

## Council Chamber January 8th 1859

Council met at 6½ O'clock P.M.

Present His Honor Mayor Maxwell and Councilman Cottrell, Dunlap, Durham, English, Fletcher, Greenfield, Geiesendorff, Hadley, Locke, McNabb, Porter and Vandegrift.

The minutes of the meetings held on the 25th and 29 of December were read and approved.

Petitions

Mr. Hadley presented the following  
Indianapolis Dec. 28th 1859.

To the Hon. City Council of Indianapolis  
Gentlemen

By the opening of the two last Squares of the Northern part of Alabama Street last Summer, the Same are in Such a bad condition, that at the present time no cart wagon and carriage can pass, wherefore we the undersigned citizens and proprietors of lots and houses on Said Street ask the Honorable City Council to finish this part.

Respectfully yours

John Schaub  
Henry Stumph  
John Deacher  
C. Wachstetter

Israel Traub  
Ludwig Sahn  
Lewis Nees  
Herrinch Belzer

On motion the above petition was referred to the Committee on Streets and alleys, by W. Hadley.

Mr. Vandegrift presented the following  
To the Honorable Common Council of Indianapolis

The undersigned respectfully represents that he is the owner of 17 feet of the north Side of lot 3 in Square 11 in the City of Indianapolis that he has paid his corporation taxes for the year 1857 on his poll and \$1000.00 personal property, that Said 17 feet of Lot 3 was not assessed to him for 1857 but erroneously assessed to Henry Mago together with Said

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Magos personal property amounting to five Hundred dollars and Poll tax that said Magos never owned Said property, but at that time occupied it and now your Memorealist asks that he be permitted to pay the tax on Said 17 ft of Said Lot without the payment of Said Magos Poll and Personal property, for which your Memorialist will in duty bound &c &c

Willis W. Wright

Jany 4th 1859



On motion by Mr. Cottrell the above petition was referred to the Committee on finance.

Mr. Durham presented the following

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis

The undersigned respectfully represents that Joseph Herreth has enclosed part of Spring Street bordering on West part of lot 99 in out block No 155 in the City wherefore we the property holders in the neighborhood, ask the Council to take immediate Steps, and affective measures to have the obstruction removed.

T.D.Amos	Feet	40
A.A.Scott	"	40
Sank Knepper	"	40
S.H.Jepson	"	40
F.Lahman	"	20
Jos Dipple	"	41
Ira Biglow	"	81
J.B.Strang	"	40
Geo.W.Durham	"	40
Whole no of feet		<u>382</u>

On motion the above petition was referred to the Committee on Streets and alleys, for examination.

#### REMONSTRANCES.

Mr. Fletcher presented the following.

To His Honor the Mayor and members of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis  
Gentlemen

We the undersigned property holders liveing on Alabama Street, between the Fort Wayne road and the

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donation line, understand that a petition will be presented to your honorable body praying for the improvement of Said Street between the points named above, we take this method of remonstrating against Said improvement at this Season of the year, as it cannot be completed this winter, we Sincerely hope that your honorable body will not pass any ordinance for Said improvement, and as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray and &c

	No of feet
Adam Deitz	150
Nancy Lohman	240
Sophia Schmitt	175
C.Schlorr	63 $\frac{1}{2}$
Geo.Pfiefer	175
John Dicher	150
Casper Hoffman	75
Whole no of feet	<u>1028</u>



On motion referred to committee on Streets and alleys.

Reports from Officers

From Civil Engineer

The Civil Engineer respectfully reports to City Council

1st That Citys portion of the estimate allowed Michael O. Conner for grading and graveling Liberty Street, between Washington and New York Streets, amounts to \$8.40. (2342)

On motion by Mr. Fletcher the above amount was allowed and the clerk was ordered to issue an order for the amount on the Treasurer.

2nd As the grading of the Bluff Road is two feet Six inches above the valley where the water crosses the road, a box culvert and two foot bridges are indispensably necessary, the Council will please direct the Street Commissioner to construct the Same.

On motion the Street Commissioner was instructed to construct the above mentioned Culverts and foot bridges.

3rd The contract and Security Bond of Martin L. Coyner for grading and graveling Side walk on the South Side of Washington Street, between the Canal and alley East of West Street are herewith Submitted for approval.

