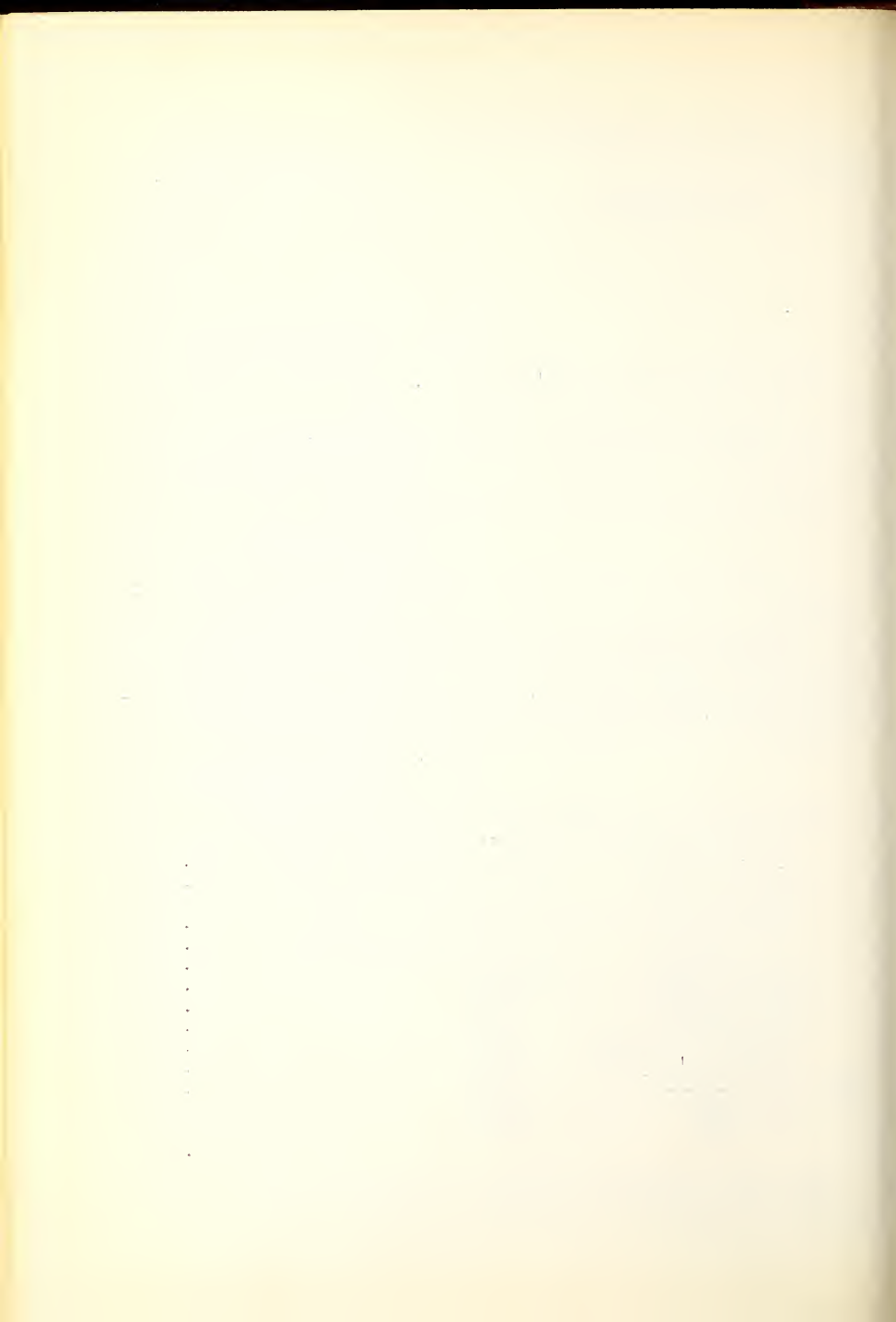
The undersigned respectfully reports to the Council that the cisterns & pumps are in good order except the one at the Female Institute, one at McCords & one at the corner of Michigan and Penna Streets. The gutters are cleaned according to order, and the crossings are being gravelled and bridges repaired as fast as possible

Respy. Richard Weeks
Dpts Street Commissioner

The following accounts were presented and allowed

x Joseph Langbean	for Rent of house for	
	Invincible Fire Company 7 months	\$28.00
x James Donavan	for Posting Bills	3.30
x Ross & Hall	for cleaning well on	
	Washington & Alabama Streets	7.50
x W G Wright	for repairing pumps & c	21.25
x J P Childers	for repairing pumps & c	15.50
x Hiram Lewis	for Labor	41.75
x W H Carroll	Labor	19.50
x Mr Stewart	Labor	1.25
x Patrick Sullivan	Labor	20.62
x Michel O'Connel	Labor	8.75
635 x John Dunhua	Labor	1.87
634 x Wm Luney	Labor	14.37
x J N Many	Labor	3.12
		<u>\$184.78</u>

