

Common Council Chamber  
April 2nd 1855

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

The following report was received

The undersigned respectfully reports to the Council that eleven posts with lamps, and four posts, have been erected on Pennsylvania Street between Washington and North Street, during the month of March last, agreeably to the ordinance for lighting the City

James Wood  
Civil Engineer

The following report was presented

The undersigned submits the following estimate for grading and planking Ash and Elm Streets, at crossing of the Bellefontaine Rail Road Track or Curve Street Viz

45 Cubic yards of filling on Ash Street, at crossing of Curve Street, at 25 cents	\$11.25
225 ft of planking at crossing of Rail Road track, at \$1.37 $\frac{1}{2}$	3.10
15 Cubic yards of filling on Oak Street, at crossing of Curve Street	3.75
450 feet of planking at crossing of Rail road track, at 1.37 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 18
	<hr/> \$24.28

James Wood  
Civil Engineer

On motion of Mr Avery the Street Commissioner was instructed to have said streets repaired under the direction of the Civil Engineer.

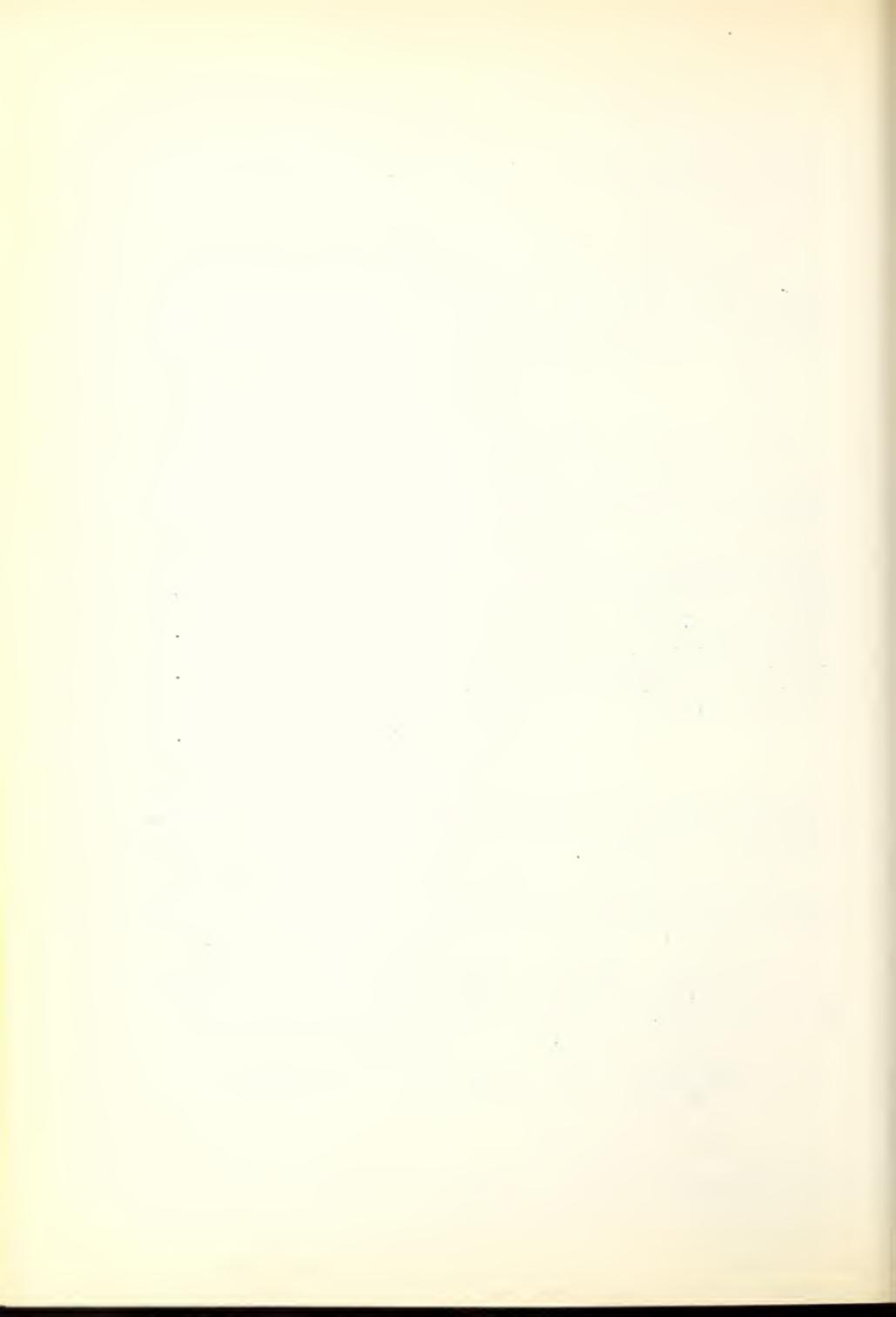
The Civil Engineer reported proposals to build a Bridge across Pogues Run on Noble Street, one across the Canal on Georgia Street, and one across the Canal on Vermont.

