

Common Council Chamber
May 21st 1855

The Council met at 2 O'clock P.M.. Present all the Councilmen and the Mayor.

Street Commissioners Report received and allowed
Indianapolis May 21st 1855

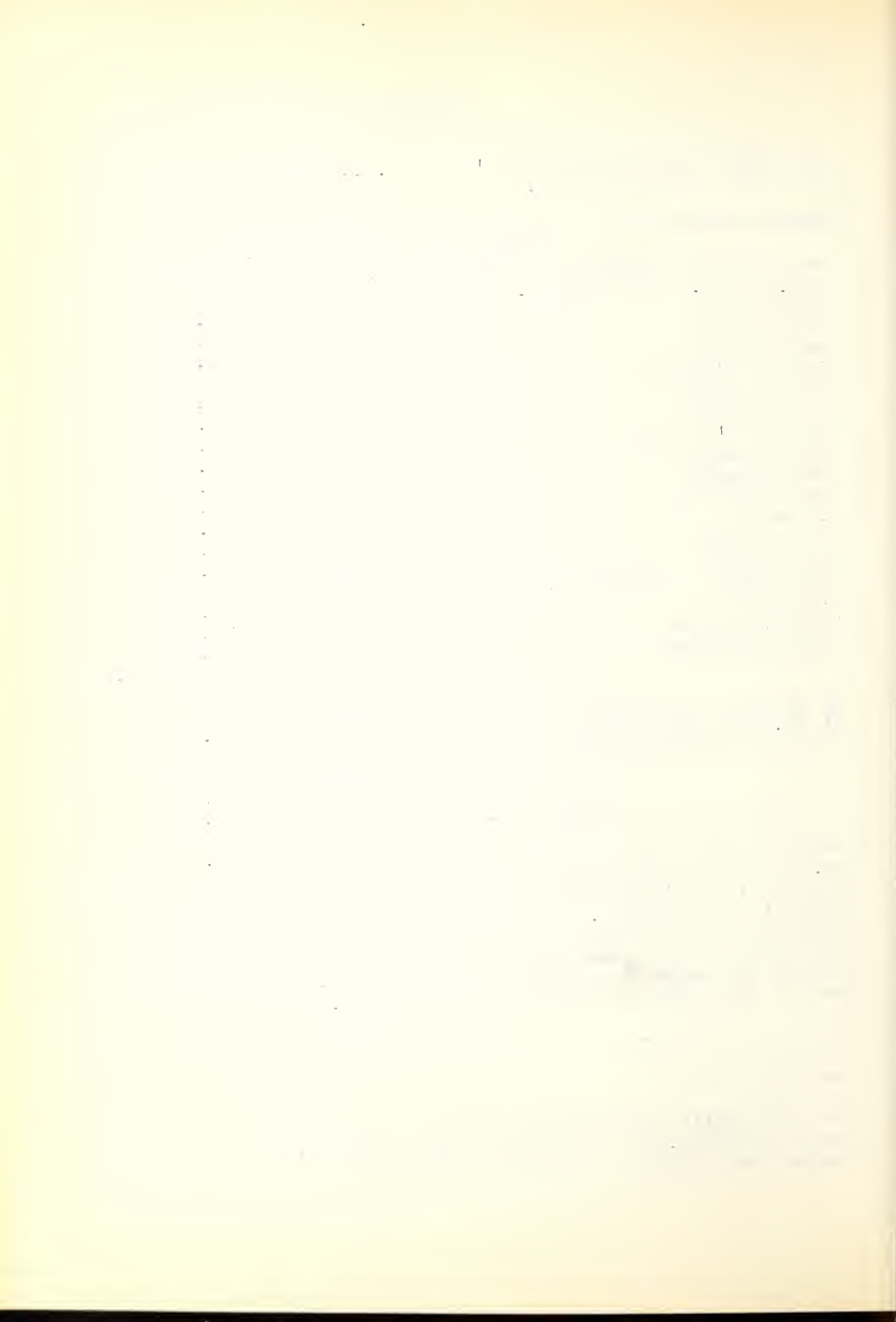
For cleaning & ditching in the second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth wards. days work \$1.25 per day

