

## Council Chamber February 12th 1859

Council met at 7 Oclock P.M.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Petitions.

By Mr. Locke,

A petition from John B. Stumph asking the Council to refund taxes to Henry Balls on One Hundred and nineteen dollars personal property and poll tax, he being wrongfully assessed that amount and being over fifty years of age.

On motion the prayer of the above petitioner was granted and the Clerk was ordered to issue an Order in favour of Henry Balls for the amount \$119. (2583)

By Mr. Vandegrift.

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis Gentlemen.

The undersigned owner of lot 4 in out lot 46, and the representative of lot 3 in out lot 46 ask your most excellent and honorable body to lay out an alley across the above numbered lots, according to a plan which is herewith Submitted.

Nannie S. Cottrell  
Thomas Cottrell for the heirs  
of Samuel Goldsberry

On motion the above petition and the following plat was referred to the Commissioners for examination.

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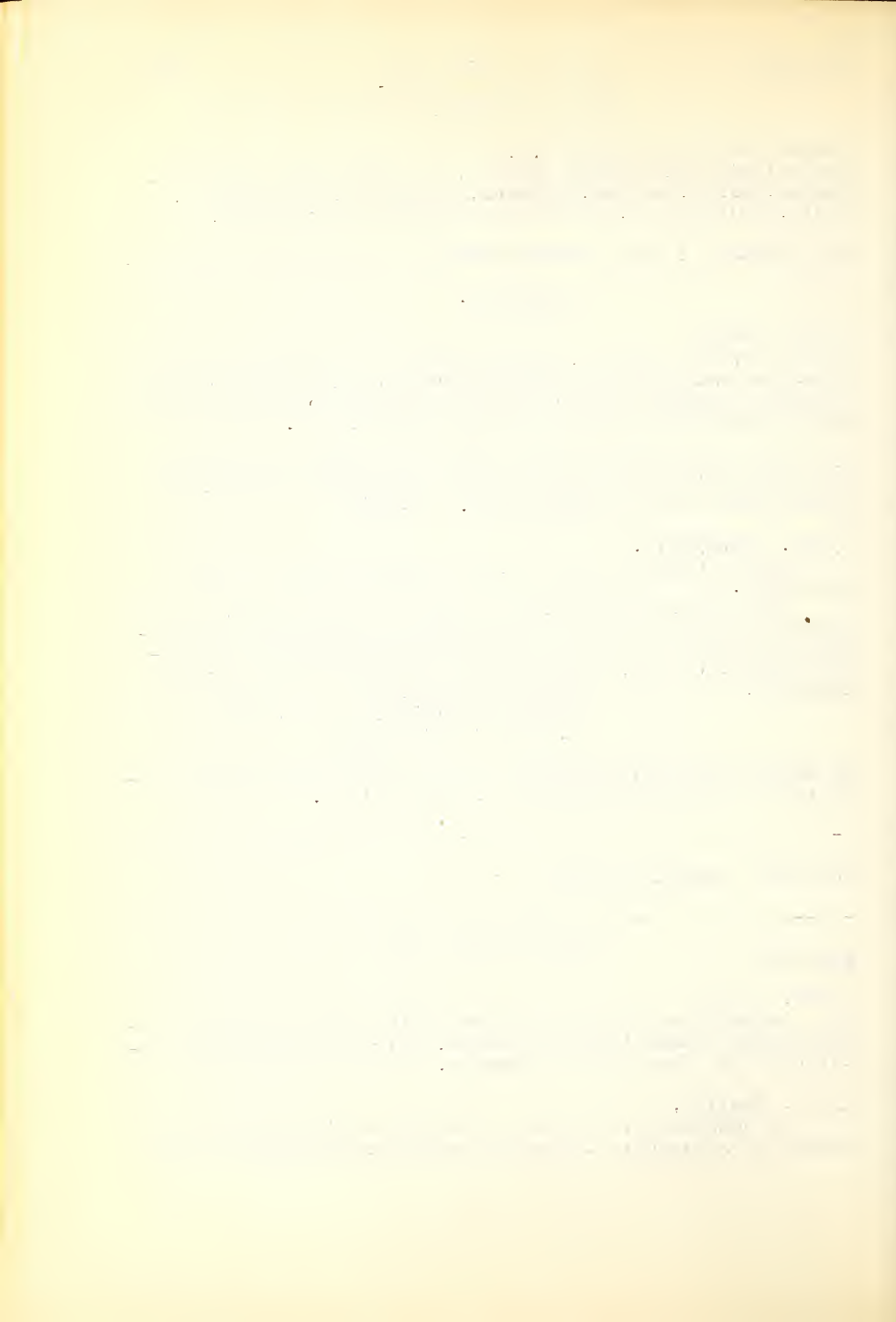
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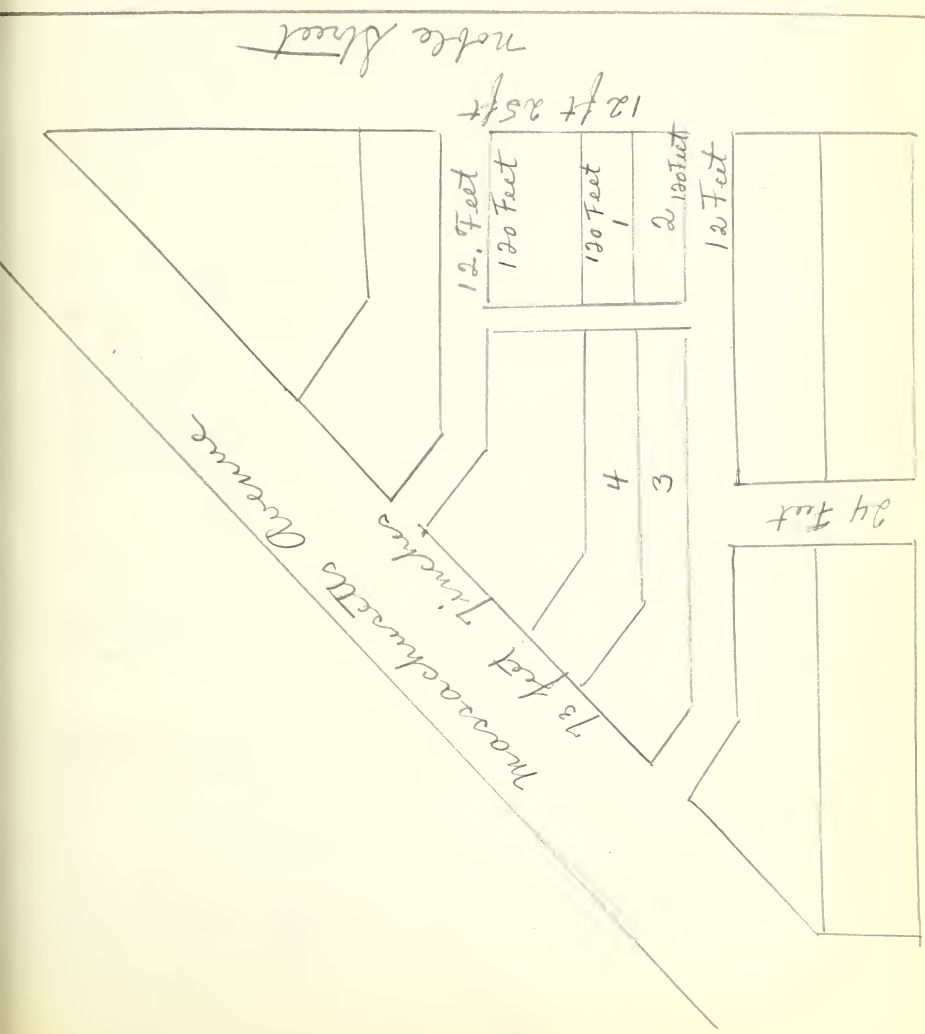
By Mr. North

