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Council Chamber
Saturday Evening July 24th 1858

Council met at Eight Oclock P. M.

Present his honour the Mayor and all the members of the council except, Messrs, Pratt and Mc Nab,

PETITIONS =

By Mr Vandegrift,

To the Honorable Common Council of the City of Indianapolis,

We the undersigned, owners of property on North Street, would respectfully, ask your honorable body to order, the grading, of the Said North Street and Side walks between, the Streets, of Illinois, and Pennsylvania

Names	No of feet in	
Cornelious King	65	
John Dunlap	202.	6
Charles Fisher	65	
C. F. Boaz	99	
W. C. Holmes	150	
C. C. Campoell	65	
E. N. Lord	33	
Chas Mayer by A. Harrison Agent	202	6
John. W. Dodd, Auditor of State by J.G. Palmer Dep	405	
John S. Spann	40	
John. A. Colestock	32	6
Total no of Feet -	<u>1359.</u>	<u>6in</u>

On motion of Mr Vandegrift the petition was referred to the committee on Streets and Alleys to report an ordinance

Mr Fletcher presented the following,

To the Hon the City Council.
Of Indianapolis,

Gents,

The undersigned having learned that the City was about to enter into Contract, for peveing, the gutters on Illinois Street, between, Washington and Louisiana Street, without being petitioned, by the property holders to make Such improvement would respectfully represent, that they are opposed, to Such improvement, and hereby, remonstrates, against the same
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T. A. Morris	for himself	99	feet
T.A. Morris	for J.L. Mothershead heirs	116	"
T. A. Morris	" A. W. Morris heirs	286	"
T. A. Morris	" M. Morris	111	"
J. H. Roll		65	"
J. H. Hopkins		35	"
W. & H Glenn		30	"
John. M. Gaston		85	"
Joseph Reinhart		22 $\frac{1}{2}$	"
John Kistner		22 $\frac{1}{2}$	"
F. Costigen		42	"
H. Buehrig		65	"
Jacob Rinkle		148	"
S. Hetselgeser		50	"
Howard		23	"
<u>Total no of feet =</u>		<u>1205</u>	

On Motion by Mr North,

The remonstrance was laid upon the table

Mr Durham presented the following petition

To the Hon, City Council
Of the City of Indianapolis

The undersigned owners of Real Estate, fronting on a thirty foot wide Street, running, North from New York, to Vermont Street, and between Noble Street, and the Bellfontaine Rail Road, are desirous of having the Same, graded and gravelled, under the direction of the City Engineer, and hereby petition, your Honorable body to cause the Same to be done, at the expense, of the property, fronting on said Street, between the points indicated

Names	Feet
Almon. A. Scott	40
Thomas. D. Amos	40
James. S. Kneper	40
Valentine Gott	40
John Pauli	40
Fredk. Lowman	30
Fost Dippel	41
Chas Wehling	20
John Stumph	40
George.W. Durham	40
<u>Total no of feet</u>	<u>371</u>

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On motion by Mr Durham,

The petition was referred to the committee on Streets and alleys, to report an ordinance,

Mr Porter presented the following petition

To the Honorable City Council
Of Indianapolis

The undersigned, Terre Haute, and Richmond, Rail, Road, Company, are desirous of rebuilding at the Canal where it intersects, Kentucky Avenue, and respectfully ask the permission to build the abutments, which are to be of Lime Rock, So as to leave a Space of twenty 20 feet in width, for the passage of the water in the centre of the canal, and is five (5) feet wider than the lock, near the paper mill, and is beleived by your Engineer, and his assistant, as well as the undersigned (who have made an examination) will afford ample room for the passage of Water, and your petitioner would ever pray

E. J. Peck Prest
T. H. and R.R.R.

On motion by Mr Porter

The prayer of the petitioner was granted

Mr Durham, presented the following petition,

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To the Common Council,

Of the City of Indianapolis,

The undersigned, respectfully Submit, to the Council of the City of Indianapolis, for their Consideration, the propriety of placing, the names of the various Streets on the different corners, between East and West Street, and North and South, or part or whole, of the corporate limits, as the limits, as the Council May deem proper, I propose to place the Same on the places suited, at the Same rate adopted, by the Council for Washington Street March 7th 1857

Respectfully

W. M. Fortescue

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On Motion By Mr. English.