Allen Wilson proposed to build the Bridge across Pogues Run for \$395.00, the Bridge over the Canal on Vermont Street for \$299.00, and the Bridge across the Canal on Georgia Street for \$275.00 All paid

Mr Dunlap moved That the contract for building said bridges be awarded to Allen Wilson

Which motion prevailed

The Treasurers Monthly report was presented and on motion was referred to the Mayor and City Clerk for examination



The following report was presented

The undersigned to whom was referred the monthly account of the Treasurer, respectfully report that they have examined the same and found it correct

Jas N Sweetser City Clerk  
James McCready Mayor

The Captain of the Watch reported the number of arrests since March 5th to be fifty seven (57)

The following report was presented

Police report beginning March 5th ending Monday morning April 2nd 1855

Jefferson Springstean	Served twenty Six days	\$ 45.50
Joseph Colley	Served twenty days	30.00
Wm Robinson	Served eighteen and $\frac{1}{2}$ days	27.75
Francis Wright	Served twenty seven days	40.50
Amos Scott	Served twenty seven days	40.50
D Dearing	Served twenty five days	37.50
D Anderson	Served twenty one & $\frac{1}{2}$ days	32.25
J W Burkheart	Served twenty eight days	42.00
R Johnson	Served twenty two days	33.25
Jessee Vanblaricum	Served twenty & $\frac{1}{2}$ days	30.75
Benj Sobaugh	Served twenty seven $\frac{1}{2}$ days	41.25
Wm McClain	Served twenty eight days	42.00
Cal Morgan	Served twenty seven $\frac{1}{2}$ days	41.25
Reuben Adams	Served eighteen $\frac{1}{2}$ days	27.75
H Adams	Served twenty seven days	40.50
	Jefferson Springstean Capt of Watch	

On motion of Mr Jones the City Clerk was instructed to issue warrants for said services.

The following report was received

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis

The following is a list of cases disposed of since my last report

By Cash received for fines	\$ 85.00
" Mitimus	162.00
" Replevy	25.00
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	\$272.00

Appeal 1 case  
Discharged 7 case  
No of cases 69

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James McCready  
Mayor



The following report was presented

To the Common Council

The undersigned committee of Finance to whom was referred the petitions of John M Gaston and E W H Ellis asking a reduction of their taxes, have had the same under consideration, and report that beleiving that the scale of taxable property as adopted by the assessor is evidently too high, yet we do not find the property of the aforesaid petitioners valued above others, therefore we recommend to the Council that the petitioners request be not granted

L Dunlap ) Com  
Daniel Keely)

On motion said report was concurred in

The following accounts were presented and allowed

Accounts	F A Morris	Removing Nuisances	\$ 2 00
	W S Hubbard,	Rent of Relief Engine House	50.00
	J S Dunlap	Rent of Council Chamber	45.00
	Wm Sheets	Graveling Washington Street between Tennessee Street & the Canal	449.95
	S M Seibert	Repairing tools for St Commissioners	3.65
	Wm Hanlin	Stone for Cisterns	16.00
	Sheets & Braden	Blank Tax Recpts (1853)	54.00
	H S Kellogg	Hardware	11.00
	John Moffit	Taking care of Town Clock 6 months	25.00
	Hiram Lewis	Labor	7.50
	Wm H Carle	"	8.75
	Mr Vaugh	"	1.25
	Pat Sullivan	"	5.25
	V Butch	Gravel	3.00
	M. Morris	"	6.25
An account of Wm Sheets of	\$23.20 for Blank Books was presented		<u>23.20</u>

