

Common Council Chamber
April 16 1855

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

On motion of Mr Gowan the vote on the Ordinance in relation Ev. Indpls & Cleveland R R Co was reconsidered

On motion of Mr Maguire Mr O H Smith addressed the Council in relation to said Ordinance

Mr Dunlap moved to lay said Ordinance on the table

Which motion did not prevail by the following vote

Those who voted in the Affirmative are Messrs Boaz,
Dunlap, Jones, Keeley, Seibert & Trucksess 6

In the Negative - Messrs Avery, Graydon, Karns, Maguire,
Nelson, Pitts & the Mayor 7

And the question being shall the Ordinance pass? the following ordinance entitled

An Ordinance

Amending "An Ordinance authorizing the Evansville Indianapolis and Cleveland Straight line Railroad Company to construct a track through the City of Indianapolis, and prescribing the terms thereof, passed July 11th 1853"

Sec 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, that the first Section of the Ordinance of which this is an amendment be and the same is hereby repealed, and in lieu of said Section, and as a part of said Ordinance,

Sec 2. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, that the Evansville Indianapolis and Cleveland Straight line Railroad Company be and they are hereby authorized to construct their said railroad within the limits of the City of Indianapolis upon the following route and width, that is to say, commencing on the Union track within one hundred feet of Meridian Street, at the South end of the Union passenger Depot, running thence South West across and upon Meridian, Depot, and South Streets and the intermediate Alleys, twenty five feet in width, to the East half of block numbered fifteen (15), the freight depot grounds of said railroad Company, thence from the South end of said Depot grounds, South eighty feet in width across and upon Merrill Street and the intermediate alleys, to the West side of the Bluff road near the Junction of Meridian and Illinois Streets, thence upon the West side of the Bluff road twenty five feet in width to the South line of the corporation of the City of Indianapolis



Sec 3. This Ordinance shall be in force so soon as the Company shall comply with the provisions of the 4th Section of the Ordinance to which this is an amendment

Was ordained by the following vote

Those who voted in the Affirmative are Messrs Avery, Graydon, Karns, Keeley, Maguire, Nelson & Trucksess 7

In the Negative, Messrs Boaz, Dunlap, Jones, Pitts & Seibert 5

The Civil Engineer reported that the petition for grading Market between New Jersey & East Street, does not contain two thirds of the number of feet on said Square

The Civil Engineer reported a plan and specification for an addition to the Western Liberty Engine House

Mr Wilson proposed to build said addition for \$134

W H Karns proposed to build said addition for \$130

On motion of Mr Pitts said contract was awarded to Wm H Karns

The following reports were received

The undersigned respectfully report to the Council, that there are seven cisterns under contract to Syllanus Scofield, four of which have been built, and three remain undone. One of the Cisterns built is at the corner of Market and Pennsylvania Street - one at the State Branch Bank - one at the corner of New Jersey Street - and one at the corner of Alabama & Merrill Street. The Contract & Bond of Syllanus Scofield are herewith submitted