Philip Socks	worked 4 1/4 days	\$ 5.31
Christ Colman	4 1/4 "	5.31
Henry Stump	2 3/4 "	3.43
Michael O'Conner	4 1/4 "	5.31
Patrick Marty	5 1/4 "	6.56
Timothy Hayle	5 1/4 "	6.56
Patrick O'Herron	4 1/4 "	5.31
John Kelley	3 "	3.75
Thomas Spalin	2 1/2 "	3.12
Fred Brinkmire	2 3/4 "	3.43
H.Slavin	4 3/4 "	5.93
Thomas Kean	3 3/4 "	4.68
Tim Murphy	3 3/4 "	4.68
With horses & waggon	\$2.50 per day	
H.Slavin	4 3/4 "	11.37
Anthony Lowman	3 3/4 "	9.31
Jacob Anderson	2 3/4 "	6.87
		<u>91.43</u>

To Edwards & Copeland	575 feet of lumber	
At \$1.20 per hundred		\$ 7.15
To Walker & Vandegrift	226 feet of lumber for curbing in front of Invincible Engine House &	3.75
600 feet of Oak joice for bridge		8.40

Their is 35 dollars charged to the owners of Lot No.6 in square No.52 for grading in front of the same at the corner of Washington and Mississippi Streets, under a petition presented to a former Council and granted. I would recommend to your consideration the filling of the Old wells, One on Illinois Street in front of Griffiths. One on the corner of Pennsylvania and Ohio streets, One on Washington street near East street. and one on Indiana Avenue they are all useless and dangerous.

The side walks on Washington Street are in a bad condition and need repairing. The alleys all need cleaning. the City has no lumber for bridges. Washington Street between Pennsylvania &



Delaware streets needs attention on account of the water after a rain becoming stagnant.

B. Fittler
Commissioner of Street

The following accounts were presented and allowed

To I Davis & Co

For 9 tubes & sides and 2 cistern lids and sides 4082 lbs				
		@ 5%	\$204.10	
" 32 rings and stapels at 5%			16.00	
			\$220.10	
" D.C. Minick for one case of small Pox last February			25.00	
" Button & Fisher for painting the Invincible F. Engine House			22.00	
" Charles Fisher in a case of City vs James H. McKernan, Justice cost			2.57	
" Caleb Bently " " City vs James H. McKernan, Constable cost			1.29	
" James Wood " " City vs James H. McKernan, Witness cost			.50	
" D.B. Culley " " City vs James H. McKernan, Witness cost			.50	
" A.F. Shortridge " " " " " "			.50	
" George Pitts " " " " " "			.50	5.8

Mr. Hugheys & Mr. John S. Watts accounts were presented and referred to the Committee on Accounts, Account of Dr. F. S. Newcomer for medical attendance on Oliver Willis by motion was laid on the table

Mr. Good presented a petition from the property holders on Washington street between Pennsylvania and Delaware streets to have the gutters opened the same as the others squares on Washington Street Referred to the City Engineers.

Mr. Dunlap presented a petition from the citizens of Indianapolis asking for the appropriation of \$2000, from the City Treasury to aid in the completion of the building designed for the Orphans Asylum of Indianapolis. Referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Graydon presented a petition from the citizens of the seventh ward asking for a cistern in there ward, which was refered to the Committie on Cisterns.

Mr. Dunlap presented an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to amend the 17th section of "an Ordinance for the regulation and government of the City of Indianapolis," passed May 30th 1848, after being read the 1st & 2d time was laid on the table for the third reading.



Mr. Jones moved that the Clerk be ordered to issue warrants to the Inspectors, Judges and Clerks of the Election, which prevailed.

Mr. Amzi B. Condit City Engineer presented his Bond which was read and accepted.

Mr. J. T. Williams presented his certificate of election to the office of Weigh Master with the oath of Office thereon, and filed his bond which was read and accepted.

Mr. Richard Weeks presented his certificate of election to the office of Clerk of the East and West Market Houses with the oath of Office thereon, and filed his bond, which was read and accepted.

Mr. Beck offered the following

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to open the gutters on each side of Virginia Avenue and repair the Street so that the water will pass off into Pogue's Run.

Adopted by the following vote

Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs Boaz, Beck, Delzell, Dunlap, Douglass, Fuqua, Graydon, Good, Horne, Jones, Keeley, Mansur, Reed and Sulgrove.

In the Negative, None

Mr. Good offered the following,
Resolved

That the Judiciary Committee be instructed to draft an ordinance to prevent the cars and Locomotives of the different Rail Roads from obstructing Streets and side walks, also to prevent interfering with funeral processions,
Adopted by the following vote.

