

Ordered That the assessment for taxable purposes returned by Charles J. Hand (assessor for the year 1848.) on the property of James Gillespie, be and the same is hereby reduced Sixteen hundred dollars.

Ordered That the Secretary notify the Treasurer of such reduction.

James Greer, late Treasurer, presented a final report of his transactions as such Treasurer, which was read & received.

And on motion, the council adjourned.

Attest
James G. Jordan Secretary

Geo. A. Chapman
President.

Council Chamber
Indianapolis, October 2nd 1848.

The council met in regular meeting under the provisions of the Charter. Present, George A Chapman President --Messrs Tutewiler, Alford, Eaglesfield, Mayhew, and Sibert councilmen.

The proceedings of the last meeting were read and approved.

The President laid before the council the report of the Treasurer exhibiting the receipts and expenditures at the Treasury during the month of September last past, also, showing the collections of General, School, & Road, Revenue, during the same period. Which report was read, received, & ordered to be filed.

The President laid before the council the report of the Commissioner of Streets, during the month of September last past, which was read & referred back to that Officer with instructions to amend the report by striking out all claims upon the Road Revenue. and designating the time & place of work & labor performed under his superintendance chargeable to the general fund.

The President laid before the council a communication from John L. Ketcham Esq relative to the payment of the second note given by the council to Joseph K Sharpe for the purchase of the ground in Out Lot No. which said note is due and is assigned to said Ketcham by said Sharpe. Whereupon It was:

Ordered That the Treasurer apply all monies in the Treasury belonging to the Hospital fund not otherwise appropriated to the payment of the second note given by the council for the purchase

of the ground in Out lot No _____ to Joseph K Sharpe and by him assigned to John L Ketcham. and that he take the receipt of Mr Ketcham for the amount so paid on said note.

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| 794 | Allowed | Jacob Miller | \$9.50 | Market House expenses. |
| 791 | " | Jacob Miller | 2.25 | for removing nuisances. |
| 764-765 | " | S. Henderson | 10.00 | Office rent qr ending Nov 30./47 |
| 830.1 | " | J.P. Michael | 42.75 | for work on Washington Street west of Canal Bridge. |

An account in favor of A Graydon amounting to \$4.80 for shovels &c. was read & referred to the Commissioner of Streets for explanation.

The President laid before the council a certificate of the Street commissioner as to the completion of the culvert on Washington Street which is in the words & figures towit.

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I John Bishop, Marshal and Commissioner of Streets of the city of Indianapolis do hereby certify that Mr George Youngerman has completed in a good, substantial, & proper manner. (according to contract) the culvert across Washington Street near the tavern stand of Messrs M & I Little in said city of Indianapolis.

John Bishop, Marshal & Comr of Streets"

The certificate having been read the following allowance was passed towit -- Allowed, George Youngerman \$110.00 for building culvert on Washington Street at intersection of New Jersey Street, and for excavating a ditch on West side of New Jersey Street, in full as per his proposal.

Mr Mayhew, presented a petition, praying an allowance of One hundred and ninety five dollars. for work & labor expended during the months of June & July 1847. in grading Pennsylvania Street south of Washington Street. Which was read and laid upon the table.

Mr Tutewiler, presented the petition of John Wilkens asking the grant of privilege to the Trustees of Roberts Chapel to put up banisters, or a small fence in front of the parsonage four feet from the front or side walks of the house next Pennsylvania Street for the purpose of keeping the hogs out of the house.

Which petition was laid upon the table.

The President laid before the council the following complaint viz.

"The President & members of the honorable council

I herein lay in a complaint against the Marshal as he utterly refuses to remove nuisances Oct 2. 1848 J F Ramsay.

On motion, The complaint was laid upon the table. until next meeting.

Mr Alford presented the following petition:

To the City Council of Indianapolis.

The undersigned owners of Property in Out Lot No 14. on the East side of Tennessee Street between South Street & Pogues Run, being desirous of grading and gravelling the side walks on said street between the points aforesaid, respectfully petition your honorable body to pass an Order directing the City Engineer to make survey and establish grade marks for said Improvement. and as in duty bound &C.

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| Thomas Gott | Lot No 15 | 40 feet 8 inches |
| Edward Bates | " " 16 | 40 " 8 " |
| Samuel Tomlinson | " " 17 | 40 " 8 " |
| Henry Harper | " " 18 | 40 " 8 " |

The petition having been read.

It was Ordered That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, and that the City Engineer make survey and establish grade marks for said Improvement. notifying the Commissioner of Streets thereof as required by the Ordinance regulating such survey.

The City Engineer submitted an estimate of the gravelling of South Street from the Depot East, to Delaware Street recommending an extension of the width of gravelling to sixty feet Which was read & laid upon the table

Allowed Geo Youngerman \$0.86 cts for cash paid on Illegal tax certificate.

Mr Mayhew, presented the following petition:

To the City Council of the City of Indianapolis.

The undersigned Owners of Real Estate on the West side of Pennsylvania Street. between Washington Street & Pogues Run, respectfully represent that the 12 feet heretofore established by city Ordinance for the side walks along said street, is too narrow for public convenience, and pray that the width of the side walk along the said West side of said street, between the points aforesaid, may be extended to fifteen feet, and your petitioners will ever pray &c. Sept. 25. 1848.

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| Daniel Yandes. | John D Defrees, | Morris Morris, |
| Royal Mayhew, | A. W Morris, | J & P. Voorhies & Co. |
| T H Morris for south of Pogues Run to South Street | | |
| I. N. Phipps, Siter, Price & Co per A W Harrison. | | |

The petition being read. It was

Ordered, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that the sidewalk On the West side of said Pennsylvania Street between the points mentioned in said petition, be extended to fifteen feet, and that all improvements hereafter to be made on said side walk either by grading, gravelling or paving, be conformable to the width hereby established

Mr Tutewiler presented the following petition. viz.

"To the honorable, the City Council of Indianapolis in council assembled. Gentlemen.

The undersigned colored people of the City of Indianapolis, being Tax payers for city purposes &c respectfully represent that we view the School Tax imposed upon us by the City Council as an erroneous burthen, in as much as we will not in all probability be permitted to participate in the benefits of the schools to be established and supported thereby. We would respectfully suggest to you the propriety of so altering the laws in relation to School Tax as that colored persons may not be compelled to pay the said Tax or that they may have assurance of a participation of the benefits of the fund for the education of the colored children of this city, by either setting off the amount of said Tax paid by the colored people to be under the management and control of the colored people for the education of the colored children of Indianapolis, or by permitting us to send our children to the common schools of the city without distinction as to color. The undersigned pray you to take immediate action on this subject, in Order that we may know the pleasure of the honorable city council on this (to us) very important subject.

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Names of School Tax payers being people of Color.

J. G. Britton Samuel Goff, Augustus Turner, Henry Byrd,
Wm Walden, Berriman Stewart, John Freeman, Axson Stewart.

The petition being read

It was Ordered. That the School Tax assessed against the people of color of the City of Indianapolis for the year 1848. for the support of Free Schools in said city is an erroneous assessment. and that the Treasurer return the same as such, refunding to such colored people as may have paid said tax, the amount so paid by respectively by them.

On Motion of Mr Alford.

It was Ordered That the sum of Forty five dollars be appropriated out of the General Fund to the filling of the Slough, or pond, on Indiana Avenue said amount to be expended under the direction of the councilman of the 3rd Ward.

And the council adjourned to meet on the 5th inst at early candlelighting for the purpose of considering the subject of Free Schools

Attest

James G. Jordan
Secretary

Geo. A. Chapman
President of the City Council.