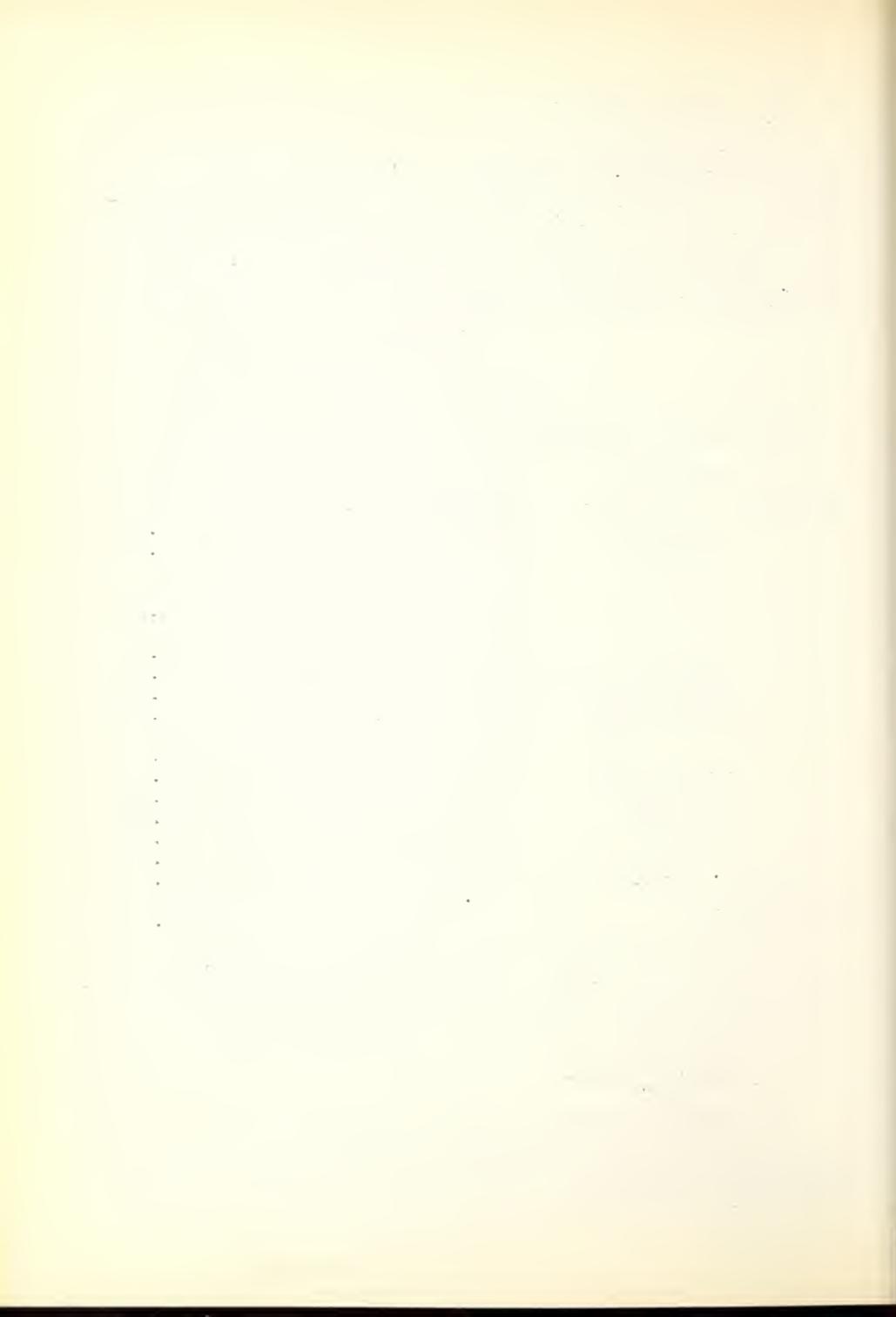
On motion of Mr Maguire said account was allowed, if upon examination by the proper officers it was found to be correct.