The petition was referred to the Committee on Streets and alleys.

Reports

From the Civil Engineer

The Civil Engineer reports to the city Council First. That Jeremiah Shea's contract with the city for grading and graveling Louisiana Street, between Mississippi and Meridian Streets, is progressing, but the engineer was lately informed by T. A. Morris Esquire, that Some of the owners of property bordering on Said Street will not pay for the work, as the Terre Haute and Richmond Railroad Company agreed to grade and gravel the Street.

It appears from the Ordinance relative to the Terre Haute and Richmond Railroad Company occupying Louisiana Street passed July 2d 1849, that Said Company agreed to "grade and gravel one foot foot deep the whole of Said Street, So far in length as it may be occupied by them; the grade Stakes to be Set under direction of the city Surveyor, and engineer conforming to the city profile. After hearing Mr. Morris objection and examining the ordinance on the Subject, the Civil engineer has deemed it proper to bring the matter to the notice of the Council for their Consideration.

The Engineer would State, that he has set the grade Stakes between Mississippi and Illinois Streets, and has made an estimate for work done on said two Squares, and that he has been asked by the contractor to Set Stakes between Illinois, but has not yet done So, to afford the Council an opportunity of considering the matter above Stated.

Second. In Compliance with the request "to examine the grading and gravelling on New York Street, between North and St Clair Streets, and ascertain wether Said grading and graveling is done, in Such manner as contemplated by the Ordinance relative to the grading and graveling of said part of New Jersey Street" the Civil engineer respectfully reports that it does not appear from the records in his Office that a profile of the Street had been made, but in order to form a correct opinion in regard to the grade of the Street and gutters he leveled the Same, and ascertained that the fall in the gutters between St Clair and North Street is 7 inches.

The Street appears to have irregularly settled down Since made, which causes certain parts of the gutters to retain water for Some time after heavy rains. As the grade of the Street cannot be remedied but at very considerable expense, the Civil Engineer Set Stakes in the gutters for the purpose if the council thinks proper, to direct the Street commissioner to fill up the gutters where too low and cut down where high, which though the inclination be Small, will

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will Sluggishly carry of the water; and he would also recommend to clean out the gutters between North and Vermont Streets, With regard to the graveling of the Street and Sidewalks, the engineer will State, that he tried the depth of gravel on the Street in six different places, and it averaged $11\frac{1}{4}$ inches at the centre, and also ascertained the depth of gravel on the side walks in twelve different places, and it averaged $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches; and from these examinations, he is of opinion, that the graveling of said Street and sidewalks had been done in accordance with the ordinance.

Third. The engineer reports that the cost of the wing walls and paving at culvert on Virginia avenue, done by August Richter amounts to \$66.65.

Fourth. The citys part of estimate to Thomas Wren, for grading and graveling Delaware Street and Sidewalks, between South and McCarty Streets is \$40.80.

Fifth. The citys part of estimate to Michael O. Conner, for grading and graveling New York Street and Sidewalks, between New Jersey and Noble Streets, for crossing of Sts and alleys is 114.66.

Sixth. James Russell has declined taking the contract for grading and graveling West Street, between Washington and North Streets.

Seventh. James Riff, the Second lowest bidder, for grading and graveling Maryland Street, between Virginia Avenue and West Street, called at the engineers office this afternoon and Stated that he would not take the contract.

Eighth. The following contracts and bonds are Submitted for approval viz-

1. James Russell for improveing Indiania Avenue
2. Thos. Feriter " " Washington Street
3. August Richter for rebuilding walls on Pagues Run
4. S.J.Patterson for bouldering gutters at crossing of Illinois and Ohio Streets, Illinois and North Streets and Delaware and New York Streets
5. John B. Stumph & Co for bouldering gutter on Illinois Street
6. John B. Stumph for building abutments walls for Meridian and Pensylvania Street Bridges

Ninth. Michael Osulivan for grading Market Street, and grading and graveling Sidewalks, between the Canal and west Street has given Security which is herewith Submitted

Tenth. The civil engineer purchased a table from Thomas Feriter for the use of the office for 4.50, which he respectfully asks the council.