On motion the bond and contract above mentioned were laid upon the table.

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4th The proposals recieved for constructing crossings on Washington and Meridian Streets, are herewith Submitted to the Council.

James Wood  
Civil Engineer

Indianapolis Jan'y 8th 1859

From Sexton

Report of Interments in all the burying grounds of Indianapolis from the 1st of December to the first of January 1859.

There has been interred less than one year	19
between 5 & ten	
10 & 12	2
20 " 30	5
30 " 40	5
40 " 50	2
50 " 60	2
Whole number	<u>35</u>



From City 30  
 " County 5  
 No prevailing disease.

John Moffitt,  
 Sexton

From Captain of the watch

Report of Captain of Night watch from the Eleventh of December 1858 to January 8th 1859. Number of days Served.

2325 Thomas Amos	27 nights	at 150	\$40.50
2331 Halden Davis	28 "	" 150	42.00
2316 Charles Carter	28 "	" 150	42.00
2319 Richard Ware	28 "	" 150	42.00
2335 George Ross	28 "	" 150	42.00
2346 John S. Russell	28 "	" 150	42.00
2337 Hub Adams	28 "	" 150	42.00
2343 Samuel Lafever	28 "	" 175	49.00
	Whole Amount		\$341.50

Number of arrests

For Intoxication	32
" Driving on Sidewalks	8
" Rioting	5
" Petit Larceny	3
" Assault and Battery	2
" Hitching to Lamp Posts	2
" Prostitution	<u>2</u>
Total	<u>54</u>

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The above report is correct.

Samuel Lafever  
 Captain

On motion the above report was recieved and the clerk was ordered to issue an order for the amounts to the persons named in the report.

Reports from Committees

From Judiciary Committee  
 By Mr. Porter

Mr. President

The judiciary committee to whom was referred the inquiry wether the property owners on Streets light with gas can not be compelled to pay for Said, and to report, the result of Such inquiry, respectfully report, that Such property owners can in their opinion, be compelled to pay for the furnishing of Such gas. Albert G. Porter

S. Donlap Committee





On motion of R.Greenfield Esqr  
The above report was accepted.

By Mr. Porter,  
From the Same Committee

Mr. President  
The Judiciary Committee who were instructed to report an Ordinance for the lighting of Illinois Street, between Market and North Streets with gas, report the accompanying form of an Ordinance.

Albert G.Porter)  
L.Dunlap (Committee

On motion by Mr.Hadley the above report was accepted and the clerk was ordered to file the Ordinance.

By Mr. Porter  
From Judiciary Committee

The Judiciary Committee who were instructed to report an ordinance for the lighting of New Jersey Street between Washington and Ohio Streets, respectfully report the accompanying form of an Ordinance.

Albert G.Porter)  
L.Dunlap (Committee

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On motion the above report was accepted and the clerk was ordered to file the Ordinance named in the report.

By Mr. Porter  
From the Same Committee

Mr. President,  
The Judiciary Committee pursuant to instructions report the accompanying form of a contract for the filling of the Canal at the crossing of St Clair Street.

Albert G.Porter)  
L.Dunlap ( C

On motion the report was recieved, and Mr.Vandegrift moved that the Contract be accepted, and that the Mayor give bond on the part of the City to be prepared by the City attorney, upon which the ayes and noes were demanded by Mr.Cottrell which resulted as follows.

Ayes Mr. Durham,Greenfield,Geiesendorff,McNabb and Vandegrift 5  
Noes Messrs Cottrell,Dunlap,English,Fletcher,Hadley,Locke, and Porter 7.

The Contract was not accepted.



From Finance Committee

By Mr. English,

The finance Committee report in favour of reducing the taxes against Wm. Holiday.

Jos. K. English

On motion by Mr. Cottrell the above was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

#### Resolutions

By Mr. Cottrell

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be instructed to cash no orders on the City until ordered by the City Council.  
Ayes Messrs Cottrell, English, Fletcher, Giesendorff, Hadley, and McNabb 6.

Noes Messrs Greenfield, Locke, Porter and Vandegrift 4.  
Adopted.

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By Mr. Porter

Resolved, That the Civil Engineer be instructed to cause an estimate to be made of the amount of grading done by Thos. Wren, the contractor on the Bluff Road.

