

Council Chamber November 27th 1858.

Council Met at 7 oclock P.M.

Present his honour Mayor Maxwell and Councilman, Cottrell, Dunlap, English, Fletcher, Greenfield, Geiesdorff, Hadley, Locke, North, Porter, and Pratt.

The minutes of the previous meeting where read and approved.

Petitions

Mr. Locke presented the following

To the Hon Common Council
Gentlemen.

I am desirous of digging a well in front of my property at the north east corner of New York and Mississippi Streets, at the edge of the Sidewalk on New York Street. I will provide Suitable Sinks for the Surplus water, and will agree to keep the well in good order.

Lewis Home

On motion by Mr. Locke the prayer of the petitioner was granted.

Mr. Durham presented the following petition

To the City Council
Gentleman,

I ask your honorable body to be allowed the privilege of taking gravel from Benton Street near the crossing of the Central Rail Road to gravel the centre of Noble Street between the Central Rail Road and the Indianapolis and Cincinnati rail Road as I have tried in three different places to find gravel on Noble Street but without Success, which has put me to a very considerable expense, and if you will permit me to take the gravel I agree to fill the pit to the Satisfaction of the City Engineer.

Respectfully Yours
James Russell

On motion by Mr. Durham the prayer of the petitioner was granted on the condition named in the petition.

Mr. Fletcher presented the following petition

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis,
Gentlemen,

We the undersigned owners of Lots on New Jersey Street

between South and Washington Streets petition your Honorable body to provide for the lighting with gas of Said St between Said points.

Names	Feet	Names	Feet
R.O.Neal	40	Thomas Tull	40
V.Rothrock	40	J.B.E.Reid	137
H.Kemper	40	Chas.Brunner	33 $\frac{3}{4}$
Thomas Cottrell	33 $\frac{3}{4}$	John J.Dumont	67 $\frac{1}{2}$
S.Parish	33 $\frac{3}{4}$	E.T.Sinker	43
Josiah B.Toon	40	Wm Montague	45
Robert Vickers	87	Daniel Glazier	40
Peru & Ind RR.Col27 $\frac{1}{2}$		John J.Gates	25
Charles Rehling	20	Geo.D.Young	38
	<u>462</u>		<u>410$\frac{1}{2}$</u>

On motion the above petition was laid on the table

Mr.Porter presented the following petition

To the Honorable the Mayor and Common Council.

It is the desire of Judge Isaac Blackford, and the undersigned to Mcadamize with limestone chips So fast as the Same can be obtained, or with coarse river gravel or both So much of Meridian Street extending from Washington Street to Pearl Street, and it is the desire of Judge Blackford to pave a gutter along the east Side thereof, the west Side being already paved. Will your Honorable body authorize the Same to be done by Judge Blackford and the undersigned, and direct the City Engineer to Set the Stakes and give the necessary instruction that the Same may be done acceptable to your Honorable body.

Wm S.Hubbard

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On motion by Mr.Porter the prayer of the above petitioners was granted and Engineer instructed to Set the grade Stakes for the Same.

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Mr.Cottrell presented the following petitions.

Hall of Fire Association
Indianapolis November 16th 1858

To the Honorable Common Council of the City of Indianapolis Gentlemen

At a Stated meeting held by the Fire association of this City November 16th 1858 the following resolution was unamimously adopted.

Resolved

That the Fire association very respectfully recommend to Common Council, an appropriation to the Hook and Ladder Company, the Same being equal to the amount that is now due on their apparatus.

Very Respectfully Submitted
John Cooper Sec.y F.A.

On motion by Mr.Cottrell the above resolution was laid on the table.

Hall of Fire Association
Indianapolis November 16th 1858.

To the Common Council Of the City of Indianapolis
Gentlemen

At a Stated meeting held by the Fire association of this City November 16th 1858 the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That this association respectfully recommend to Common Council to make all foot bridges, not less than Six feet wide.

Very respectfully
John Cooper Secy F.A.