On motion of Mr Colley the consideration of accounts for the killing of dogs was deferred until next meeting

The following report was presented

To the Mayor & Common Council of Indianapolis

The undersigned to whom was referred the subject of building an addition to the Western Liberty Engine House, respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration and recommend that an addition thereto should be



built of the following size. A room 16 x 20 feet, and that it shall be subject to the superintendance of the Civil Engineer during construction

Canada Gowan )  
H Seibert ) Com  
Daniel Keeley )

On motion of Mr Seibert the Civil Engineer was instructed to advertise for proposals to build said addition, to the Engine house

Mr Trucksess presented an agreement with Mr Bartelermeus in reference to removing nuisances.

On motion of Mr Maguire said agreement was laid on the table

The following petition was presented

To the Common Council

Gentleman when I graded New York between New Jersey & Alabama Streets the property holders all paid, but for grading the Alleys & Crossings for which I have never received any pay from the City. Mr Woods made an estimate of the work which I left with Mr Shortrige, which he says he never received, the amt was twelve dollars & 57 cents  
(\$12.57)

Respectfully  
Hugh Slaven

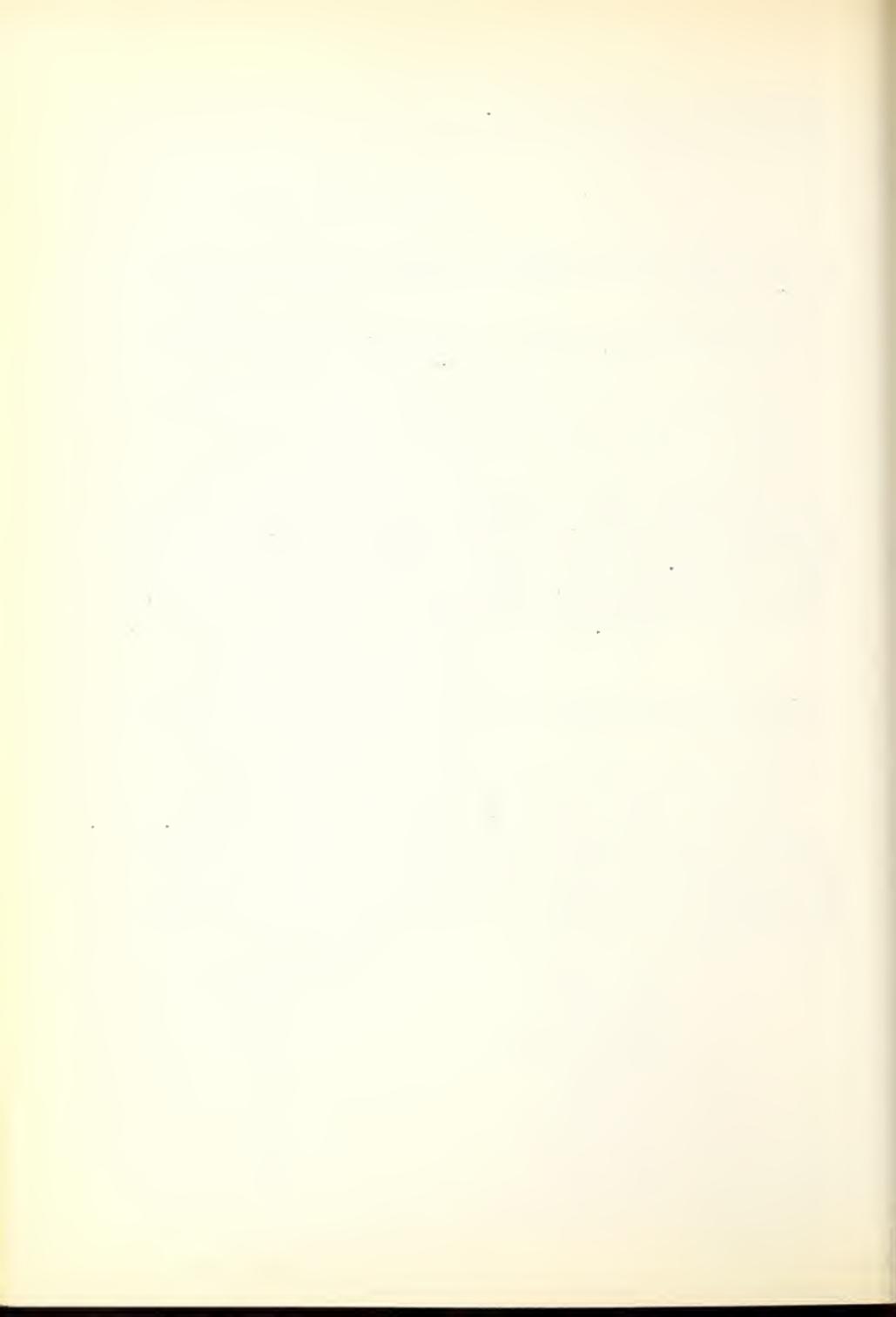
On motion of Mr Maguire said account was allowed, provided it has not been issued

The following petition was presented

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis. Gent.