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to allow.

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James Wood
Civil Engineer

On motion the report was recieved and the bonds as named and also the contracts named in the report accepted and approved, and the clerk ordered to issue orders for the amounts named to persons in report, and also contracts accompanying the report were concurred in.

From the St Commissioner

To His Honour the Mayor

And members of the Common Council

Gentlemen,

I beg leave to Submit the following report for work done on Streets and Bridges up to date.

Geo Heninger	9 $\frac{3}{4}$ days	150	Rep of Bridges	14.62
M. Shea	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	150	" " "	8.25
J. R. Shea	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	150	" " "	2.25
Thos Shea	5 "	150	" " "	7.50
John Schoup	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	150	" " "	9.75
John Conway			For Hauling	4.00
Thos Kennedy	2	150	St Imp	3.00
Patrick Moriatty	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	150	" "	2.25
Hiram Lewis			For Hauling	25.00
			Total amt	\$ 76.62

Respectfully Submitted

John A. Colestock

Deputy Street Commissioner

On motion by Mr. Cottrell,

The above report was recieved and the clerk ordered to issue orders for the amounts

From the Committee on Streets and alleys.

By Mr Cottrell,

The committee on Street, and alleys have examined, the bids for Street Improvement, and the lowest bidders are as follows for grading and graveling, Mississippi Street, Peter Hight, for grading and graveling Liberty Street, Hans Kongerman, bouldering gutter on Washington Street, R. A. Looker, Culvert on East Street, John. B. Stumph, therefore your committee recommend that the Several contracts be awarded to the above named parties

Thomas Cottrell
Erie Locke

On motion by Vandegrift the above report was concurred in

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From the Same Committee,

The committee on Streets, and alleys submit the following report, we have examined the petition of Alfred Harrison and various other persons owning property on Meridian Street between North and New York Street asking that the city council, pass an ordinance to grade and gravel Saia Street report the following ordinance which is herewith Submitted,

Your Committee report the following Ordinance for the grading and graveling of East Street between South and Bicking Streets

Thomas Cottrell
Erie Locke

On motion by Vandegrift the above report was concured in

From the Same Committee.

We have considered the petition of W. H. Bicking and others asking the common Council to give them the contract for gradeing and graveling of St Clair Street, between East and ChathamStreets, your committee are of the opinion that in granting the prayer of petitioners would be a violation of Section 66 of the City charter which Section provides that all contracts for the improvement of Streets Shall be let to the lowest bidder after advertiseing to recieve Sealed proposals therefor

Thomas Cottrell
Erie Locke

On motion by Vandegrift the above report was laid on the table.

- RESOLUTIONS -

By Mr Fletcher,

Resolved,

That the following notice be published for two weeks in the Indianapolis Journal Indiania State Sentinel Citizen Locomotive Volksblott and Free Press.

Notice is hereby given that the Common Council, together with the city assessor will meet as a board of equalization at the Council Chamber on the 14th day of August next at Seven oclock P.M. to hear and decide all complaints in relation to the assessment roll, and shall equalize the same as right and justice may require

Ayes. Messrs, Cottrell, Durham,
English Fletcher

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Greenfield, Geiesendorff, Hadley, Locke, North, Porter, &
Vandegrift 11

Noes - None -

Adopted =

By Mr Durham,

Resolved

That when this council adjourn, it adjourn to meet on next Monday Evening at 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ oclock

Ayes,

Messrs, Cottrell, Durham, English, Fletcher, Greenfield,
Geiesendorff, Hadley, Locke & North, = 9 =

Noes. Messrs Vandegrift = 1

Adopted =

By Mr Locke,

Resolved,

That the Mayor report to this Council at its adjourned meeting on Monday evening next wether the individual engaged in numbering the houses along the Streets in the city is carrying out fully the plan heretofore adopted by the Council

Ayes =

Messrs, Cottrell, Durham, English, Fletcher,
Greenfield Geiesendorff, Hadley Locke, North and Vandegrift
= 10 -

Noes = None

Adopted =

By Mr Cottrell,

Resolved,

That the building committee of the city hospital be requested to report to the Common Council, at their next regular meeting the expenditures on Said building, and to whom the several amounts have been paid, from the Commencement up to the present time.

