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Special Meeting

Council Chamber
Indianapolis Feb 11th 1850

The Council met, Present Messrs King, Montague, Sulgrove Cully, Bates & Mr President.

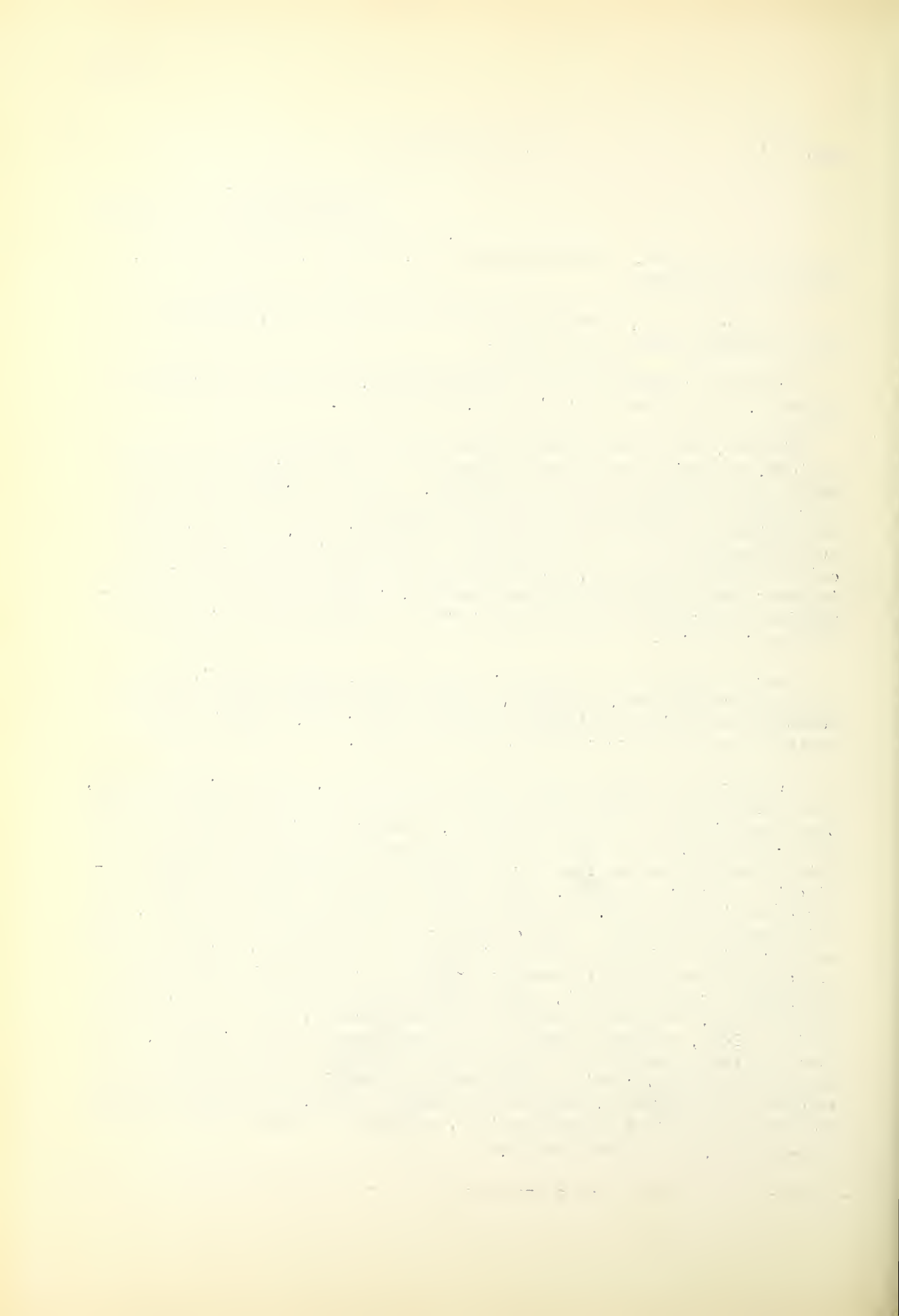
The object of the meeting being the consideration of building Public School Houses in said City:

Mr Bates presented the following preamble, Resolution & Orders for adoption, which were severally read, and adopted.