A petition from A.C. Howard asking for pay for numbering houses within the city limits, which on motion was referred to the Committee on finance.

By Mr. English,

A petition from John W. Hamilton administrator on the estate of Alexander F. Morrison asking an abatement of the





note sheet



personal property on Said estate to the amount of One thousand and Eighty five dollars, money lost by Said estate in the failure of John Woolley.

On Motion referred to the Committee on finance.

By Mr. McNabb,  
To the Honorable the Mayor and Common Council of the City  
of Indianapolis

The undersigned would most respectfully ask your honorable body to grant them the prevelege of placing Scales on Maryland Street near Meridian Street, we will place them, So they Shall not be an obstruction to the use of the Street and will agree that at any time the City Council, order the removal of the Same, we will remove them and make the Street as good as it is now at our expense, by granting the above petition you will confer a favour on those Selling grain and on.

Yours Truly  
Wilson Jones & Co

On motion the prayer of the above petitioners was granted.

By Mr. Durham. Indianapolis February 11th 1859

To the Honorable Mayor and Councilmen of Indianapolis  
Gentlemen,

in going to pay my taxes assessed by your City I find a large amount of property assessed to me never given in by me, and never owned by me-and I ask to be released from the excess of the taxes on my house

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and lot and One hundred and fifty dollars of personal property which I hold myself to make appear before, your assessor, or a Committee.

Respectfully Yours  
Jeremy H. Anderson

On motion the petition of the above was referred to the finance Committee

By Mr. English,  
To his honour the Mayor and Common Council Of the  
City of Indianapolis  
Gentlemen

At a regular meeting of Invincible Fire Company No 2 held at their, hall on the Seventh inst the following resolution was adopted.



Resolved, That this fire Company notify the Mayor and Common Council that we are in favour of a paid fire department, when Council may See fit to reorganize the Fire Department, and that the No 2 will be happy to relinquish the position they now hold, as a volunteer fire Company when So ordered.