Ayes, Messrs Cottrell, English, Greenfield, Hadley and North 7.

Noes Messrs Locke 1. Adopted

By Mr. Porter,
Resolved,

That H. C. Newcomb Esqr be employed at the Sum of One hundred dollars to assist the city attorney for one year in the prosecution of suits to recover Street assessments.
Ayes Messrs Cottrell, Durham, English, Fletcher, Greenfield, Geiesendorff, Hadley, Locke, North, Porter and Vandegrift 11.
Noes None. Adopted.

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By Mr. Porter
Resolved,

That John H. Bradley Esqr be allowed to grade and gravel the sidewalk on New York Street in front of his property and the city Engineer is hereby directed to set the proper grade Stakes.

Ayes Messrs Cottrell, Durham, English, Fletcher, Greenfield, Geiesendorff, Hadley, Locke, North, Porter and Vandegrift 11.
Noes None. Adopted.

By Mr. English,
Resolved,

That the Street Commissioner be directed to clean the gutters on New Jersey Street, Between North and St Clair Streets,

Ayes, Messrs Cottrell, Durham, English, Fletcher, Greenfield, Geiesendorff, Hadley, Locke, North and Vandegrift 10
Noes None. Adopted

By Mr. Porter
Resolved,

That Jeremiah Shea, Contractor, for the grading and graveling of the alley running North and South through Square 24 be directed at his own expense, immediately to fill the hole near the Marion Engine House made by the excavation of a gravel pit in the prosecution of said work.

Ayes. Messrs Cottrell, Durham, English, Fletcher, Greenfield, Geiesendorff, Hadley, Locke, North, Porter and Vandegrift 11.
Noes None. Adopted

By Mr. North,
Resolved,

That the civil Engineer be directed to

have Stone walls built the entire width of Pennsylvania and Meridian Streets by the present contractor for building Stone abutments for bridges over Pogue's run on said Streets, to the approval of the Superintendent of the Union Railway Company for payment for one half of the walls on the north Side of the Run, and the city pay the remainder in city orders at the prices Contracted for building said Stone abutments

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Ayes,

Messrs. Cottrell, Durham, English, Fletcher, Greenfield, Geiesendorff, Hadley, Locke, North, and Vandegrift = 10
Noes = None Adopted =

By Mr Greenfield,

Resolved,

That any member of this Council leaving before said council is adjourned without leave from said Council, shall receive no pay for said meeting after this date Indianapolis July 24th 1858,

On motion by Vandegrift the above resolution was laid on the table.

On Motion by Mr Hadley,

The civil engineer was directed to set the grade stakes on Indiana avenue

On motion by Mr Locke the Civil Engineer was instructed to give Jeremiah Sheer an estimate for work on Ellsworth Street.

= ORDINANCES =

Mr Locke presented the following Ordinance

An ordinance to provide for the payment of claims against the city of Indianapolis

Sec 1st Be it ordained by the Common Council of the city of Indianapolis, that the following named persons be paid out of the general fund the amounts set opposite their names as follows.

To J. B. Perine	Stationary	\$43.40
" John Moffitt	Winding & keeping clock in repair	10 50
	3. months	2.00
" Pogue & Falker	Well digging	

To Albert Reasnor	Removing nuisances	10 00
Mrs W. Bolan	Labour	1 50
To W. S. Hubbard	Rent Relief Fire Engine Co	75 00 & int
" Ind. Gas. Light & Coke Co	Gas Light	11 75
" Douglass & Palmer	Blank Books	54 00
" Robert Harbison	Labour	3 75
	Total amt	<u>\$215.96</u>

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Sec 2d The city clerk is hereby empowered to issue warrants upon the city Treasurer to the persons named, and for the amounts as specified and set forth in Section one of this ordinance.