We the undersigned owners of the Lots on Market Street between New Jersey & East Streets would pray your honors to have that part of Market Street graded and gravelled and Side walks graded and paved and we will each pay for the same in proportion to the number of feet of ground we own on said Market Street as aforesaid

Ira Thayer	66	2/3	feet
John Little	66	2/3	"
S Doughty	37	1/2	"
William Wood	66	2/3	"
John J Gates	30		"
J Harvey	32		"
D Munson	32		"
J Pleasants	32		"
F Foltz	32		"
Geo Long	55	1/2	"
E Plummer	32		"
T Georg Brown	32		"



H Ballman  
by T Donner

32 feet

On motion of Mr Karns said petition was referred to the Civil Engineer with instructions to advertise for proposals to do said work, if the signatures are proper

The following petition was presented

To the Mayor & Common Council of Indianapolis

The undersigned desirous of changing the location of a frame carpenter shop now occupied by them, respectfully ask your honorable body to grant them permission to locate it on Lot No 4 in Square No 57. Said Lot being within the boundaries wherein the erection of frame buildings is prohibited by ordinance

**McCord & Wheatly**

On motion of Mr Dunlap said petition was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report an ordinance in relation to the subject

To the following petition & accounts was presented

City Council

To A F Shortrige Dr  
Gas. For Cash paid to D S Beaty Treas of the Gas Light &  
Coke Co amounting to \$158.00  
April 1854

The above bill was paid for Gas posts and fixtures on the North & South Side of Washington Street between Illinois & Tennessee Street which the undersigned could not collect after the City Attorney made his decision for the payment of the funds.

A F Shortrige

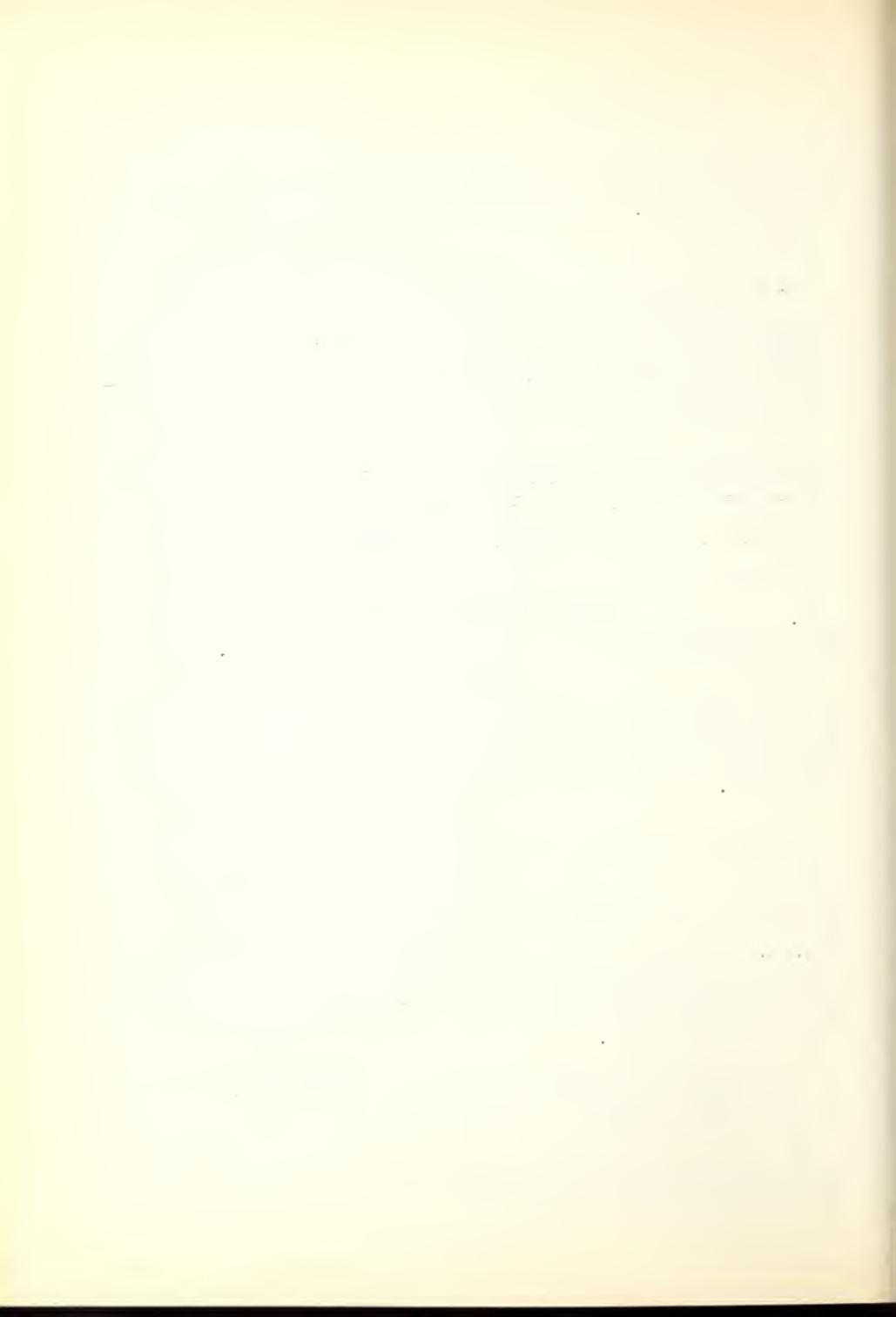
Mr Dunlap moved to lay said account on the table

