

Common Council Chamber  
Indianapolis March 28th. 1853

Council met. Present Caleb Scudder, Mayor, & Louden, Delzell, Culley, Buchanan, Fitler, Greer & Pitts, Councilmen.

The following petition was read:

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:  
Gentlemen: The undersigned would respectfully request of the City Council permission to remove from the sidewalks surrounding the premises of the State Institute for the Blind and place upon the said premises so much of the top soil as he may choose upon condition that he will substitute for the same an equal quantity of other dirt from the premises aforesaid; also that you will at the earliest practicable date direct him where to place the dirt to be substituted as above, together with all other dirt to be removed in grading said sidewalk.  
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Wm. H. Churchman  
Supt. I. I. for the B."

Mr. Louden offered for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved That Mr. Churchman be permitted to remove the soil from the sidewalks according to the prayer of his petition provided he deposit the same amt of dirt upon the street or crossings of streets under the direction of the Councilman of the 2d Ward."

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Louden, Delzell, Culley, Buchanan & Pitts	5
Noes: Messrs Fitler & Greer	2

Mr. Greer offered the following resolution:

"Resolved That the Marshal notify the property holders on Merrill and McCarty Streets to open the same immediately and if they fail he proceed to open the same within **thirty** days."

On Motion referred to a committee of three, with instructions to report at next meeting whether it be expedient or not.

Mr. Buchanan, Greer, & Fitler were appointed as said committee.

Mr. Pitts offered the following resolution:

Whereas, This Council heretofore ordered the alley between Mr. E. Croas & H. Johnson to be opened, and the Street Commissioner having notified Mr. Croas to the fact and he Mr. C refusing to open the same, Therefore be it

Ordered, That the City Marshal and the Commissioner of Streets be directed to cause the same to be opened immediately.

Adopted by the following vote

Ayes: Messrs Louden, Delzell, Buchanan, Fitler, Greer, Pitts & Culley	7
Noes. O.	



Mr. Greer presented a petition signed by ten persons requesting the City Council to extend the limits of the city over the donation lands lying west of White River, known as West Indianapolis.

On Motion by Mr. Louden  
Laid on the table for the present.

Mr. Delzell offered for adoption the following resolution;

"Resolved, That the committee on the Fire Department be authorized to expend fifty dollars in addition to the former appropriation for building hose carriage for the use of the Invincible Fire Company No. 2." Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Messrs Louden, Delzell, Buchanan, Fidler, Greer & Culley 6  
Noes: - Mr. Pitts 1

Daniel Keely's acct for 35 yards of dirt placed on Kentucky Avenue in 1850 at 10 cts. per yard amt to \$3.50  
was on motion referred to a select committee consisting of Delzell, Fidler & Greer.

Allowed David Richhart, hauling gravel in 4th ward	7.00
" James Donovan Posting bills	2.85
" L. Comegys for alteration in bridge on Kentuckey ave.	6.05

Mr. Fidler moved that the resolution heretofore offered by him be taken from the table, the resolution reads as follows:

"Resolved, That the Marshal notify I. S. Dunlop not to build the privies that is contemplated to be built by him in the vaults that he is now digging on Meridian Street in front of lot No. ."

The resolution was taken from the table.

Mr. Pitts moved that it be indefinitely postponed.  
Which Motion failed by the following vote:

Ayes: Messrs Louden, Culley & Pitts 3  
Noes: Messrs Delzell, Buchanan, Fidler & Greer 4

