

Proceedings of the City Council

Council Chamber
Indianapolis, May 3rd 1847.

The councilmen elected pursuant to the provisions of the Charter granted by the late General Assembly of the State of Indiana to the city of Indianapolis, on Monday May 3rd, 1847, appeared, presented their certificates of election, with the proper oaths of Office, endorsed thereon, and took their seats, viz.

From the 1st Ward	Uriah Gates	Councilman
" " 2nd "	Henry Tutewiler	"
" " 3rd "	Cornelius King	"
" " 4th "	Samuel S. Rooker	"
" " 5th "	Chas. W. Cady	"
" " 6th "	Abram W. Harrison	"
" " 7th "	William L. Wingate	"

And Organised by the election on the twelfth ballot of Samuel S. Rooker as President, and the election on the first ballot of James G. Jordan as Secretary.

On Motion; The Council proceeded to the election of Officers of the incorporation to serve as such for the term of One year, and until their successors are elected & qualified.

Whereupon,

Nathan Lister was on the twelfth ballot duly elected Treasurer & Collector.

William Campbell, was on the first ballot duly elected Marshall.

Andrew M. Carnahan, was on the first ballot duly City Attorney.

Joshua Black, was on the second ballot duly elected Assessor.

Jacob B. Fidler, was on the first ballot, duly elected Commissioner of Streets.

John Patton, was on the first ballot, duly elected Weighmaster.

Sampson Barbee Sr. was on the first ballot duly elected Clerk of the East Market.

Jacob Miller, was on the first ballot duly elected Clerk of the West Market.

David Cox, was on the first ballot duly elected Messenger of the Marion Engine Company.

Jacob B. Fidler, was on the first ballot, duly elected Messenger of the Good Intent Engine Company.

Benjamin F. Lobaugh, was on the first ballot, duly elected Sexton of the lower Grave yard.

James H. Kennedy, was on the first ballot, duly elected Messenger of the Hook & Ladder Company.

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On Motion of Mr Harrison

Resolved. That the Marshall be and he is hereby required to give bond in the penal sum of One thousand dollars.- The Treasurer and collector in the sum of Ten thousand dollars.- The Attorney for the city in the sum of five hundred dollars.- the Assessor in the sum of five hundred dollars.- the Street commissioner in the sum of five hundred dollars.- the Weighmaster in the sum of five hundred dollars.- the Market Masters each in the sum of five hundred dollars, and the Secretary in the sum of five hundred dollars, all of said bonds to be given with good freehold security, to be approved by the city Council.

Pending the election of an Assessor Mr Cady, moved that the city council adopt the county assessment as a basis of taxation for city purposes, which motion was lost by the following vote Ayes - Mr Cady 1. Nays Messrs Gates, Tutewiler, King, Rooker, Harrison, & Wingate - 6.

The President laid before the council, the Reports of the Treasurer, of the General Fund and Road Reports, up to May 3rd/47 which reports were read, received, and Ordered to be filed.

The President laid before the council, the Report of the Supervisor Jacob B. Fidler, which was read, received, and the accounts therein mentioned were allowed towit.

No 10, 11 & 13.	John Pogue	\$15.00	for repairing bridge.
" 1	Joseph Butch	4.37 $\frac{1}{2}$	" 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ days labor with cart
" 1	Joseph Butch	1.50	" 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " labor
" 2. & 3	John Shoup	7.50	" 6 " labor with cart
" 2 & 3	John Shoup	3.50	" 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " labor
" 4	Philip Socks	6.50	" 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " labor
" 5	Christian Coleman	6.00	" 6 " labor
" 12	Michael Shea	80	" 10 loads Gravel
" 40 & 41	Christian Nutmeir	8.00	" 4 days hauling with wagon.
" 67.	Charles Fansler	1.75	" 1-3/4 days labor
(" 20 & 168)	Mathew Flinn	3.75	" 3 days with cart.
(" 20s)	Mathew Flinn	9.00	" repair of bridges
" 9	Chas. Hartman	2.00	" 2 days labor.
" 6.	William Beaman	6.50	" 26 loads Gravel
" 7 & 8.	Ernest Bergner	9.50	" 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ days labor.
	Total --	<u>\85.67\frac{1}{2}$</u>	

No 17. Allowed, Jacob B. Fidler, \$4.14 $\frac{1}{2}$ for removing nuisances, to May 3rd/47.