The Civil Engineer reported the following bids for building a foot Bridge across the Canal on Maryland Street



Levi Comegys proposed to build said Bridge for one hundred and fifty Seven dollars

Messrs King & Kenady proposed to build said Bridge for one hundred and forty one dollars

\$89.00

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Mr James Wood

I will build your foot bridge over the canal according to Specification for eighty nine dollars

Owen Cullings

On motion said contract was awarded to Owen Cullings

The following report and communication were presented

The undersigned reports to the Council, that George D Pfeiffer has refused to subscribe the contract for building the Cisterns, and that William McMains has also declined building them, as the price of brick is higher than he calculated when he made his bid. The accompanying letter from Silranus Scofield in relation to building the Cisterns, is herewith submitted to the Council

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James Wood

Civil Engineer

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Mr J Wood, Civil Engineer

Sir I understand that Mr Phiper and Mr McMains have declined making the Cisterns, if you please you may say to the Council if they choose, I will build them at my bid of 69 cents per barrel according to specification and I will subscribe a contract and give bond accordingly. As I am acquainted with but few of the Council I would refer them to work done at the Blind Asylum, two cisterns I built there containing 750 barrels each, and to John F Hile, Stoten, Richard and Calvin Fletcher, Robert Sharpe, Samuel Hetsell-gesser, John D Defrees, John Morris and many others I could mention

Your Obt Ser

Silranus Scofield

On motion said report and communication were laid on the table

The following report was received

The undersigned reports to the Council that the Cistern built by William Wood at crossing of Illinois and North Street is 3 inches, and the one built by him, at crossing of Ohio and East Street is 6 inches above the established grade of the Streets

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James Wood

Civil Engineer



The following report was presented

Estimate for building a Stone Culvert across Washington at New Jersey Street

To	16 Cubic Yards of excavation at 25 cents per yard	\$	4.00
	30 Cubic Yards of Stone masonry at \$4.35	" "	145.50
	817 Superficial feet of Stone covers at 55 cents pr foot		449.35
	720 Superficial feet of paving at 17 cents pr foot		122.40
		Total	\$721.25

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James Wood
Civil Engineer

On motion said report was laid on the table

The following report was received

The undersigned reports to the Council that he advertised for proposals for plastering the hall of the Invincible Fire Engine House, but none have been received

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James Wood
Civil Engineer

Mr Seibert moved That the Civil Engineer be instructed to re-advertise for plastering said hall by posting bills for 6 days. Which motion did not prevail

Mr Maguire moved That the Civil Engineer be authorized to have the ceiling of said hall plastered on the best terms he can possibly make.

Which motion prevailed

The following report was presented.

Police report beginning Monday evening Oct 2 1854 ending Monday Morning Nov 6th/54

1st Ward	Jefferson Springstean	Served thirty three and a half days
	John Bishop	Served thirty three days
2nd Ward	John Bisbing	Served thirty four days
	Amos Scott	Served thirty three and a half days
3d Ward	David Derringer	Served thirty four days
	David Anderson	Served thirty five days
4th Ward	J W Buckhart	Served thirty five days
	Robert Johnson	Served thirty five days
5th Ward	J M Vanblericum	Served thirty and a half days
	Benjamin Sobaugh	Served twenty eight days
	James Armstrong	Served seven days during an illness of Mr Sobaugh



6th Ward	George Thompson	Served thirty three days
	Wm McClain	Served thirty four days
7th Ward	Reuben Adams	Served thirty three days
	Hubbard Adams	Served thirty five days
		Jefferson Springstea
		Capt of
		Police
		Indianapolis

On motion said report was received and the City Clerk was instructed to draw warrants in favor of the watchmen for the amounts due them

The following report was presented

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The undersigned reports to the Council that on two Occasions, John Boshop has appeared at the Morning Roll call in a state of intoxication as I verily beleive
 Jefferson Springstea
 Captain of the Watch

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

The following communication was presented

To the Mayor & Common Council of Indianapolis

The undersigned would respectfully call the attention of the Council to the fact, that as Captain of the Watch he is by reason of said office compelled to perform more service than a watchman does otherwise, and would therefore ask this Council to proportion the pay in comparison with others in the Service

. Respy Yours

Jefferson Springstea

Mr Karns moved That said communication be referred to a select Committee of three

Which motion prevailed and Messrs Karns, Gowan and Avery were appointed said Committee

The following report was received

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis

The undersigned respectfully report to the Council that they have examined the monthly report of the Treasurer and found it correct

Nov 6 1854

Respy

James McCreedy, Mayor

James N Sweetser, City Clerk

The following report from the Judiciary Committee was presented and on Motion of Mr Colley said report was concurred in and ordered to be spread on the Minutes.