On motion the above resolution was adopted

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Hall of Fire Association
Indianapolis November 16th 1858

To the Honorable Common Council of the City of Indianapolis
Gentlemen

At a Stated meeting held by the Fire association of this City November 16th 1858, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Resolved

That this association respectfully recommend to Common Council to issue City Orders to all active Firemen in lieu of Fireman,s certificates, as the Said certificates operates very unjustly and unrightously to a portion of the members of the Fire department of this city.

Resolved That this association respectfully asks the Serious and candid attention of the Common Council on this important Subject, for which they Shall ever pray.

Very Respectfully
John Cooper Secy F.A.

Mr.Greenfield moved that the prayer of the petitioners be

granted which did not prevail.

Mr. Porter moved that the petition be referred to the committee on the fire department which prevailed.

Hall of Fire Association
Indianapolis November 16th 1858.

To the Honorable Common Council of the City of Indianapolis Gentlemen,

At a Stated meeting held by the Fire association of this City November 16th 1858, the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the Fire association respectfully recommend to Common Council to purchase a Fire Engine for the Rover Fire Company No 6, as the Said Company is now without any Engine, and cannot go into Service in case that a fire Should occur.

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Very Respectfully
John Cooper Secy F A.

On motion by Mr. Fletcher. That the Committee on the Fire department make inquiry as to which of three Engines, Marion Good Intent or Victory is best adapted to the use of the Rover fire Company No 6 and put them in possession of the same.

From Standing Committees.

Mr. Fletcher presented from finance committee.
The following report.

Mr. President.

The Committee on finance to whom was referred the petition of John Okane make the following report, upon examination of the duplicate, we find that Okanes property is assessed lower than any other property in the Same Square, it is the opinion of your committee that the prayer of the petitioner Should not be granted.

S.A. Fletcher
Joseph K. English

On motion the above report was concurred in.

From the Same Committee
By Mr. Fletcher.

The committee on finance to whom was referred the petition of H.N. McEvoy proposing to Sell one hundred copies of his city directory to the City of Indianapolis would report that they deem it inexpedient at this time to purchase Said number.

S.A. Fletcher
Jos. K. English

On motion the above report was concurred in.

From Committee on Streets and Alleys,
By Mr.Cottrell,

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The Committee on Streets and alleys to whom was referred the bids for gradeing and graveling Indiania avenue are of the opinion that John Canada & Company, are the lowest bidders, therefore we would reccomend that the Contract for grading and graveling Indiania avenue be awarded to the above named parties.

Thomas Cottrell
Erie Locke

On motion the above report was concured in and it was ordered that contract be awarded to John Canada & Co upon their filing good and Sufficent bond for the execution of their Contract.

From Special Committees

By Mr.Pratt.

The committee appointed on the petition of George W. Mears alledgeing that his property Situated between Meridian and Illinois Streets is assessed too high, report that haveing given the Subject their full attention and investigation they reccomend the passage of the following resolution. resolved that the assessment on the property of George W. Mears be reduced from \$21,000. to \$17,000

Jacob S.Pratt
Erie Locke

Indianapolis Novr 24th 1858.

On motion by Mr.Cottrell the above petition was laid on the table.

By Mr.Pratt

The committee appointed to Solicit Subscriptions for repairing the bayhow or ditch north of the city find that the property holders most interested object to give anything for that purpose.

Jacob S.Pratt
William Hadley.

On motion by Mr.Cottrell the above report was laid on the table.

By Mr.North,

To the President and members of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis
Gentlemen,

Your Committee to whom was referred the

Communication of William Sheets in behalf of the Grand Lodge of this State would Submit for your consideration the following report.

The Grand Lodge of Indiana claim

First.

That the order of masons are a charitable institution, and as Such are entitled to the benefits of the provisions of the act to provide for the valuation and assessment of the real and personal property and So forth, which may be found in Section 7, Chapter 6 revised Statutes , your Committee are of opinion that about one third of the grand Lodge property comes within the meaning of Said act and consequently is exempt from taxation.

Secondly.