Those who voted in the Affirmative are Boaz, Beck, Delzell, Dunlap, Douglass, Fuqua, Graydon, Good, Horne, Jones, Keeley, Mansur, Reed & Sulgrove.

In the Negative, None

Mr. Delzell offered the following
Resolved.

That the City Surveyor be directed to make an estimate of the cost of crossings on Washington Street, to be made of the best flag Stone & the number necessary for said street, Adopted by the following vote. Those in the affirmative are Messrs Boaz, Beck, Delzell, Dunlap, Douglass, Fuqua, Graydon, Goode, Horn, Jones, Keeley, Mansur, Reed & Sulgrove. In the Negatives, None.



Mr.Horn offered the following

Resolved

That the City Engineer be directed to make an estimate of the cost of Constructing pavements on all of the principal crossings on Washington Street in the following manner viz. Two rows of Flag stone each 18 inches wide and 8 inches thick, laid 12 inches apart, and filled between with boulders, including in said estimate the cost of cast Iron Bridges over the gutter on said crossings,

Adopted by the following vote.

Those who voted in the affirmative are Boze,Beck,Delzell,Dunlap,Douglass,Fuqua,Graydon,Good,Horne,Jones,Keeley,Mansur,Reed and Sulgrove.

In the Negative None

Mr.Fuqua offered the following

Resolved

That the City Clerk be instructed to make application to the Court of Common Pleas of Marion County for the appointment of Trustees to asses damages on property by the opening of Streets and alleys.

Adopted by the following vote.

Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs Boaz,Beck,Delzell,Dunlap,Douglass,Fuqua,Graydon,Good,Horne,Jones,Keeley,Mansur,Reed & Sulgrove.

In the Negative None

Mr.Delzell offered the following

Resolved

That the Committee on the Fire Department be directed to have the roof of the Invincible Fire Companys House repaired.

Adopted by the following vote

Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs Boaz,Delzell,Dunlap,Douglass,Fuqua,Graydon,Horne,Jones,Keely,Mansur,Reed and Sulgrove.

In the Negative None

Mr.Dunlap offered the following

Resolved

That a Committee be appoint with the Engineer to locate the cistern at or near the Union Depot. Committee Messrs Dunlap, Jones & Delzell

Adopted by the following vote

Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs Boaz,Beck,Delzell,Dunlap,Douglass,Fuqua,Graydon,Good,Horn,Jones,Keely,Mansur,Reed & Sulgrove. In the Negative None.

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Mr.Boaz offered the following

Resolved

That the Civil Engineer be directed to set grade stakes



on Delaware Street from South Street to the Crossing of the Madison State Road

Adopted by the following vote

Those who voted in the affirmative are Boaz, Beck, Dunlap, Delzell, Douglass, Fuqua, Graydon, Good, Horn, Jones, Keeley, Mansur, Reed & Sulgrove.

In the Negative None

Mr. Graydon offered the following

Resolved,

That owing to the increase of the police force by the establishment of the night watch it is inexpedient to continue the office of Deputy Marshale, and that the Marshall be required to make no appointments to that office unless otherwise ordered by the Council.

Which was not Adopted by the following vote.

Those who voted in the affirmative Messrs Douglass, Fuqua, & Graydon
In the Negative Boaz, Beck, Delzell, Dunlap, Good, Horne, Jones, Keeley, Mansur, Reed & Sulgrove.

Mr. Jones offered the following

Resolved

That the Civil Engineer be instructed to make an estimate of the cost of a gutter on the West side of Illinois Street, from the North side of Washington Street to Pogues Run on South Street to be built of good hard brick and arched over, the bottom to be paved with brick or flag stone, also the proper grade to prevent rubbish from getting in the gutter.

Which was adopted by the following vote

Those who voted in the Affermative are Messrs Boaz, Beck, Delzell, Dunlap, Douglass, Fuqua, Graydoq, Good, Horn, Jones, Keeley, Mansur, Reed & Sulgrove.

In the Negative - None.

Mr. Good offered the following.

Resolved, That the sexton of the Graveyard be required to keep a register of all interments made within said grave yard, giving the name of the person so buried, age, place of birth and de-sease causing death.

Which was adopted by the following vote

Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs Boaz, Beck, Delzell, Douglass, Dunlap, Fuqua, Graydon, Good, Horn, Jones, Keeley, Mansur, Reed & Sulgrove.