Whereas, the School Funds of the City has accumulated to a sum sufficient, including the probable assessment of the year 1850 to justify the opinion on the part of this Council, that four School Houses one story high of suitable size may and ought to be erected in this City and fitted for use by the first day of December Next, and as but four of the seven wards in said City can be supplied with the present and expected means this year, the Houses to be built should be distributed in their location as equitably as possible, regard being had to the population and present accommodation or want of accommodation for schools in the several Wards.

Therefor Resolved, That four School Houses shall be built in the City the present year, and that so much of the School funds as may be necessary to build and finish the same fit for use, (Except seating & desks) is hereby appropriated for that purpose.

To carry into effect the foregoing Resolution, it is hereby Ordered, That the members of the Wards in which said School Houses may be erected, shall constitute a Building Committee, a majority of whom may act in all cases; and it shall be their duty to proceed as soon as practicable to let by contract to the lowest responsible bidder who may be deemed competent to perform the same, after giving two weeks notice by hand bills posted up in said City. The furnishing of all necessary materials, and building and finishing complete fit for use (Except as to seats and desks as aforesaid) including the painting of all the wood work with two coats of paint by the first of December next four Brick School Houses 26 by fifty feet from out to out, with a Stone foundation 3 feet high, and 18 inches thick, two feet of which to be above ground, height of Story 13 feet in clear, two small Rooms to be partitioned off and finished, windows so constructed as to furnish sufficient light and ventilation, The whole to conform strictly to the plan and specifications which shall be adopted by the council, payment to be made in cash, one fourth, so soon as the first tier of Joists are laid, and thirty thousand Brick delivered on the ground, One fourth when the



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Roof is on, One fourth on the first day of December 1850 if the whole is completed, and the remaining one fourth on the first day of March 1851, The said committee shall enter into the contract on the part of the Council with the parties to whom the contract may be awarded, and their certificate that any payment is due to any contractor, shall be sufficient authority for the Treasurer to pay the same, The member of each ward respectively in which each of said buildings are to be erected, shall have the power to reject any and all materials furnished by contractors to be used in said buildings, which he may deem unsuitable and insufficient for the same, or in anywise defective, and any materials so rejected, shall not be used in said building. The Committee shall Report at the first meeting of the Council their proceedings, after the letting of the same.

Ordered, That one of said School Houses shall be built in the first Ward, One in the third ward, One in the fifth Ward, and one in the Seventh Ward, upon the Lots heretofore bought by the Council for School purposes, and the City Surveyor is hereby directed to lay off the ground when called upon under the direction of the Committee.

On motion the following Resolution was adopted.

