

Mr. Greer offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Hook & Ladder Company be authorized to construct a house suitable for the new wagons and present their their bill to this Council for the same."

On Motion

Referred to a Select Committee consisting of Messrs. Greer, Culley & Buchanan.

Wm. Sheets appeared and orally petitioned the Council to affix a license tax upon the Masonic Hall to cover all exhibitions to be holden in said Hall for the space of one year.

On Motion referred to a Select Committee consisting of Messrs. Culley, Pitts & Louden.

On Motion adjourned to meet again on Wednesday the 13th inst.

Caleb Scudder, Mayor
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City Clerk

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Common Council Chamber
Wednesday April 13th '53.

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

Allowed David Richart	hauling gravel 3d Ward	\$ 5.50
" Daniel Keely	laying pavement E. M. House	4.50
" A. F. Shortridge,	amt. paid as County & State tax for City	25.25

Mr. Delzell, Chairman of a Select Committee on that subject reported as follows:

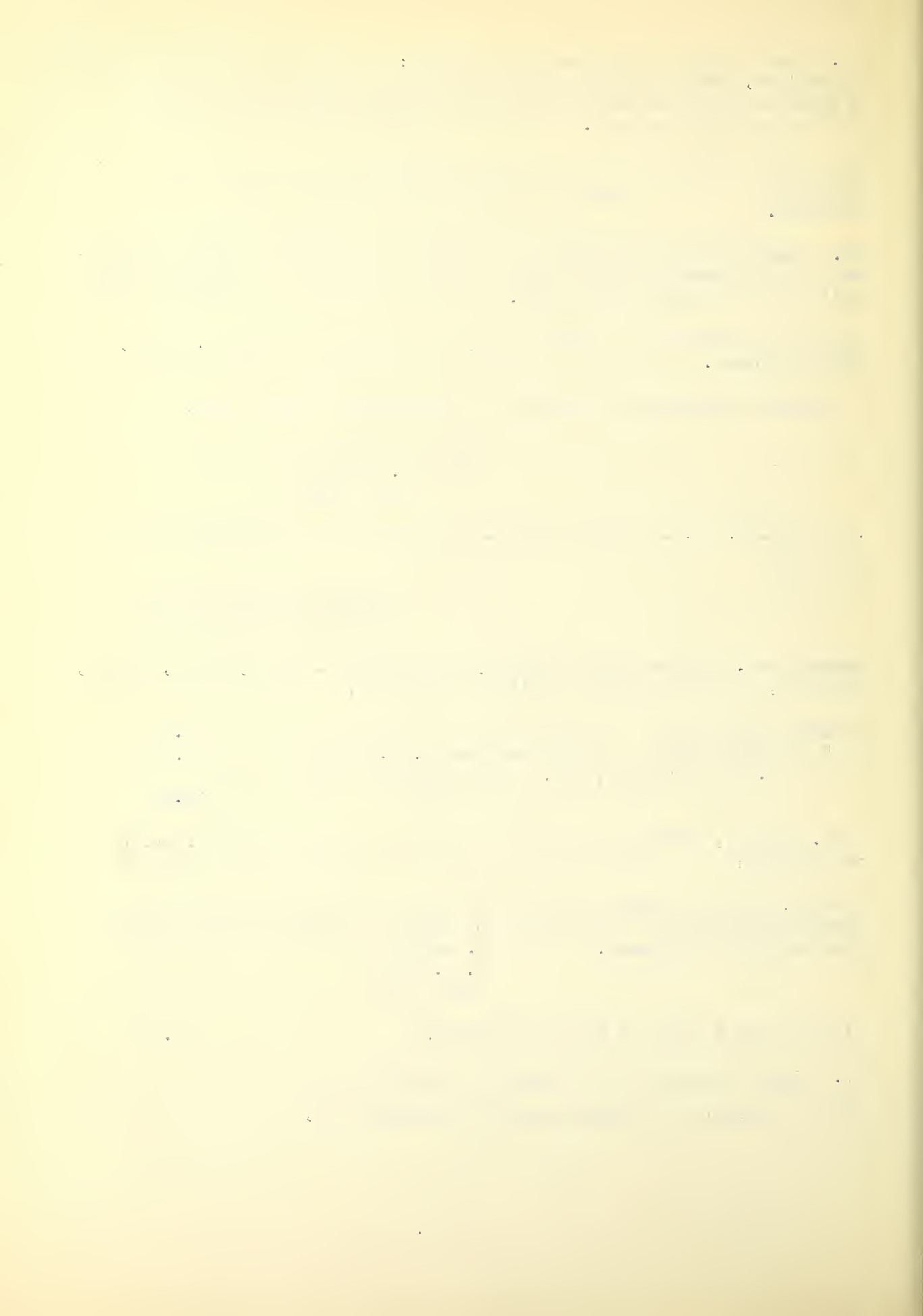
The Committee to whom the account of Daniel Keely for gravel placed on Kentucky Avenue would report that the account is correct and recommend that the bill be allowed.