Mr President

The Judiciary Committee to which was referred a resolution directing them to inquire into the expediency of granting license to Keepers of Billard Tables and Bowling Saloons have had the Subject matter of the resolution under consideration, and after deliberating upon the subject have come to the conclusion that it would be inexpedient to grant a license to such establishments, beleiving it most proper to leave their toleration or prohibition to public sentiment, under the provisions of such Ordinances as are now in force, or may hereafter be passed, on that subject

Respectfully Submitted

D. Maguire
Geo W Pitts
L Dunlap

The following petition was presented

The Committee on Markets to whom was referred the petition of W R Rose asking the privilege to erect a small house on each of the Market Squares have had the same under consideration and in the opinion of the Committee the prayer of the Committee should not be granted

H Seibert
John Trucksess

S A Colley dissents from the above

On motion of Mr Jones said report was concurred in

The following petition was presented

Gentlemen of the City Council

Your Orators respectfully lay before you the following petition to wit: that your honorable body do grant the undersigned the privilege or right of renting the large hall of their new building situated on the East corner of Maryland and Illinois Streets - and to be called, The Columbian Hall - for the purpose of public exhibitions, the owners & managers of said exhibitions to be free from the usual License charges fixed by the City ordinance in reference thereto, and the undersigned proprietors of the said hall to pay, in lieu of said License charges, to the proper authorities of the City, such tax fees annually as your honorable body may consider just and reasonable. For which your orators will ever pray your honorable body

C A Elliott & Co

On motion of Mr Dunlap said report was referred to the Judiciary Committee

Mr Graydon offered the following resolution

Resolved That the Street Commissioner under the direction of the City Engineer is hereby directed to grade and gravel sidewalk in front of State property on the West side of



Pennsylvania Street from New York to Vermont Street, and also the West crossing of Penna. & Vermont Streets.

Said resolution was not adopted by the following vote

Those who voted in the Affirmative are Messrs Graydon,
Karns, & Seibert 3
In the Negative - Messrs Avery, Boaz, Colley, Dunlap,
Gowan, Nelson, & Pitts 7

Mr Graydon offered the following resolution

Resolved That the Street Commissioner is hereby directed to make a gravel walk not less than four feet wide in front of State property on the West side of Pennsylvania Street from New York to Vermont Streets, and also on the West crossing of Penna & Vermont Streets

Adopted by the following vote

Those who voted in the Affirmative, are Messrs Avery, Boaz, Colley, Dunlap, Graydon, Gowan, Karns, Maguire, Nelson, Pitts, Seibert & Truxsess
In the Negative - None

Mr Maguire offered the following resolution

Resolved That hereafter the Council shall meet at Six and a half O'clock instead of Seven

Adopted by the following vote

Those who voted in the Affirmative are Messrs Avery, Boaz, Colley, Dunlap, Graydon, Gowan, Karns, Maguire, Nelson, Pitts, Seibert & Truxsess 12
In the Negative, None

Mr Dunlap offered the following resolution

Resolved That Hasselman & Vinton be authorized to take one hundred and forty Cubic Yards of sand from Alabama Street under the supervision of the Street Commissioner at a fair valuation

Mr Seibert moved to lay it on the table which motion did not prevail and said resolution was adopted by the following vote

Those who voted in the Affirmative are Messrs Boaz, Dunlap, Graydon, Jones, Karns, Maguire, Nelson & Truxsess 8
In the Negative are Messrs Avery, Colley, Gowan, Pitts, & Seibert 5

The following report was presented

The Committee to whom was referred the matter of the claim of Micheal Shea for work done on the side walk on the North Side of Washington Street West of the canal, Respectfully report, That it appears by the estimate of the City Engineer that the amount of work done on said Side walk for which the said Shea claimed payment came to the sum of \$482.75. On a subsequent survey it appeared that a part of the work had been done by the owners of property bordering the Side walk,



amounting to \$204.75, total done by Shea \$278.00. Of this there was paid by the owners of property \$85.39. By the City for Streets & Alleys \$62.29, allowed by City Council in addition \$100.00.