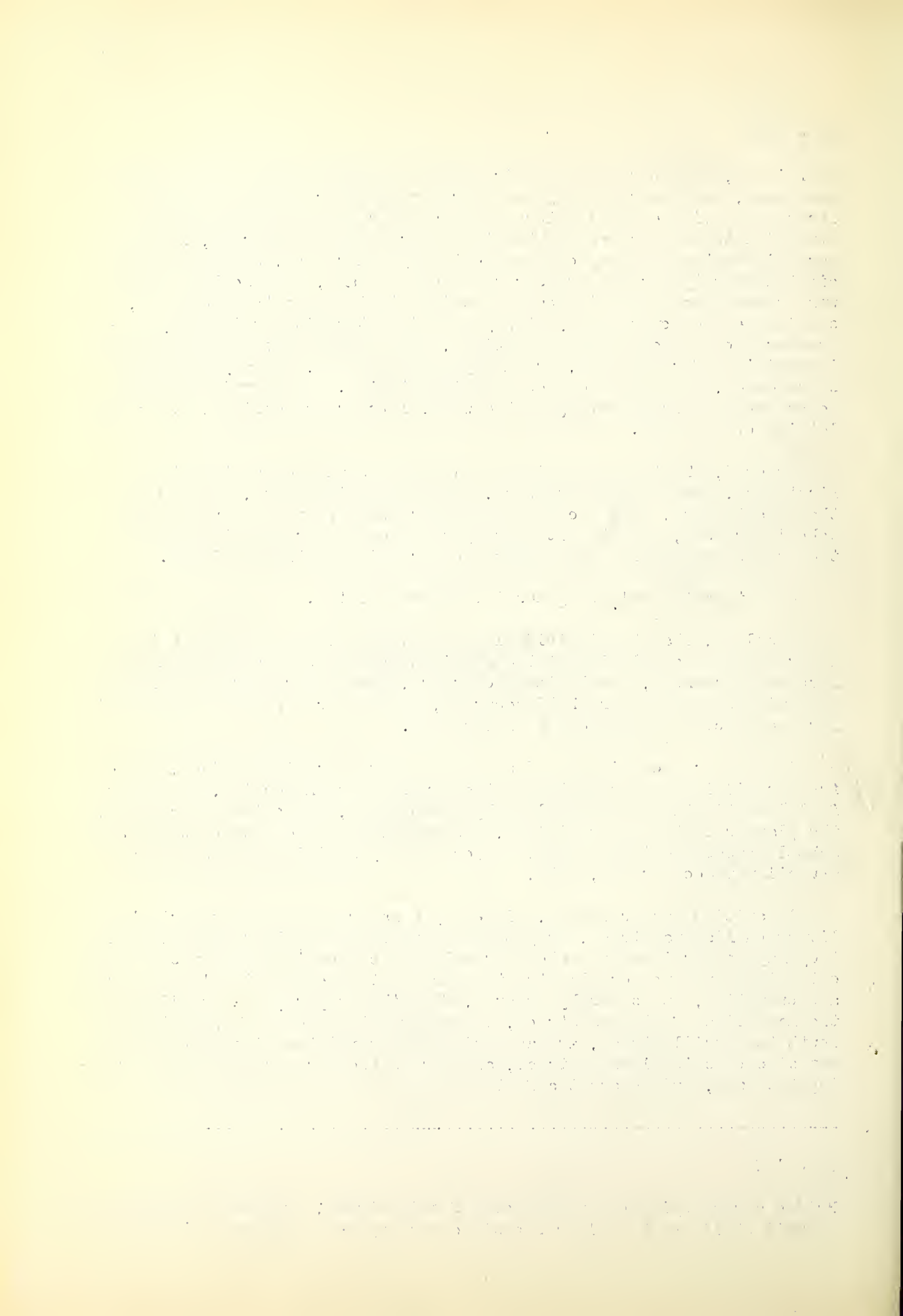
Resolved, That the individual or individuals, who shall take the contract for the building of the Public School Houses mentioned in the foregoing preamble, Resolution and Orders, Shall be required to give Bond with sufficient freehold security, to be approved of by the council for the erection & completion of the same.

A plan for the building of said Houses from Mr Lingenfelter, & one from Mr Willits was presented to the Council for inspection, and after a full investigation of said plans By the Council, On motion of Mr Bates, the plan presented by Mr Willets, was accepted as the plan on which said School Houses are to be built, subject to any modification which the Council may deem proper, make,

A petition was presented, signed by a majority of the property holders living on Alabama Street, praying the Council among other things, that they may be permitted to make a gravel walk commencing at Pogues Run and extending South to Merrill Street on the East side of said Alabama Street, and on motion, it is hereby Ordered, That the property holders living on the East side of Alabama Street, commencing at Pogues Run and extending South to Merrill Street, are authorized to gravel the side walk on the East side of said Alabama Street, and across the Streets and Alleys crossing the same, and to erect a foot

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Bridge across said Run at the foot of said Street, Provided that the city Council shall not be held responsible for any debt contracted by said



property holders, or debt incurred in the erection of said foot Bridge, and the gravelling of said side walk.

On motion the Council adjourned

Jos T. Roberts Secty

Wm Eckert Pres

Special Meeting

Council Chamber

Indianapolis Feb 13th 1850

The Council Met, Present Messrs King, Montague, Cully, Sulgrove and Bates.

The Presdient being absent, on motion of Mr King, Mr Sulgrove was appointed President pro tem & the Councilmen proceeded to business; which was the consideration of the Specifications made out by Mr Willitts, for the building of Four Brick Schools Houses in said City.

On motion of Mr Bates, The specifications presented were adopted with some slight amendments, and the Stone work for said School Houses, to be done similar to the Stone work done upon the House of Mr Cully in this City.

On motion the Council adjourned.

Attest

Jos T. Roberts Secty

James Sulgrove

President pro tem.