Which motion did not prevail, and  
on motion of Mr Colley said account was allowed

\$23.03. On motion of Mr Nelson the Civil Engineer was instructed to make an estimate of the work done on New York between Illinois & Meridian Streets, and that the City Clerk be authorized to issue warrants for the amount due from the City, for said work.

On motion of Mr Maguire the City Attorney was instructed to bring suit against those persons who have refused to pay for gas Lamps & posts, if in his opinion the City can recover.

Mr Pitts moved That the City Engineer is hereby authorized to set grade stakes for the Side walk on the South & west Side of Lot No (1) Square (15)



Which motion prevailed

Mr Maguire moved That an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance amending "An ordinance Authorizing the Evansville, Indianapolis and Cleveland straight line Rail Road Company to construct a track through the City of Indianapolis and prescribing the terms thereof" be taken from the table

Which motion prevailed

And the question being shall the ordinance, said ordinance was not ordained by the following vote

Those who voted in the Affirmative are Messrs Avery, Dunlap, Graydon, Keeley, Maguire, & Nelson 6

In the Negative Messrs Boaz, Colley, Gowan, Jones, Pitts, Seibert & Trucksess 7

Mr Pitts offered the following resolution

Resolved That this Council now proceed to appoint two judges and one inspector for each ward, and that the Clerk cause the proper notice of the City election to be made according to the City Charter, designating the usual places of opening each poll and furnish each Inspector with a ballot box