\$247.68
\$ 30.32

Mr Shea Claims that he ought to have pay for the work done by the property owners, and also that he should have damages for the loss of his contract - for the latter he may have some claim, but on this point we do not express an opinion. We recommend that there be appropriated to Michael Shea the further sum of \$

Henry H Nelson
S A Colley
W H Jones

On motion of Mr Colley the last blank in said report was filled with \$30 and said report was concurred in

The following report was presented

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis
The Committee to whom was referred the propriety of purchasing a Standard Time Teller, or imoroved Sun Dial of Moses B Bliss of Maine, respectfully report, that the Committee are willing to award the proprietor a high degree of Mechanical Skill in illustrating the usefulness and scientific improvement of the instrument, and beleive it would be an acquisition to the City - But it is the opinion of the Committee that while we have Streets to improve and Bridges to build that require our immediate attention, the purchase of the instrument should be deferred to some future period

L Dunlap)
W H Jones) Com
S A Colley)

On motion of Mr Maguire said report was concurred in

Mr Maguire offered the following resolution

Resolved That the Civil Engineer be requested to make an estimate and report to the next meeting of the Council the cost of making a flag stone walk from the corner of Mr Blake's new building on Washington Street, to the Palmer house, and also across Washington Street opposite the pavement on the West Side of Illinois Street to the Bates House

Adopted by the following vote

Those who voted in the Affirmative are Messrs Avery, Dunlap, Graydon, Gowan, Jones, Karns, Maguire, Nelson, Pitts, Seibert & Trucksess 11

In the Negative - Mr Boaz 1

On motion of Mr Jones the communication of Mr Scofield was taken from the table



Mr Seibert moved That the Civil Engineer be instructed to contract with Mr Scofield for building the cisterns, extending the time of the completion thereof, as may be reasonable, for the present season of the year.

Which motion prevailed

Mr Seibert offered the following resolution

Resolved That the Street Commissioner repair the protection of the gutter on the North Side of Virginia Avenue, on the South Side of Pogues Run

Adopted by the following vote

Those who voted in the Affirmative are Messrs Avery, Boaz, Colley, Dunlap, Gowan, Jones Karns, Maguire, Pitts, Seibert & Trucksess. 11

In the Negative, Messrs Graydon & Nelson 2

Mr Maguire moved That the Councilmen from the 2nd ward be requested to aske the State Officers to grade and gravel the Side walk on the West Side of Penna Street between New York & Vermont Streets

Which motion prevailed

Mr Nelson moved That the Civil Engineer be instructed to make an estimate of work done on New York Street between Illinois and Meridian Streets by Mr Harbison

Which motion prevailed

Mr Boaz offered the following resolution

Resolved That John Morris be permitted to set posts along Louisiana Street along the pavement from Meridian to Illinois Street sufficient to keep wagons and omnibuses off the pavement

Not adopted by the following vote

Those who voted in the Affirmative, are Messrs Boaz, Colley, Maguire, Seibert & Trucksess 5

In the Negative, Messrs Avery, Dunlap, Graydon, Jones, Karns, Nelson & Pitts 8

Mr Colley moved That the Civil Engineer be instructed to make an estimate of the work done on Georgia Street by Mr Duffry and that that the City Clerk be authorized to draw warrants for the amount due from the City

Which motion prevailed

The following communication was presented

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The City Council

The undersigned deems it necessary to call on your



honorable body to relieve him in some way or other in relation to the collection of the Gas tax in the City. The undersigned has succeeded in collecting a portion of the Tax, but has failed in every attempt he has made since the City Attorney has made his report on the subject of taxation - the undersigned has offered property for sale but could not get a bid because say they, a good title cannot be made

A F Shortridge

On motion of Mr Karns said communication was referred to the City Attorney

On motion the printing account of Messrs Eldor & Harkness was referred to the Committee on accounts

Mr Colley moved that the City Marshall be politely requested to attend the sittings of the Council if it is consistent with his private engagements

Which motion prevailed

Mr Trucksess moved That the Street Commissioner be instructed to make a gravel walk on North Side of Georgia across Tennessee Street

Which motion prevailed

Mr Graydon presented an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to establish a police force in the City of Indianapolis, and prescribing its duties

Said Ordinance was read the Second time and on motion of Mr Nelson was laid on the table

On motion the Civil Engineers report in reference to the Cisterns built by Wm Wood was taken from the Table

Mr Maguire moved That the Cistern in the 3d ward be accepted if in the opinion of the Civil Engineer the height above the grade will be no incumbrance

Which motion prevailed

Mr Nelson moved That the Street Commissioner be instructed to Grade and throw gravel or Stone around the Cistern in the 3d ward - in the discretion of the Civil Engineer

Which motion prevailed

Mr Karns moved That the Street Commissioner be instructed to spread the Stones around the Cistern at the corner of Penna & Michigan Streets

Which motion prevailed



Mr Pitts moved That the Street Commissioner be instructed to put stones around the Cistern opposite the Carlisle house

Which motion prevailed

On motion of Mr Jones the City Clerk was authorized to draw an order of \$12.50 for 3 months rent of the Clerks office

Mr Pitts moved That the Council adjourn

Which motion prevailed

On motion of Mr Maguire said vote was reconsidered

Mr Nelson moved That one hundred dollars be allowed Wm Wood in part payment for building the Cistern in the 3d ward.

Which motion prevailed

Attest

James N Sweetser
City Clerk

James McCready Mayor.