In the Negative None

Mr. Sulgrove offered the following

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Common Schools be requested to report to the Common Council at their next meeting a full state-



ment of the conditions of the schools, and the amount to each teacher employed by them & as the ordinance requires on the subject.

Adopted by the following vote

Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs, Boaz, Beck, Dellzell, Dunlap, Douglass, Fuqua, Graydon, Good, Horne, Jones, Keeley, Mansur, Reed & Sulgrove

Those in the Negative None

The following petitions were received

To the Common Council of Indianapolis,
Gentlemen.

I herewith recommend to your Honorable Body to confirm on all the night watch and capten the powers of a Deputy Marshall to arrest all persons who may violate any of the laws of the State or City, and to exercise such power at their own pleasure during the day time, and ask your Honorable Body to confirm.
Indianapolis May 21st 1855. George W. Pitts Marshall

To the Common Council of Indianapolis
Gentlemen

I herewith recommend Robert Jemison as a suitable person for Deputy Marshall and ask your Honorable body to confirm as such Deputy.
May 21st 1855 . George W. Pitts, Marshall

On motion the foregoing petitions were granted and Robert Jemison appointment confirmed.

The following report was received.

We the undersigned Committee appointed by the City Council to examin and settle with the Treasurer of the City A.F. Shortridge have had the same under consideration and report that they found all correct and report the following accounts

Dr		
Cash on hand School fund	\$	6576.92
do General "		<u>1789.23</u>
		\$8366.15

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City orders		\$1070.87
Amt on hand		10.67
Fire receipts redeemed		16.11
Gas Funds redeemed (D.V. Culley)		31.73
" " " (E.S. Alvord)		24.06
Thomas W. Smith (school) Note		66.99
T. Deckman note		60.00
S. Petty "		15.66
Harvey Bates "		108.53
Check to the Bank of the Capital		871.37
Check on S.A. Fletcher		<u>6091.25</u>
		\$8366.15



All of which is respectfully

W.H.Jones
William Mansur
B.S.Goode

Indianapolis May 11th 1855

Received of W.H.Jones, W.Mansur and B.S.Goode Committee of the City Council

One Note of hand drawn by T.M. & W Smith	\$66.90	
Interest on the same	14.35	
One note drawn by Silas Petty	15.66	
Interest on same	2.85	
One Note on Theadore Dickman	60.00	
Interest on same	17.36	
One Note on Harvey Bates	108.53	
Check on Bank of the Capital	871.37	
" " S.A.Fletcher	6091.25	
Amount of Orders	1081.54	
" " Firemen Certificate redeemed	16.11	
Gass funds refunded D.V.Cully	30.73	
" " " E.S.Alvord	24.06	\$8393.81

Henry Vandegrift

On motion said report was concurred in.

The following report was received

To the Common Council

The Committee to whom was refered the selection of a room for the use of the Council and Mayors office, beg leave to report. That a room suitable has been selected by the committee in the Odd Fellows Hall at the rate of \$250 per Annum; and an other room can be had for the use of the Clerk & Treasurer at \$100 per Annum, which we recommend also, both of the rooms are on the second floor well ventilated and in every way superior to those now occupied. The said rooms will be fitted up for use by the 1st of July. We respectfully ask the concurrence of the Council. L.Dunlap, H.J.Horn, Alex Graydon, Jr.

On motion said report was concurred in.

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The following report was received

The undersigned to whom was referred the Treasurer's report respectfully report that they have examined the same and found it correct.

On motion said report was concurred in. James McCreedy Mayor
Alfred Stephens Clerk

On motion of Mr.Keeley the Street Commissioner be instructed to fill a well on Washington street between New Jersey and East Streets which motion prevailed.



Mr. Jones moved that the City Engineer be instructed to take bids for a cistern on the corner of Maryland and Mississippi Streets. Prevailed

Mr. Boaz moved that the Judiciary Committee be instructed to draft an ordinance in relation to the South Market House, Prevailed.

Mr. Delzell moved that the Council receive the lamp in front of T.M. Smith and direct the same to be lit. Motion prevailed.

Mr. Douglass moved that the Street Commissioner be directed to fill up three wells on the North West diagonal. Which motion did not prevail

Mr. Beck moved that the wells be filled by the property holders Which motion prevailed

On Motion the Council Adjourned

Attest

Alfred Stephens
City Clerk

James McCurdy Mayor