On Motion of Mr. Harrison

Resolved That a committee of three be appointed to procure at



the earliest practicable period a seal with an appropriate device, for the use of the Mayor of the city Whereupon Messrs Rooker, Cady & Tutewiler were appointed said committee

Mr Harrison, presented the remonstrance of Nicholas McCarty, against the prolongation of the Madison & Indianapolis Rail Road, from the depot location, by private individuals - also the remonstrance of Benjamin I. Blythe & others against the crossing of Pennsylvania Street by a rail road track. Which remonstrances were read, when Mr Cady moved to lay them upon the table - lost. Mr. Harrison moved their reference to a select committee of three with instructions to report thereon at next regular meeting, which motion prevailed, and Messers. Harrison, Tutewiler & Wingate were appointed said committee --

On motion of Mr Wingate

Resolved. That the commissioner of Streets be directed to give notice to those persons who are, or have been obstructing Pennsylvania Street. south of Washington Street, by filling the same with earth without the authority of the city council. to desist from the further filling up of said street: also to remove any obstruction, which may have been thrown into said street by such filling --.

(Notice to Comrs. May 4" 1847)

The President laid before the council a Statement from Ketcham & Stevens attorney for the late common council, relative to the case of John E McClure v the Common council of Indianapolis wherein said McClure at the April term of the Marion circuit court secured against said common council a Judgment for One hundred dollars. - it is also suggested by said attorneys that having been allowed upon a bill of exceptions to the instructions of the court, to take the case to the Supreme court of the State, that such appeal be taken, which statement was read

Whereupon It was Ordered.

That the city attorneys take an appeal from the decision of the circuit court, in the case of McClure v the common council, to the Supreme Court. --

William Campbell, Marshall of the city of Indianapolis elect appeared, took the usual oath of Office, and was presented with a copy of the town Ordinances, and entered upon the discharge of the duties of his office. --

On Motion of Mr King

Ordered --That the Secretary procure the necessary books & stationary for the use of his Office, and that of the Treasurer and collector.

And on motion, the council adjourned to meet on Wednesday



evening May 5" 1847. at early candle-lighting

Attest
 James G. Jordan
 Secretary City Council (Samuel S. Rooker
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 (President of the City Council.

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The council met pursuant to adjournment. - Present Samuel S. Rooker, President Messr Gates, Tutewiler, King, Harrison & Wingate. - Absent Mr Cady.

The President announced the following "Order of business viz."

- 1st - Reading the Journal.
- 2nd - Reception of the reports of the Treasurer.
- 3rd - Reception of the report of the commissioner of Streets.
- 4th - Presentation of accounts
- 5th - Reports of Standing committees
- 6th - Reports of Special committees
- 7th - Petitions & Remonstrances
- 8th - Resolutions
- 9th - Miscellaneous business --

The President presented a report of the Treasurer of the condition of the General Fund and Road Monies, which was read, received, & ordered to be filed -

On Motion of Mr Harrison

Resolved. That the Marshall be directed to collect of & from Homer Norton the sum of fifty cents per week, for the use of that part of the council House occupied by him for a writing school. for the term which he has been occupying the same, as well as for the time he may hereafter occupy said room, and that when he has so collected the same to pay it over to the Treasurer.

On motion of Mr. King

Resolved. That the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to issue to the respective officers of the late common council, drafts upon the Treasury, for the proportionate allowances due them, for services rendered during the month of April last past.
 (Jordan all, Norwood, all, Fidler, all, Miller. all)

On motion of Mr. Wingate

Resolved. That the committee appointed at the last meeting, to report upon the remonstrances of N. McCarty, and others be allowed, if they shall think proper to call upon the city attorney