

Council Chamber  
Indianapolis, May 18, 1849.

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

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

An account in favor of Hartman & Sacks amounting to \$5.00 for Labor was presented, read, and referred to the Committee on Claims.

R. R. Underhill, petitions for privilege to remove earth from Pennsylvania North of Pogues run, to raise sidewalks opposite his property.

Read & Laid upon the Table.

Isaac Kinder, petitions for privilege to remove earth from Alabama Street or the sidewalk thereon, to the sidewalk around Square No.78.

Read & Laid upon the Table.

Mr. Sulgrave, presented the following Ordinance which was ordained and established to take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Sentinel & Locomotive.

An Ordinance to prevent the feeding of Teams within certain City limits.

Sec. 1. Be it Ordained by the City Council of Indianapolis, That the standing of a Team or Teams, Horses, Cattle, or Mules to feed on Washington Street between East and West Streets, is hereby declared a Nuisance, and any person or persons violating this section shall pay a fine for each team of not less than fifty cents, and fifty cents for every hour thereafter, he, she, or they, shall permit said team or teams, horses, cattle, or Mules so to remain after being notified, which notice may be given by an Officer of the City, or any individual owning property in the City.

Sec. 3 That Section 15, Chapter 8, of the Ordinance for the regulation and government of the City of Indianapolis, approved May 30, 1848 be and the same is hereby repealed.

The Mayor of the City being present, by leave of the Council made some suggestions relative to certain portions of the Ordinance.

Whereupon

On Motion of Mr. Bates Resolved. That the city attorney be requested in conjunction with the Mayor to examine carefully the Ordinances heretofore found by the City Council, and to report to the Council, such alterations & amendments as in their opinion would be beneficial, and as they may deem necessary for the better regulation of the City.



Mr. Sulgrove presented the following preamble and resolutions, which were adopted.

Whereas, it appears by the annual report of the Secretary, that the indebtedness of the City, on account of Outstanding Treasury drafts, notes and judgments, was on the 1st day of May 1849, about Two thousand, eight hundred dollars.

And Whereas, of the Scrip issued and yet to be issued for improvement of Streets amounting to \$4,847.00, there will be redeemed in the collection of Taxes during the present year, at the present rate of taxation, about five hundred dollars.

And whereas, it is believed that any attempt to collect the Small share on Hospital Tax of 1848, which was returned delinquent, will prove fruitless; and that the sum collected amounting to \$766.51 ought in justice to be refunded by a corresponding credit on the Tax for general purposes to be levied for the current year.

And whereas, to sustain the City government as required by the provisions of the Charter, and to make such improvements as are absolutely necessary to protect and preserve the health of the city there will be required the sum of about two thousand dollars, thus forming in unpaid Treasury warrants, notes, Judgments in redemption of Scrip the refunding of Small share tax, and the Ordinary city expenses, a total charge against the receipts of the city of the current year the sum of about \$6,066.

And whereas, the estimated revenue of 1849, which is applicable to the discharge of the liability, at fifteen cents on the \$100 dollars valuation of real & personal property, together with such sums as may be received from other sources, will not exceed the sum of \$3,600 -- thus leaving a liability at the expiration of the present financial year terminating May 1st. 1850, the sum of about \$2400.

It is therefore, the Opinion of this Council, that to aid in the extinguishment of the present city indebtedness which is constantly accumulating by the condition of Judgments, interest, & costs; and to provide means for such improvements as will have a tendency to remove the causes of disease, the tax for general purposes should be increased ten cents on each One hundred dollars valuation of property returned by the Assessor for the year 1849. For the purpose therefore, of ascertaining the Opinions of the people interested, or to the propriety of such increase of the rate of Taxation.

Be it Resolved. That Polls be opened in the Several wards of the City on Saturday the 9th day of June A.D. 1849 between the hours of One o'clock, and four P.M. at the same places and under the direction of the same Inspectors as at the recent annual election for Mayor and Councilmen, for the purpose of holding an election to determine whether or not, an additional tax of 10 cents shall be levied on the assessment of property to be returned by the Assessor for the year 1849, which tax shall be applied exclusively to the payment of the City indebtedness and such improvements only as may be necessary to promote the health of the city and provide for the safety of its inhabitants.



Resolved. That all voters who are in favor of the levy of such additional Tax be requested to endorse on their ballot the word "Tax" and those opposed thereto the words "No Tax".

Resolved. That said election shall be governed in all respects by the same laws as are provided for the regulation of annual city elections.

And on Motion. It was Ordered, that the President issue his proclamation for such election.

Ordered, further, That the foregoing preamble and resolutions be published in the city papers.

On Motion; The Council adjourned.

Attest

Jas.G.Jordan  
Secretary

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Wm. Eckert  
President City Council

Council Chamber  
Indianapolis, May 24, 1849

The Council met upon a call of the President. Present, all the Councilmen except Mr. Montague who afterwards appeared and took his seat.

The proceedings of the last meeting were read and approved.

The object of the meeting being explained to allude to the improvement of the various wards as ordered at the meeting of May 14th inst.

Mr. Bates asked that a further sum in the discretion of the Council be appropriated to the completion of the improvement commenced in the 1st. Ward Whereupon, Mr. Bates offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That inasmuch as the amount set forth to fill up the low ground on New Jersey and Market Streets to the level of the culvert across Washington Street in the 1st. Ward, is found to be insufficient for that purpose. That the Commissioner of Streets be instructed to finish the filling on said Street as contemplated by the Order of the Council of the 14th inst. directing the same, provided the same can be done with an appropriation of fifty dollars in addition to the appropriation heretofore made.

On a Motion to lay the resolution on the table until after the tax election, the yeas and nays were demanded: Yeas Messrs Gillespie King, Rooker & Mr. President 4. Nays Messrs Bates Sulgrove & Montague 3.

Ordered, That Mr. Sulgrove be authorized to dispose of for the use of the City, the log house on the School Lot in the 5th Ward, to the best advantage.

And the Council adjourned to meet at the Council Chamber on the 1st. Monday in June at 2 o'clock P. M.