The property in equity is entitled to a credit for work done by said Sheets Some years Since, but not haveing any proof before them of the performance of Said work are unable to make any redcommmendation respecting the Same.

M. North
L. Dunlap

Mr. North moved that the report be accepted and concurred in which was adopted the following is the vote.

Ayes Messrs Dunlap, Durham, Fletcher, Locke, North, Pratt, and Mayor - 7 -

Noes Messrs. Cottrell, English, Greenfield, Geiesendorff, Hadley, & Porter -6-

Mr. Cottrell moved that one third of Grand Lodge Hall of the I O. O. F. be exemted from taxation upon which motion the ayes and noes were demanded, which resulted as follows.

Ayes Messrs Cottrell, Dunlap, Durham, Fletcher, Locke, North and Pratt -7-

Noes. Messrs English, Greenfield, Giesendorff, Hadley, and Porter -5-

Before the president announced the result of the vote Mr. Cottrell asked leave to change his vote from aye to no which was granted by the Council, whereupon the matter was laid upon the table.

Mr. Pratt moved to reconsider the vote by which a portion of masonic Hall was exempted from taxation, the vote being taken the question prevailed, whereupon Mr. Porter moved to lay the report and reccommendation of the Committee on the table, which prevailed.

Reports from Officers.

From Civil Engineer.

The Civil Engineer respectfully Submits the following report.

1st That in compliance with the instructions of last meeting of council, be notified, the Madison and Indianapolis Rail Road Company to build a culvert under their track at or near the Corporation line.

2d That the Citys portion of the expense of grading and graveling the Side walk on the west Side of Delaware Street, between Maryland Street and Pogues Run, due Jeremiah Shea amounts to \$5.70. (2159)

On Motion the above was reffered to the Committee on Streets and alleys to report who was the proper person to recieve the money Thomas Wren or Jeremiah Shea.

3d That August Richter has finished rebuilding the walls on Pogues Run at East Street, and also the grading and bouldering of the gutters on the South Side of the bridge, all which the Engineer has measured, and the cost thereof amounts to \$492.15. (2143,2144,2145)

On motion by Mr.Cottrell the above amount was allowed, and the clerk was ordered to issue orders in his favour for the amount. on the City Treasury.

4th That the last meeting of Council directed estimates to be made of flag Stone foot crossings for Washington and Meridian Streets, and also bouldering foot crossings for Said Streets. A crossing Six feet wide wide for Washington Street, with one foot of bouldering in the centre, two feet of flag Stone pavement 8 inches thick Square jointed on each Side thereof, with Six inches of bouldering, at the extremities of the pavement will cost \$112.00 or if the crossing is entirely made of boulders, the cost will be \$43.00. - A Similar crossing on Meredian Street with flag Stone pavement and bouldering will cost \$86.00 or if bouldered \$38.00.

5th That advertisement was made for Sealed proposals for bouldering gutters on the West Side of Pennsylvania and Delaware Streets, at the crossing of of Market Street, and for making a Solid earth fill cross the Canal,

at its junction with St Clair Street, which are herewith Submitted.

James Wood, Civil Engineer
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From the Street Commissioner

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To the Honorable the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis.

The undersigned Street Commissioner respectfully Submits the following report for hauling gravel on Delaware Street crossing McCarty Street, and putting in foot bridges, also for making gravel walk across Washington Street and also Illinois Street.

2135 R.Blakey	Hauling gravel	9.00
2136 John Conway	" "	4.00
2137 Andrew Bolder	Work $2\frac{1}{2}$ days at 150	3.75
2140 George Henninger	" $6\frac{1}{4}$ " " "	9.37 $\frac{1}{2}$
2141 John Schoup	" 5 " " "	7.50
2142 Henry Schoup	" 3 " " "	4.50
2138 Jerre Shea	Hauling	3.75
2139 Thomas Wren	do	8.40
	Total amount	<u>\$ 50.27$\frac{1}{2}$</u>

Respectfully Submitted
Henry Colestock
St Commissioner

On motion by Mr. Fletcher the above report was recieved and the Clerk was ordered to issue orders for the amounts to the persons named in the report.

