

Council Chamber
Indianapolis, May 14, 1849.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment, Present a full council.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer in obedience to a resolution requiring him to procure, and present to the Council the Deeds executed to the city for School lots, laid before the Council the Deeds for the Lots in Wards 1.3.4 & 7.

Ordered, That he retain them in possession.

The Bonds of Henry Ohr, Assessor, and George W. Pitts, Commissioner of Streets were presented and approved.

The President laid before the Council the following petition:

To the City Council of Indianapolis

The undersigned would very respectfully ask your honorable body to grant him the privilege of closing the alley where he is now digging a cellar so that it may not be a thoroughfare for wagons until the walls of the building which he is about to erect shall be built above ground. The alley being only a little more than 14 feet wide, and the cellar to be eight feet deep, the passing of wagons would probably cause the earth to fall in and do me considerable damage whereas if it is closed for a short time I cannot see that any one will suffer any great inconvenience.

David George.

On Motion. The petition was granted.

A Petition from David Craighead desiring the proper grade for Lot No 9 in Square 66, and praying the Council to cause to be set the proper marks for the grade of Maryland Street on the south of said Lot, also the grade of the 15foot alley running along said Lot north, and south, and the grade of the 30 foot alley on the North end of said Lot, was presented, and laid upon the Table.

A petition signed by ten Butchers of the city asking the privilege of renting double stalls in either Market House at \$10.00 per year, was presented read and refered to the Committee on Markets.

A fine of One dollar and costs having been assessed by the Mayor against Thomas Burns for a violation of the Ordinance, prohibiting the feeding of teams within certain limits, application is made by Mr. Burns for a remission of the fine on the grounds of ignorance of the Ordinance and a residence of twenty five years in the County.

On Motion, the application was laid on the table.

Mr. Bates offered the following resolutions which were adopted.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Council the near approach of the warm season, & possible prevalence of sickness of a Malignant

character, calls for immediate measures on the part of the city authorities, to have the side gutters cleaned out and extended where it is necessary to prevent the water from standing in ponds. To fill up where there is not drains, -- to cause obstructions to cleared in the alleys and to remove as far as practicable all causes of impurity which would tend to increase the severity of sickness.

Resolved, That ~~the more effectually~~ to carry out the object of the above resolution, it is essential that there should be a full and hearty cooperation on the part of the citizens, by filling or draining where it can be done low places liable to hold stagnant water in their lots or sidewalks, cleaning out their alleys, cleaning ~~thoroughly~~ their cellars, cleaning away from about their premises any decaying vegetables, - filth, or other substances calculated to fill the atmosphere with poisonous exhalations, and by the free use of lime about their premises.

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Streets be directed to proceed immediately to employ the necessary hands and teams to make the improvements contemplated in the first resolution in each ward where it may be necessary, and in the discharge of this duty, he shall be governed by the advice and direction of the Committee on Streets, and that fifty dollars in addition to the Road Tax, be appropriated to each ward, to defray the expenses, that may be incurred in making such improvements.

The Secretary laid before the Council his annual report showing the receipts and expenditures at the Treasury, during the past year, and the condition of the various funds on the 1st day of May 1849 together with the collections of Taxes by the Treasurer, and the amount of Scrip received for improvement of Streets.

Ordered, That the President & Secretary be a committee to prepare an abstract of said report for publication in the city papers.

And the Council adjourned until the 18th inst. at 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock P.M.

Attest

Jas G. Jordan
Secretary

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Wm. Eckert
President City Council.