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

By Mr. Geiesendorff

Resolved, That the City attorney be and is hereby directed to examine the Contracts between the city and the Canal owners and report at the next meeting of the City Council, what party are under obligations to build bridges over the Canal, and keep the same in order.

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

By Mr. Locke.

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to petition the Legislature of Indiana to purchase the City Hospital and grounds for the use of a house of refuge for juvenile offenders.

Ayes Messrs Cottrell, English, Fletcher, Greenfield, Geiesendorff, Hadley, Locke, McNabb, and Porter 9  
Noes Mr. Vandegrift 1. Adopted.



The Mayor appointed as that Committee Messrs Locke, Dunlap and Porter.

By Mr. Locke,  
Resolved, That the Civil Engineer be directed to make out and give to Messrs Kennedy & Co a partial estimate for work done on Indiana Avenue.  
Ayes Messrs Cottrell, English, Fletcher, Greenfield, Geiesendorff, Hadley, Locke, McNabb, Porter and Vandegrift 10.  
Noes None. Adopted.

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By Mr Cottrell  
Resolved, That hereafter the regular order of business be so amended as to have the reading of Ordinances in order immediately after the reading of the reports of Committees and officers.  
Ayes Messrs Cottrell, Dunlap, Durham, English, Greenfield, Geiesendorff, Hadley, Locke, McNabb, Porter and Vandegrift 11.  
Noes None. Adopted.

By Mr. Cottrell,  
Resolved That the Judiciary committee be instructed to report an Ordinance to prevent the firing of Cannon of Certain Sizes inside of the Corporation within two Squares of any house or building haveing glass windows in the Same.  
Ayes Messrs Cottrell, English, Fletcher and Hadley 4.  
Noes Messrs Greenfield, Geiesendorff, Locke, McNabb, Porter and Vandegrift 6. Lost

By Mr. English.

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To the Mayor and Common

Council of the City of Indianapolis

Gentlemen,

Your Committee on the fire department to whom was refered the Chief Fire Engineers report Submit the following.

As it appears from Said report that the Rover Fire Company No 6 are without apparatus, and as the lease on the house now occupied by the Relief Fire Company will expire next Spring when it will be necessary to procure another house for the Releif, and as your Committee are of the Opinion that five Engine Companies, are as many as the city in her present circumstances Should maintain.

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed from who shall request the Releif Fire Company to agree to remove to a point as near the crossing of New York Street and Indiana Avenue, as can be Secured and to request the Rover



Company to unite with the Relief at Said point.  
 Ayes Messrs Cottrell, Durham, English, Fletcher, Greenfield,  
 Geiesendorff, Hadley, Locke, McNabb, Porter and Vandegrift 11.  
 Noes None. Adopted.

His Honor Mayor appointed as that Committee English, Mc-  
 Nabb and

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Geiesendorff.

By the Same

Resolved That if Said Companies agree to the request to re-  
 move and unite the Council will take immediate Steps to Se-  
 cure ground and erect a house for Said Company near the  
 crossing of Said Streets.

Ayes Messrs Cottrell, Durham, English, Greenfield, Geiesen-  
 dorff, Hadley, Locke, McNabb, Porter and Vandegrift 10.  
 Noes Messrs Dunlap and Fletcher 2. Adopted

By the Same

Resolved, That the Cheif Fire Engineer be directed to Or-  
 ganize a Hook and Ladder Company to take and use the Hooks  
 and ladders in possession of the City

Ayes Messrs Cottrell, Dunlap, Durham, English, Fletcher, Green-  
 field, Geiesendorff, Hadley, Locke, McNabb, Porter and Vande-  
 grift 12. Noes None. Adopted.

Respectfully Submitted  
 Joseph K. English )  
 Geo W. Geiesendorff ( Committee

#### Ordinances

Mr. Cottrell presented the following

An Ordinance to amend an ordinance entitled an ordinance  
 to provide for the grading and graveling of Virginia avenue,  
 between the donation line and Elk Street passed December  
 29th 1858.