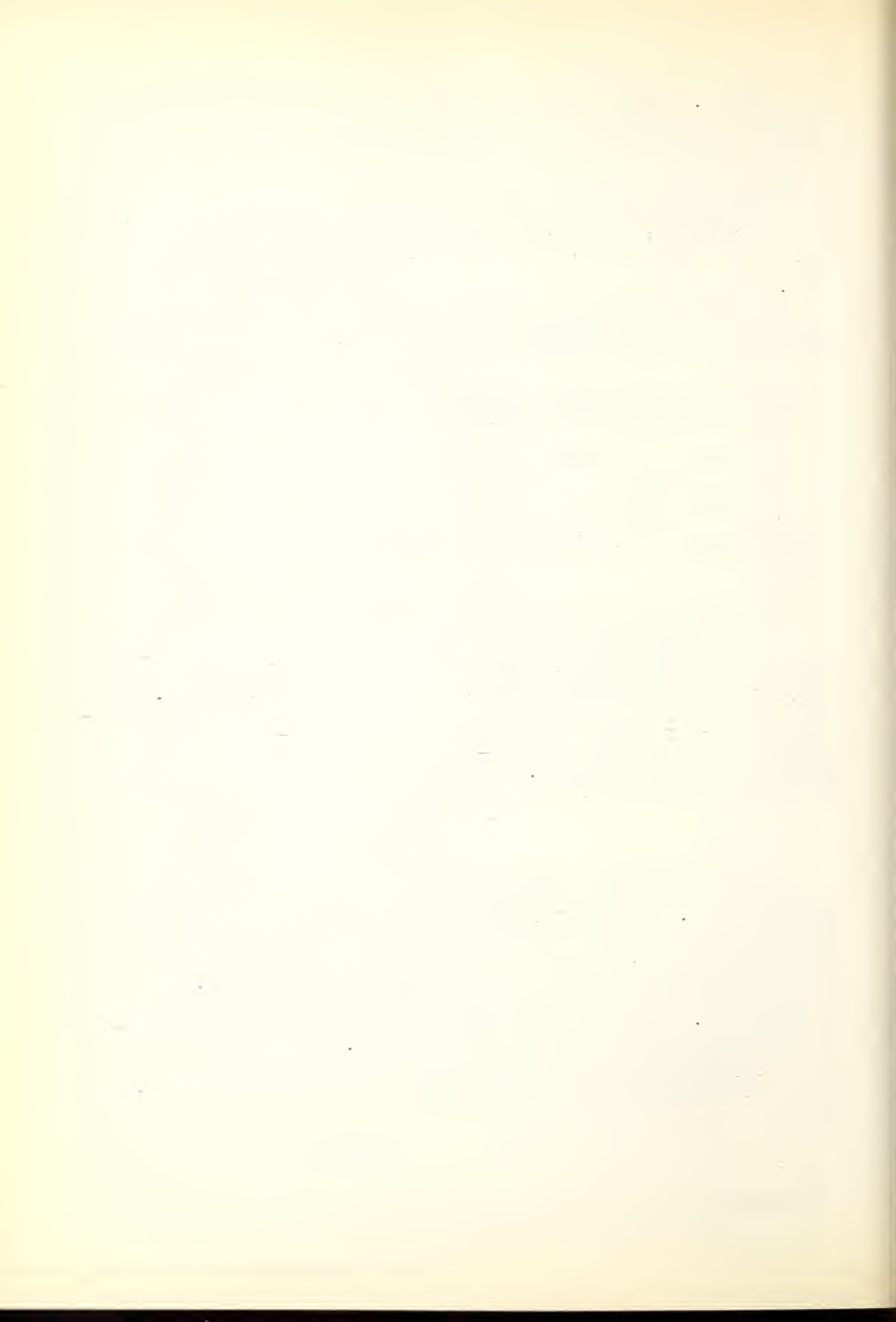
James Wood
Civil Engineer

To the President & Members of the City Council

The following is the condition of the Cisterns at the present time. The Cisterns are all in good order excepting the one at the corner of Merrill & Alabama Street which is six feet too low, and the one at the corner of Ohio and Meridian Streets as you will find in my last report. I found some of the pumps out of order which I have ordered to be repaired. I have ordered the castings for the three remaining cisterns that is under contract. The new hose that was ordered by the City has been received and tried by the different Companies and found good and in good order now. The Fire Companies are in a healthy condition and in good order

J B Fidler
Chief Engineer

On motion of Mr Pitts Mr Scofields contract was referred to



the City Attorney, the Civil Engineer & the Committee on Cisterns

Mr Maguire presented the following Ordinance

An Ordinance to repeal An Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to prevent the running at large of dogs" ordained March 26, 1855

Sec 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis. That the Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to prevent the running at large of dogs," ordained March 26 1855, be and the same is hereby repealed

Sec 2. This Ordinance to take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Mr Dunlap moved That the three-fourth rule be suspended

Which motion did not prevail by the following vote

Those who voted in the Affirmative are Messrs Avery, Dunlap, Graydon, Keeley, Maguire, Nelson & Trucksess 7
In the Negative, Messrs Boaz, Jones, Karns & Pitts 4

Mr Pitts moved That S E Perkins be allowed to take off and use a few inches of soil from the side walk in front of his lot on New York Street and replace the same by gravel all at his own expense

Which motion prevailed

The following accounts were presented and allowed

Gas Light & Coke Co	Furnishing gas to Street	
	Lamps & c	\$110.77
Elder & Harkness	Printing	37.50
Indianapolis Coal Co	Coal for Mayors office	7.00
James Kirilin	Goods & c Small pox case	2.16
Geo W Pitts	Gravel	4.00
James Wood	Rent of office	40.00
James Wood	Fuel "	10.00
James Wood	Stationary "	10.00
Richard Weeks	Labor	14.50
Wm Keeley	Pavement in front of Invincible Eng house	24.90
Jacob Bisbing	Removing nuisance	2.00
F A Morris	" "	9.50
A J Winchell	" "	1.00
A J Winchell	Killing dogs	3.00
James Willis	" "	4.50
Jacob Bisbing	" "	3 00
Jacob Bisbing & G Anderson	" "	2.50
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On motion of Mr Graydon the account of Mr Minick for furniture destroyed on account of Small pox, was laid on the table

The accounts certified by the Street Commissioner were referred to the Committee on claims

\$24 pd On motion of Mr Pitts the Clerk was authorized to issue a warrant to Mr Seibert for services as Councilman to date

\$62.75 On motion of Mr Nelson, the Civil Engineer was instructed to make an estimate of the work done at South Market House by Mr Vaile and the City Clerk was directed to issue warrants according to contract

On motion of Mr Maguire the City Clerk was directed to issue warrants to Mr Harbison for gravelling the East Market Square according to contract

Mr Karns moved That G M Gilmore be permitted to put a pump in one of the public wells under the direction of the Chief Fire Engineer

Which motion prevailed

\$50 pd Mr Jones moved That the City Clerk be authorized to draw an order for \$50 in favor of John G Waters to be applied on his Salary as City Assessor

Which motion prevailed

Mr Avery offered the following resolution

Resolved That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed, with the assistance of the City Engineer, to make out a statement of the number and position of the Gas Lamp posts and lanterns in the City of Indianapolis; which have not been paid for by the property owners as required by the various ordinances on the subject of Gas; and the said City Treasurer is thereupon directed to notify the Gas Company that the City will not pay for the Gas for said lamp posts and lanterns, nor for lighting or extinguishing the same

Adopted by the following Vote

Those who voted in the Affirmative are Messrs Avery, Boaz, Dunlap, Graydon, Karns, Keeley, Nelson Pitts & Trucksess 9

In the Negative, Mr Jones

On motion, the resignation of Mr Robinson as Watchmen for the 1st Ward was received, and the Council proceeded to an election to fill said vacancy

Nathaniel Greer was elected a Watchman for the 1st Ward



A petition was presented from Mr Shortrige City Treasurer asking the Council to allow him five per centum on the amount of revenue collected and disbursed by him

Mr Pitts moved That said sum of five per centum be allowed
A F Shortrige

Which motion prevailed

On motion of Mr Maguire the Committee on Finance was instructed to settle with the City Treasurer

\$69.92 The Civil Engineer was instructed to make an estimate of the work done around the East Market House, and the Clerk directed to issue warrants on presentation of said estimate

Adjourned

Attest

James N Sweetser
City Clerk

James McCreedy Mayor.