

Common Council Chamber
January 30 1855

The Council met at half past 6 O'clock P M. Present the Mayor and all the members

On motion of Mr Maguire the account of Messrs Elder & Harkness was referred to the Committee on Accounts

Henry Stumph Sexton of the Grave Yard was arraigned before the Council upon the following charges

1st Of extortion in his office by demanding a fee for opening the gate of said Yard

2nd Of mal conduct in office by refusing to let H C Woodward and Wm M Patten drive through the gate of said Yard, on the 15th day of January A D 1855,

And after evidence and argument for both parties being heard, the question, was "is the 1st charge fully sustained" which charge was not sustained by the following vote

Those who voted in the Affirmative are Messrs Avery, Boaz, Colley, Graydon, Gowan, Jones, Karns, Maguire, & Nelson. 9

In the Negative, Messrs Dunlap, Keeley, Pitts, Seibert & Trucksess 5

And the question being "is the 2nd charge fully sustained" Said charge was not sustained by the following

Those who voted in the Affirmative are Messrs Avery, Boaz, Colley, Graydon, Gowan, Jones, Karns, Maguire and Nelson 9

In the Negative Messrs Dunlap, Keeley, Pitts, Seibert & Trucksess 5

On motion of Mr Karns the City Clerk was instructed to publish the proceedings

Mr Colley moved That the property owners on Virginia Avenue be permitted to use the posts lately set up on said Street and repair the Side walk at their own expense

Which motion prevailed

Mr Karns offered the following resolution

Whereas much complaint is made by many of the citizens of Indianapolis as to the irregular running of the Town Clock, and whereas the Contractor warranted it to keep good time.

Resolved, That the Clerk of the City call on Mr Moffatt and request that he report to this Council at the next meeting, the cause of such irregularity, and state whether it is not in his power to so regulate it as that it may answer the purpose intended by the Citizens when they submitted to be



taxed for its construction, and cause it to keep regular time

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 & Trucksess 14

In the Negative - None

Mr Nelson moved That the City Marshall be instructed to notify the occupant of the house on Indiana Avenue wherein there is a case of Small pox, to put up a Red flag.

Mr Pitts moved to amend by adding "and that he also provide at the expense of the City" all things necessary for the support of said occupants, during the continuance of the disease

Which amendment was accepted, and said motion prevailed

On motion of Mr Maguire the Council proceeded to the election of a member of the Board of Health

John M Gaston was elected a member of the Board of Health

The following report was presented and on motion it was ordered to be spread on the Record

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis

The undersigned having examined the question, submitted by the following resolution, adopted at your last meeting

Resolved, That the City Attorney be respectfully requested to examine and report to the Council, whether in his opinion, the Common Council has power to vacate streets or alleys in subdivisions of out-lots, when the plat of the same has been recorded, and when the owners of the property desire the vacation" is clearly of the opinion that the Common Council have no such power. The power to make such vacation is by statute, vested in the Board of County Commissioners of the proper County. 1 Rev Stat. 1852, pp 493, 494, Sec 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10

Respectfully Submitted

Napoleon B Taylor

City Atty

Mr Graydon offered the following resolution

Resolved That the Finance Committee be authorized to borrow money, or make an arrangement with the Treasurer to take stock paper at its proper discount, sufficient to pay the amount due from the City for the purchase of Fire Bells

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 & Trucksess 14

In the Negative - None



On motion of Mr Karns the Council proceeded to the election of School Trustee

James M Ray was elected School Trustee

On motion the Watchmen were allowed to use the Council Chamber during the night for the purpose of warming, until the next meeting of the Council

On motion the Council adjourned

Attest

James N Sweetser
City Clerk

James McCready Mayor.

Common Council Chamber
February 5th 1855

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

Mr Karns took his seat as President pro tem

The Treasurer monthly account was presented and on motion was referred to the Mayor & Clerk for examination

The following report was presented

Estimate for building a Stone Bridge over Pogues Run, on Noble Street

320 Cubic Yards of excavation, at 25 cents per yard	\$	80.00
170 " " " masonry at \$5 " "		850.00
1670 Superficial feet of hammer dressed work, at 12½ cents per foot		208.75
	Total	<u>\$1138.75</u>

The undersigned, on 3d July, 1854, reported to the Council, that a wooden Bridge over Pogues Run on Noble Street, 144 feet in length and 14 feet in width, extending from Washington Street to the high ground on the South, side of Pogues Run, would cost \$420.40
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James Wood
Civil Engineer

On motion said report was laid on the table

The following report was received The undersigned, in compliance with the Ordinance in relation to Lighting the City, respectfully reports to the Council, that, in the month of January last, one lamp has been erected at the Corner of