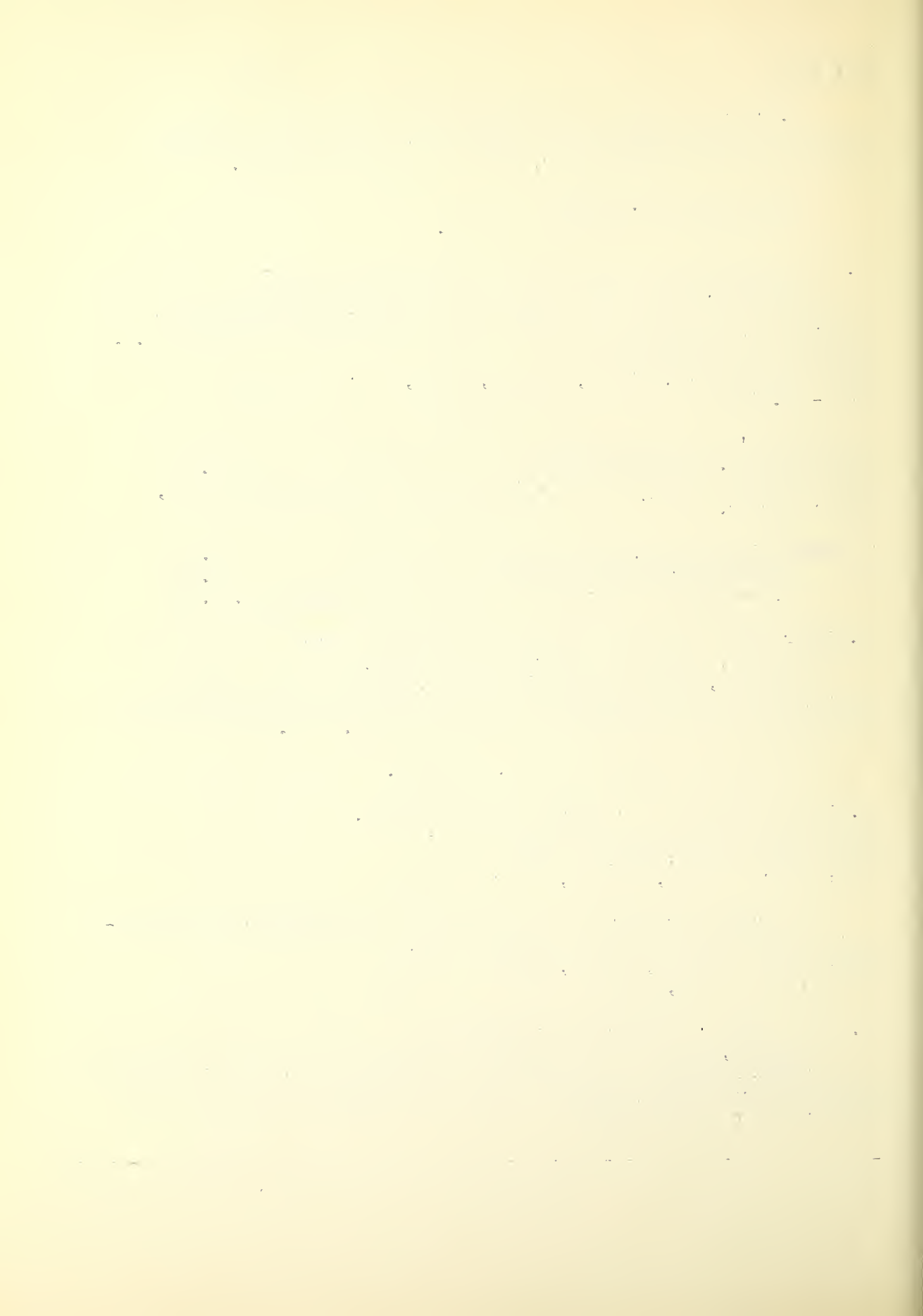
The question recurring upon the adoption or rejection of the resolution it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Messrs Buchanan, Delzell, Fidler & Greer 4  
Noes: Messrs Louden, Culley & Pitts 3

Mr. Pitts offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That \$200 be appropriated in addition to the sum heretofore appropriated for the purchase of a hose carriage for the use of the Western Liberties Fire Company: Provided: that the sum asked in addition to the sum heretofore appropriated

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be found necessary to procure a hose carriage suitable & proper for said Company.

Adopted by following vote:

Ayes: Messrs Delzell, Culley, Buchanan, Greer & Pitts 5  
 Noes: Messrs Louden & Fidler 2

The following petition was presented: (See page 3. Book of Petitions)  
 To the Common Council of Indianapolis

The undersigned owning the major number of feet along Meridian Street between Circle Street and the donation line running north petition your honorable body to order said Meridian Streets, between the limits named, graded and graveled, and the sidewalks graded and graveled on either side of Meridian Street.

Signed by John Dunlop & about 40 others amounting to 5121 feet.

On Motion the prayer of the petitioner was granted, and it was

"Ordered, That the City Engineer give the grade stakes for sidewalks, gutters & street, for said improvement, and furnish the City Clerk with the estimate of the cost of the work."

Mr. Fidler from a committee on that subject reported an ordinance entitled "an ordinance to amend an ordinance entitled an ordinance fixing the width of Sidewalks."

On Motion by Mr. Culley the ordinance was referred to a Select Committee with instructions to "provide for sidewalks on streets less than 90 feet wide, and to allow the extension of sidewalks where the same have already been paved under a former ordinance."

Messrs Culley, Fidler & Greer were appointed said committee.

Mr. S. Comegys petitioned the Council to advance him \$129.24 upon his contract for the building of a bridge across Pogues Run on Alabama.

Referred to Committee on Streets, alleys, bridges etc. to report at next meeting.

On Motion

The filling of the property lying on either side of Washington street near the canal heretofore ordered to be filled up to remove stagnant water was directed to be let to the lowest responsible bidder.

Caleb Scudder Mayor

On Motion the Council adjourned.

Attest: Daniel B. Culley  
 City Clerk

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