ORDINANCES

By Mr. Fletcher,

An ordinance to provide for the lighting with gas New Jersey Street between Washington and South Streets.

Section 1st Be it ordained by the common Council of the city of Indianapolis, that New Jersey

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Street between Washington and South Streets be lighted with gas, according to the general plan of lighting Said City, and that the expense of procuring the lamps, posts and fixtures therefor, and erecting the Same, be assessed against, and collected from the owners of the lots bordering on Said Street, between the limits aforesaid, according to the provisions of of Sections 66 to 69 inclusive of the City Charter.

Section 2d The Civil Engineer is hereby directed to advertise by publication for ten days in the Indianapolis 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 recieved by the Common Council, at the meeting of the Council to be held on the Eleventh day of December, for the procureing and erection of Said lamps posts and fixtures aforesaid to the approval of the City Engineer.

Section 3d This Ordinance Shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

The Ordinance was read the first and Second time, when the rules were Suspended by the following vote.
Ayes Messrs Cottrell, Durham, English, Fletcher, Hadley, North, Porter and Pratt -8-
Noes Messrs Giesendorff, Locke, and Greenfield -3-

The Ordinance was then read the third time and ordained by the following vote.
Ayes Messrs Cottrell, Durham, English, Fletcher, Hadley, North, Porter and Pratt -8-
Noes Messrs Greenfield, Giesendorff, and Locke -3-

Mr. North presented the following Ordinance.

An Ordinance to provide for building foot crossings on Washington and Meridian Streets.

On motion by Mr. North the ordinance was read first and Second times and on motion laid upon the table.

Resolutions

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By Mr. Porter

Resolved That the Civil Engineer be directed to give John B. Stumph an estimate for the entire work done by him on the Bridge over Pogues Run on Pennsylvania Street, and that the clerk issue the orders upon the certificate of the Engineer.

On motion by Mr. Porter the resolution was amended to pay him one half the whole amount when finished to the Satisfaction of the Civil Engineer.

The resolution was then adopted as amended by the following vote.

Ayes. Messrs Cottrell, Durham, English, Fletcher, Greenfield, Geiesendorff, Hadley, Locke, North, Porter, and Pratt -11- Noes None. Adopted. (2241, 2242, 2243, 2244, 2245, 2246, 2247, 2248, 2249, 2250, 2251, 2252, 2253)

Bids

Bids for bouldering of the gutters on the West Side of Pennsylvania Street and also Delaware Street at the crossing of Market Street.

R.A.Looker	84 cents per yard	Security	P.H.Jamison
F.A.Richter & Co.	85 " " " "	"	S.A.Fletcher Jr

On motion by Mr.Porter the Contract for bouldering the gutters at the crossing of Pennsylvania and Delaware on Market on Market Street was awarded to R.A.Looker.

Bids for making a Solid fill across the Central Canal at St Clair Street.

Robert Greenfield	per yard	74
James Russell & Co.	per yard	47 cents

Security John Canaday.

On motion by Mr.Cottrell the contract for filling the Central was awarded to James Russell at the crossing of St Clair Street on condition that he shall give good bond Security to be approved by the Council.

Accounts allowed

Mr.Durham presented the following

This is to certify that the balance due Joseph Kruger on his contract for building the cistern at the crossing of Alabama and Ohio Streets, and for building the cistern at the crossing of Alabama and St Joseph Streets, amounts to One hundred and Eighty (2148,2149,2150)

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Six dollars and Sixty three cents \$186.63.

Indianapolis November 18th	James Wood
1858	Civil Engineer

	Joseph W.Davis
	Chief fire Engineer

(2151,2152,2153,2154,2155,2156,2157,2158)

On Motion by Councilman Durham the above account was allowed and the city Clerk was ordered to issue orders on the Treasury in favour of Joseph Kruger for the amount.

On Motion Council adjourned.

Attest

John G.Waters
City Clerk.

Samuel D.Maxwell
Mayor