S. Delzell
J. B. Fitler
John Greer

Allowed Daniel Keely as above recommended	3.50
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Mr. Delzell presented the following petition:

To the Honorable the Common Council of Indianapolis,



Your petitioners owners of property fronting on New York Street between Alabama Street & New Jersey Street respectfully request you to cause said street to be properly graded in such manner as to prevent pools of stagnant water from accumulating as at present & they will ever pray, etc.

John Hamilton 195 ft.
 Eliza Richmond 65 "
 Thos. E. Holbrooks 195 "

On Motion the prayer of the petition was granted and it was Ordered, That the City Engineer set grade stakes for said streets within the limits named & furnish the City Clerk with an estimate therefor.

Mr. Greer presented the following petition:

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

The undersigned owners of property on the South side of Washington street between Tennessee Street and the canal petition your honorable body to cause the South Side of Washington street, and sidewalks between the above named limits graded & graveled with river gravel or screened pit gravel.

W. Newland, Treasurer of State Lot 1 Sq. 68	67 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet	
Isaac Blackford	135 "	
Jas. N. Russell Lot 4 Sq. 69	67 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	
McCarty & Fletcher	22 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	
L & U. M. R. R. Co. Lot No. 1 Sq. 69, Lot 6 Sq. 69	135 "	
J. Nicolai Lot No. 2 Sq. 68	67 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	490

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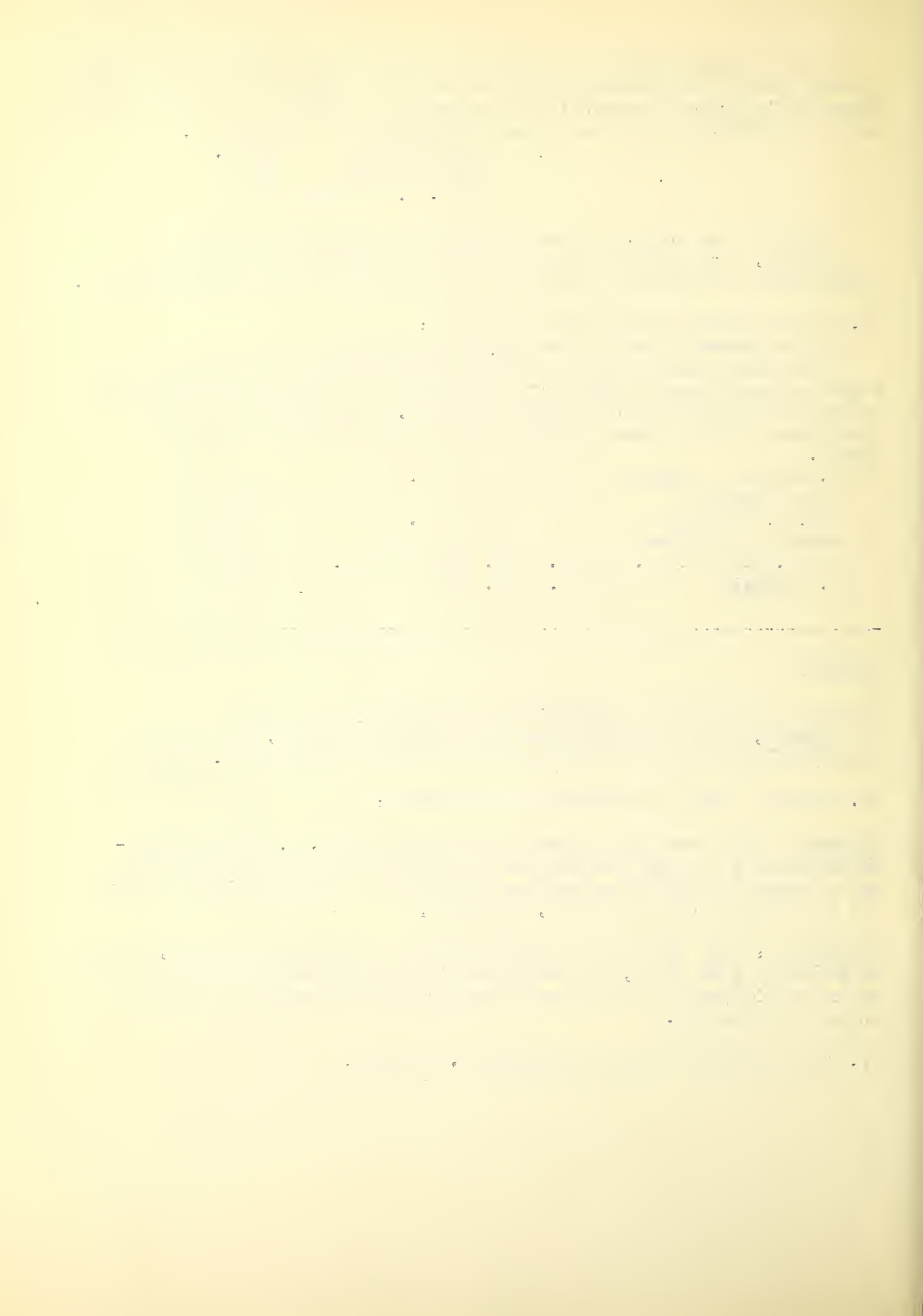
On Motion the prayer of the petition was granted, and it was Ordered, That the City Engineer set the grade stakes, and furnish the City Clerk with the estimated expense of such improvement.