Section 1st Be it ordained by the Common Council of the  
 City of Indianapolis that Section two of an ordinance en-  
 titled an ordinance to provide for the grading and gravel-  
 ing of Virginia avenue, between the donation line and Elk  
 Street, passed December 29th 1858 which reads as follows  
 "The Civil Engineer is hereby directed to Set the proper  
 grade Stakes and also 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, that Sealed proposals will be received by the Common Council at the meeting of the Council to be held on the Eighth day of December 1858, for the execution of Said work be amended So as to read as follows the Civil Engineer is hereby directed to Set the proper grade Stakes, and also 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 received by the Common Council at the meeting of the Council to be held on the 22nd day of January 1859 for the Execution of Said work.

Section 2nd. This Ordinance Shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

The Ordinance was read the first time. On Motion of Mr. Cottrell the Ordinance was read a Second time by its title.

Mr. Cottrell moved that the rules be Suspended and the Ordinance be read a third time now which prevailed by the following vote.

Ayes Messrs Cottrell, English, Fletcher, Greenfield, Geiesendorff, Hadley, Locke, McNabb, Porter and Vandegrift 10  
Noes None.

The ordinance was then read the third time and passed by the following vote.

Ayes Messrs Cottrell, English, Fletcher, Greenfield, Geiesendorff, Hadley, Locke, McNabb, Porter and Vandegrift 10.  
Noes None.

Mr. Fletcher presented the following

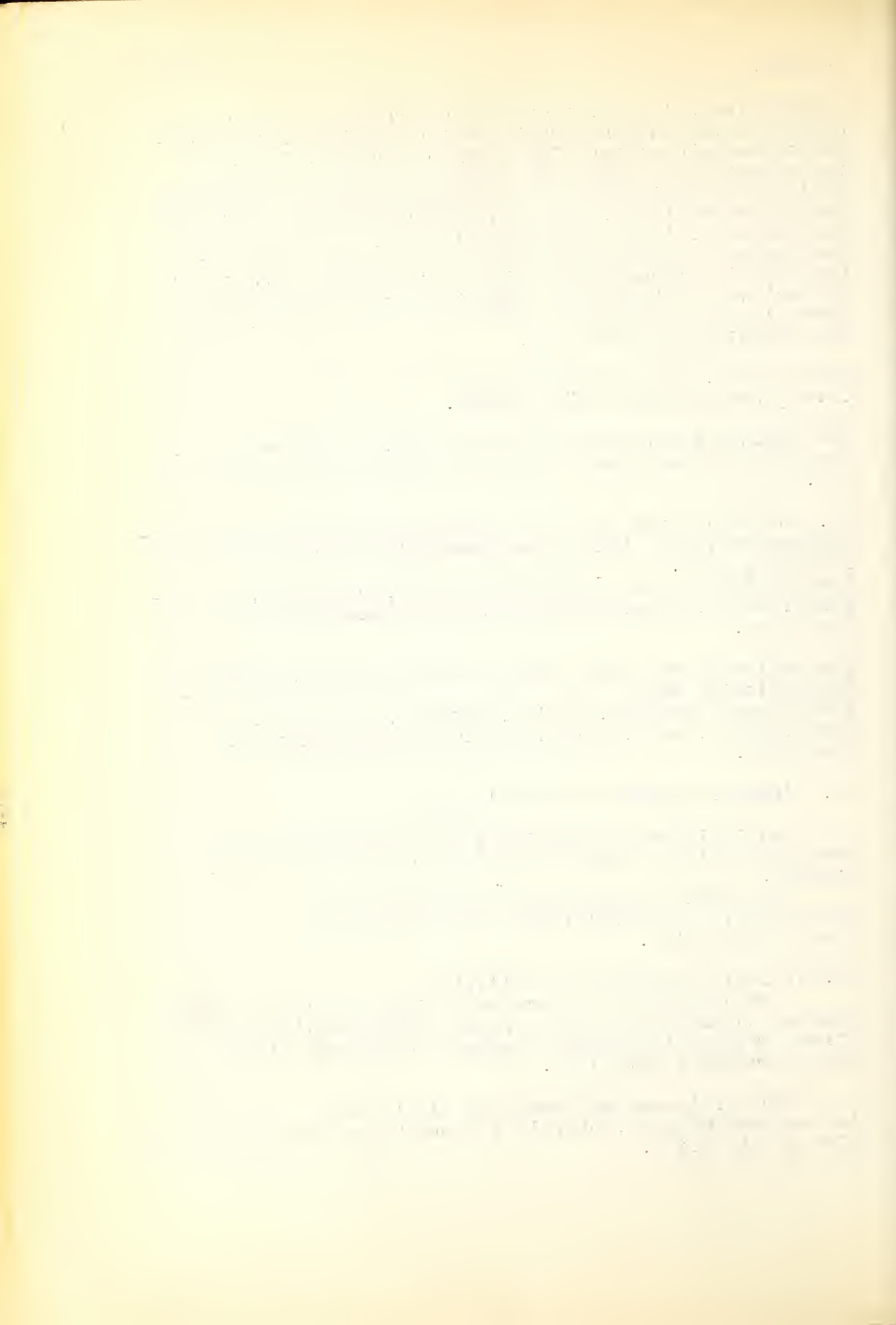
An Ordinance to provide for the lighting with gas Washington Street between Pennsylvania and New Jersey Streets.