Adopted by the following vote

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

In the Negative Messrs Avery & Colley 2

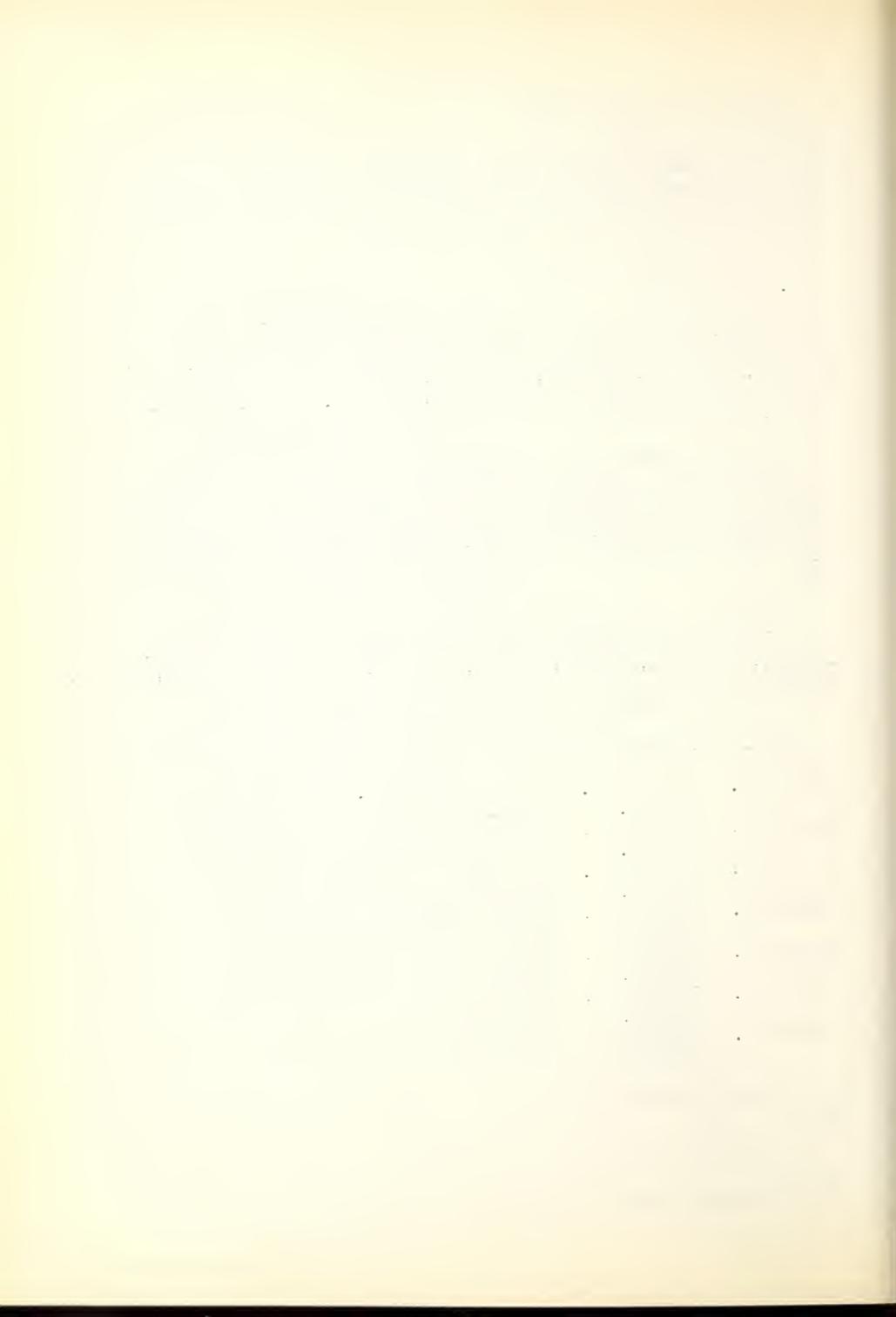
The following persons were appointed Judges & Inspectors

1st Ward.	Inspector.	Thos E Holbrook.
	Judges.	William Keeley & George McQuat
2nd Ward.	Inspector.	John Coburn
	Judges.	W H Lingenfelter & A W Jenkins
3d Ward.	Inspector.	N Hayden
	Judges.	John Charles & Archibold Lingenfelter
4th Ward.	Inspector.	Thomas McClamrock
	Judges	John Carlisle & David Kemp
5th Ward.	Inspector.	George Espy
	Judges.	Thomas Gott & John P Merkel
6th Ward.	Inspector.	J H Vagen
	Judges.	John D Defrees & Nixon Hughes
7th Ward.	Inspector	Charles Secest
	Judges	Wm Wingate & G W Buchanan

Mr Maguire moved That the Gas Ordinance be taken from the table

Mr Graydon moved That the Council adjourn

Mr Colley moved to amend by saying until Monday evening



next, which amendment was accepted, and said motion did not prevail upon a rising vote 5 members were in the Affirmative & 5 in the Negative, and the Mayor cast his vote in the Negative

Mr Maguire presented an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to repeal An Ordinance relative to lighting the City with Gas" which on motion was read a second time and laid upon the table

On motion of Mr Colley the Council adjourned until next Monday evening and the Gas ordinances were made the special order of the evening

Adjourned

Attest

James N Sweetser  
City Clerk

James McCready Mayor.