Mr. Delzell offered the following for adoption:

Whereas, It has been represented to the body that Wm. F. Wells has sustained damages and incurred expense by reason of the gravel excavation on the corner of New Jersey and New York Street being compelled to remove his shop in consequence thereof, Therefore,

Resolved that the claim be referred to three disinterested persons, one to be chosen by each party, and these to select a third who shall examine and report on the justice of the amt of said claim for damages and expense at the next meeting.

Mr. Pitts moved to lay it on the table. Carried.



Mr. Culley offered the following for adoption:

Resolved That the City Engineer examine the condition of the grade of New Jersey Street at the crossing of New York Street & report at the next meeting of the Common Council.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Messrs Louden, Delzell, Buchanan, Fidler, Greer and Pitts.

Allowed Hugh Slaven for filling 88 cubic yds of earth in sidewalk in front of lot No. 8 Square 52. at 22¢ per yd. \$19.36

Mr. Delzell offered the following for adoption:

Resolved That the City Treasurer be directed to report at the next regular meeting the amt of Road Tax collected from each Ward in this city.

Mr. Greer moved to lay it on the table. Carried.

The following petition was received from the City Treasurer:

To the Common Council. The petitioner would respectfully ask your honorable body to release him from a deficiency which accrued in his annual report of last Spring and which was subsequently reported to your honorable body by the Chairman of the Committee appointed for the purpose of making a settlement with the petitioner. The Committee say in their report it is not known whether the deficiency accrued from not returning delinquencies or losses by the late fire. Since that time your petitioner has become satisfied (after a careful examination of his books and accounts) that the loss was in consequence of said fire. Two or three days preceeding the fire the petitioner collected between Six and Seven

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hundred dollars. The cash part of the same was regularly deposited in Bank, and the orders & Street Script were carefully laid away in his desk except some small orders which were kept out for the purpose of making change. The day preceeding the fire all that was collected was destroyed amounting to between Sixty & Seventy dollars.

The above are the facts in the case.

Respectfully submitted by your petitioner, A.F. Shortridge, City Tr.

On Motion:

Allowed A.F. Shortridge	from the General Fund	the sum of	\$	66.18
"	"	"	"	School " " " " 56.69
"	"	"	"	Fire Tax " " " " 29.27
"	"	"	"	Town Clock " " " " 13.97
				\$165.11

Mr. Louden offered the following:

"Resolved That in the opinion of the Council a City Attorney is needed to attend to the business of the city and that one should be elected at the coming election."

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Messrs Louden, Delzell, Culley, Buchanan, Greer, & Pitts

Noes: Mr. Fidler

On Motion adjourned to meet on Monday evening next at 7½ o'clock P.M.
Caleb Scudder, Mayor
Daniel B. Culley,
City Clerk.