Sec 3d This ordinance to take effect and be in full force from and after its passage
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The ordinance was read a first and second time and the rules were suspended by the following vote.
Ayes Messrs. Cottrell, Dunlap, Durham, English, Greenfield, Geiesendorff, Hadley, Locke, North, Porter, and Vandegrift 19 =
Noes = None "

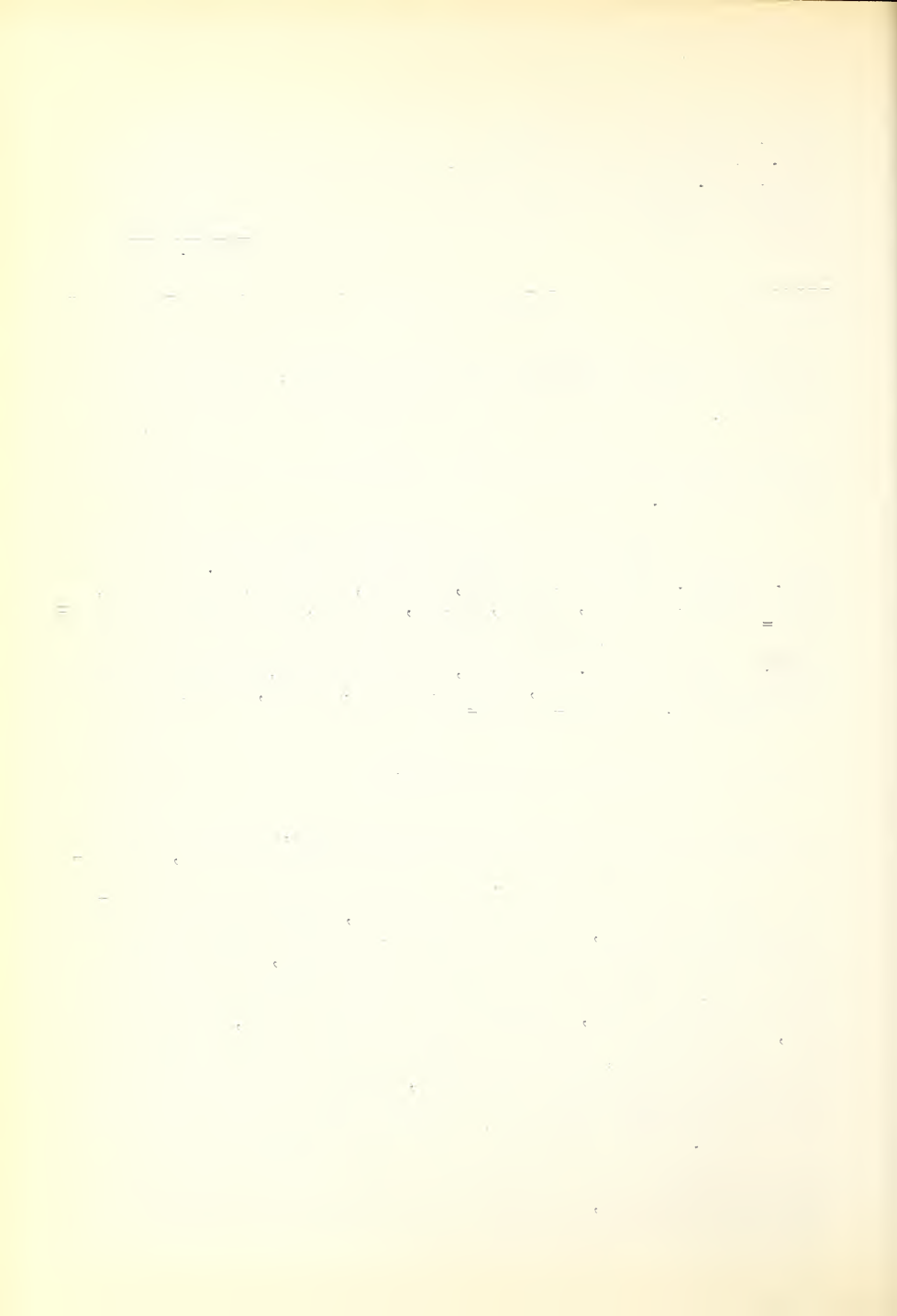
The ordinance was then ordained by the following Vote. Ayes Messrs. Cottrell, Dunlap Durham, English Fletcher Greenfield, Geiesendorff, Hadley, Locke, North, Porter, and Vandegrift 19. Noes = None =