The Ordinance was read the first time  
And on motion by Mr. Fletcher was then read the Second time by its title.

Mr. Cottrell presented the following

An ordinance to amend an ordinance entitled an ordinance to provide for the grading and graveling Delaware Street between the Madison Avenue and McCarty Street passed December 29th 1858.

The Ordinance was read the first time  
And on Motion by Mr. Cottrell the ordinance was read a Second time by its title.



Mr. Cottrell moved that the rules be Suspended and the Ordinance be read a third time now, which did not prevail, the following is the vote.

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Ayes Messrs Cottrell, English, Fletcher, Hadley, McNabb, and Vandegrift 6.

Noes Messrs Greenfield, Geiesendorff, Locke, and Porter 4.

From the Committee on accounts

By Mr. Locke.

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis,  
The Committee on accounts report the following ordinance and ask its adoption.

An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of Sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis.

Section 1st Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, that the following named persons be allowed the amounts Set apposite their respective names from any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated as follows,

2312 Richard Heninger	Printing	19.00
2308 F. Burgdorff	Specific	4.50
2305 Geo Brown	Tax Refunded	.50
2307 Philip Holler	do do	4.40
2306 Chas. Mayer	do do	1.80
2310 James R. Shea	Street Improvement	18.75
2311 John Moffitt	Town Clock	12.50
2309 L. D. Goldsberry	Stove	8.00
2355 Ind Gas & Coke Company	Gas	609.80
		<u>\$679.25</u>

Section 2nd The city clerk is hereby authorized and directed to issue Warrants upon the City Treasury to the persons named, and for the amounts Set forth Specifically in Section first, of this ordinance.

Section 3rd This Ordinance to take effect and be in force from and after its passage.



The Ordinance was read the first time and on motion by Mr. Locke was read a Second time by its title. Mr. Locke moved that the rules be Suspended and the Ordinance be read a third time now, which prev-

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vailed by the following vote

Ayes Messrs Cottrell, Dunlap, Durham, English, Fletcher, Greenfield, Geiesendorff, Hadley, Locke, McNabb, and Porter 11.

Noes None.

The Ordinance was then read the third time and ordained by the following vote.

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

By Mr. Cottrell

An ordinance to regulate all inns Taverns Shops or other places kept for the Sale of articles therein named to be used in and upon the premises.

On motion by Mr. Cottrell the ordinance was read the first time, and on motion by the Same was read a Second time by its title. Mr. Vandegrift moved that one hundred be stricken and three hundred be inserted, which was laid on the table by English.

Mr. Cottrell then moved that the rules be Suspended and the Ordinance be read a third time now which did not prevail. the following is the vote.

Ayes. Messrs. Cottrell and Fletcher 2

Noes. Messrs English, Greenfield, Geiesendorff, Hadley, Locke, McNabb, Porter and Vandegrift 8.

The Ordinance was not read the third time.

#### Motions

On motion of Mr. Cottrell John Cooper Esqr was invited inside of the bar for the purpose of reading a report from Union Fire Company No 5, which on motion of Same was received and clerk ordered to file the Same with other papers belonging to the City.

On motion of Mr. Fletcher the Street Commissioner was instructed to enquire if private lamps posts are lighted by the City and report to the Council.



Mr. Fletcher presented a lease from Trustees of Grand Lodge Hall for Rooms No 1 and 5 in Grand Lodge Hall for which the city is to pay the Sum of Three Hundred and Eighty Five dollars payable quarterly in advance, commencing January 1st 1859, and on motion by the Same the Mayor and Clerk was instructed to Sign the Same on the part of the City.

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## Accounts presented

By Mr. Porter

Presented an accounts from Samuel Leroy for grading and graveling in a 30. foot alley 12 yards gravel at 80¢ per yard \$9.60.

By Mr. Fletcher,

City Council of Indianapolis

To Trustees of G.L.Hall

To 1 quarters rent to Jany 1st/59 @ \$350\$ pr annum	Dr	87.50
April 1st 59 385 " "		96.25
		<u>\$ 183.75</u>

On motion the above were referred to the Committee on accounts.

## Bids presented to Council

To the City Council of Indianapolis, Indiana  
January 6th 1859

According to Specifications for the Street crossings on Washington Street I offer to put them in in good order and workmanlike manner for the Sum of One hundred and Seventy three dollars each and the one on Meridian Street for One hundred and fifty Eight which makes in all five hundred and four dollars \$504.00 to be paid in City orders except Forty dollars which is to be in cash.

Theadore Eck

To the Common Council Of the City of Indianapolis  
Gentlemen,

The undersigned proposes to place flag Stones upon the crossing of Washington Street on the East Side of Meridian Street, at \$145.00  
also to place flag Stones upon the crossing of Meridian Street South Side of Washington Street at \$ 125.00.  
Also to place flag Stones upon the crossing of Washington Street at or near the wright House at \$140.00  
Said work to be done in accordance with the plans and Specifications of the Civil Engineer. A.F.Richter & Co.





Should the Common Council accept the above propositions or any one of them we will be surity that they will contract with the City for the above Specified amount or amounts.

D.B.Culley  
Ingram Fletcher

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Bid for digging Well near Pogues Run

Indianapolis Jany 7th 1859

To the Honorable City Council  
Gentlemen.

I will build you a well after the following demen-  
sions acording to Specifications Eight feet in diameter  
Six foot below the bed of the creek, and furnish all ma-  
terial except the Castings for one hundred and Twenty five  
dollars \$125.00, or I will make a well Six feet in diame-  
ter Six foot below the bed of the creek and furnish all but  
the castings for ninety five dollars. I am Satisfied from  
Twenty years experience in making wells that the Six foot  
well on Pogues run will furnish as much water as the Eight  
foot well, what I mean you cannot pump it dry.

John P.Childers  
Andrew Wallace

Mr. Locke moved that the above bid be laid on the table  
upun which the ayes and noes were demanded by Mr. Cottrell  
which resulted as follows,  
Ayes Mr. Locke 1.

Noes Messrs Cottrell, Dunlap, Durham, English, Fletcher, Green-  
field, Geiesendorff, Hadley, McNabb, Porter and Vandegrift 11.  
Was not laid upun the table.

Mr. Cottrell then moved that the contract be awarded to  
John P.Childers for building Six foot well at Ninety five  
dollars which did not prevail.

On motion of Mr. Geiesendorff the Chief Fire Engineer was  
instructed to readvertise for the building of well near  
Pogues run. And on motion of Mr. Cottrell the engineer was  
instructed to advertise for both 6, and 8. foot well.

On motion of Mr. Cottrell,

The clerk was ordered to issue precepts against the  
following named persons against Henry Aevils in favour of  
Thomas Wren for grading and graveling of Deleware Street,



between South and McCarty Streets against Lot fourteen in out lot one hundred and Six in the city of Indianapolis for Nine dollars and ninety Six cents. Also against Thomas Smith in favour of Thomas Fenter for grading and graveling of Washington of Washington Street between Alabama and New Jersey Streets and Sidewalks for Ninety Nine dollars and Seventy three cents, \$99.75.

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On motion of Mr. Cottrell

The finance Committee were instructed to exam into the assessment of Mrs. Craighead for the year 1858, and ascertain wether her list had been doubled for the said year.

On Motion the Council adjourned.

Attest John G. Waters

City Clerk

Samuel D. Maxwell

Mayor

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