Mr Cottrell presented the following.

An Ordinance to provide for the grading, and graveling of Meridian Street between North and New York Streets, exclusive of the Sidewalks

Section 1st Be it ordained by the Common council of the city of Indianapolis, that the whole width of Meridian Street, excluding the sidewalks between North and New York Streets shall be properly graded, and that sixteen feet in width of the centre of said Meridian Street be gravelled with screened river gravel to the depth of fourteen inches in the centre, and sloping to four inches, at either edge, and that the expense of grading and graveling such Street as foresaid, except so much thereof as is occupied by the crossing of Streets and alleys, be assessed against and collected from the owners of the lots bordering on said Street between the limits aforesaid, according to the provisions of Sections 66. to 69 inclusive of the city charter

Section 2d The civil Engineer is hereby directed to set the proper grade stakes, and also to advertise by publication for ten days in the daily Journal and by posting up printed notices



in not less than five of the most public places in the City, that Sealed proposals will be received by the Common Council at the meeting of the Council to be held on the 14th day of August for the execution of said work.

Section 34. This ordinance Shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage

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On motion by Mr Vandegrift the Ordinance was read first time and on motion was read a Second time by its title

And On motion the rules were suspended by the following vote
Ayes Messrs,

Cottrell, Dunlap, Durham, English, Fletcher, Greenfield, Geiesendorff, Hadley, Locke, North, Porter, & Vandegrift 12 = Noes = None.

The Ordinance was then ordained by the,
following Vote -

Ayes.

Messrs. Cottrell, Dunlap, Durham, English, Fletcher, Greenfield, Geiesendorff, Hadley, Locke, North Porter and Vandegrift 12, Noes = None.

= MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS =

On motion by Mr North the Ordinance to provide for the grading and paving of Burr Road Street between McCarty and Ray Street was taken from the table.

On motion of Mr North, the rules were Suspended and the ordinance read the third time, the following was the vote

Ayes. Messrs. Cottrell, Durham, Fletcher, Greenfield, Geiesendorff, Hadley, Locke, North, and Vandegrift = 9 = Noes. English = 1=

Mr North then moved to lay the ordinance on the table which motion prevailed

On motion by Mr Locke the contract for grading West Street be awarded to the next lowest bidder bond to be filed on next Monday evening.

On motion by Mr Fletcher the civil Engineer was instructed to give James Russell an estimate for improving Noble Street and final estimate to M.L. Coyner on Virginia Avenue when completed

to his Satisfaction, and on motion by the Same the Street Commissioner was ordered to fill the hole on or near Virginia Avenue -

Mr North, chairman of the Select Committee in relation to condit asked for further time which was granted.

Mr Locke
 chairman of the common accounts presented an account from the Indianapolis Gas light

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and Coke Company, for five hundred and Seventy five Dollars which was reffered to the Committee on the judiciary .

On Motion of Mr Durham.

Jas Russell was authorized, and granted permission to cut a ditch from Noble Street to Pogues run on Market to carry the water from his gravel pit, he to fill up the same again.

On motion the following account was allowed and the clerk ordered to issue an order for the amount

City of Indianapolis		
1858	To Nathan Edwards	Dr
July 24th	For repairing Bridge on Market Street	
	East of Noble Street	\$ 32.00

I hereby certify that the above
 account is correct

John. A. Colestock
 deputy St Commissioner.

And on motion Council adjourned
 attest

John. G. Waters
 City Clerk

Samuel D Maxwell
 Mayor

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