Chas. Richman President  
O. F. Fahnstock Secy

On motion by Mr. North the above petition was reffered to the Select Committee previously appointed on the fire department.

By Mr. Durham,

To the Honorable, the Mayor and Common Council Of Indianapolis,

Your petitioner would respectfully represent that he has in process of erection a dwelling house on North Meridian Street near the county Semnary, and would respectfully ask permission from Your honorable body, to use So much of the Street, and Sidewalk as may be deemed necessary, for the proper delivery by the Contractors of Such building material as may be used in the Construction of my Said buildings.

Indianapolis Febry 11th 1859      Oliver Tousey

On motion by Mr. Durham permission was granted.

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### Resolutions

By Mr. Hadley

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be authorized to put additional gravel on Deleware Street, oppisite the alley between Michigan and North Streets, and also additional gravel on the east Side of Deleware Street oppisite lot nine in Square three, and call upon the trustees of the Hicksite friends for the cost of the Same oppisite their lot.

Ayes Messrs. Cottrell, Dunlap, Durham, English, Fletcher, Greenfield, Gelesendorff, Pratt, Hadley, Locke, McNabb, and Vandegrift 11.

Noes None.

Adopted.

By Mr. Vandegrift

Resolved. That the Street Commissioner be directed to notify Doctor Mears to put the Sidewalk, between Vermont and Michigan Sts on the East Side of Illinois Street in repair.

Ayes. Messrs Cottrell, Dunlap, Durham, English, Fletcher, Greenfield, Gelesendorff, Pratt, Hadley, Locke, McNabb, North and Vandegrift 13.

Noes None

Adopted.





By Mr. Cottrell,

Resolved. That the City Mayor be instructed to advertise for Sealed proposals, to be opened in the presence of Common Council on the 26th Inst for a tract of land of not less than forty acres, to be used for city Cemetery to be located within one mile of the donation line, no proposal will be entertained unless a credit of ten years be given for the Same, the Council reserves the right to reject any or all of Such bids.

Ayes Messrs Cottrell, Durham, English, Fletcher, Greenfield, Geiesendorff, Pratt, Hadley, Locke, and McNabb 10.

Noes Mr. Vandegrift 1.

Adopted.

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By Mr. Durham,

Resolved That the Civil Engineer is hereby directed to make Specifications and estimates for a bridge at the crossing of Washington and Noble Street over Pogues run of two Stone Walls and extend diagonally across both of Said Streets and Sidewalks. Said bridge to be covered with good oak plank, not less than four inches in thickness.

Ayes Messrs Cottrell, Dunlap, Durham, English, Greenfield, Geiesendorff, Pratt, Hadley, Locke, McNabb, North, and Vandegrift 12.

Noes None. Adopted.

By Mr. Cottrell,

Resolved That the Civil Engineer be instructed to advertise for building a Suitable Stone wall across New Jersey Street at its junction with Virginia Avenue, in order to Sustain a bridge across Virginia River.

Ayes Messrs Cottrell, Donlap, Durham, English, Fletcher, Greenfield, Geiesendorff, Pratt, Hadley, Locke, McNabb, North, and Vandegrift 13. Noes None. Adopted.

By Mr. Geiesendorff

Resolved, That a Select Committee be appointed to Enquire into the expediency of erecting a building Suitable for City officers, and Station house, and report at the next regular meeting of the Council.

Ayes Messrs Cottrell, Dunlap, Durham, English, Fletcher, Greenfield, Geiesendorff, Pratt, Hadley, Locke, McNabb, North, and Vandegrift. 13. Noes None. Adopted.

His Honor the Mayor appointed as that Committee Messrs Geiesendorff, McNabb and Fletcher.



By Mr. Fletcher

Resolved That the City Clerk is hereby directed to issue an Order in favour of Mrs. Mary J. Craighead for Seventy Two dollars for twelve Thousand dollars worth of property illegally assessed against her for the year 1858. (2585)  
 Ayes Messrs Cottrell, Dunlap, Durham, English, Fletcher, Greenfield, Geisendorff, Pratt, Hadley, Locke, McNabb, North and Vandegrift 13.  
 Noes None. Adopted.

By Mr. English

Resolved That the Clerk be ordered to issue orders to W.W. Wright for the amount of personal property assessed against one Mago. (4391)  
 Ayes Messrs Cottrell, Dunlap, Durham, English, Fletcher, Greenfield, Geisendorff, Pratt, Hadley, Locke, McNabb, North and Vandegrift 13.  
 Noes None. Adopted.

By Mr. Vandegrift

Resolved That the Civil Engineer be directed to advertise for bids for the filling of the Canal at the crossing of St Clair Street;

On motion by Mr. English the above resolution was laid on the table by the following vote.

Ayes Messrs Cottrell, Dunlap, Durham, English, Fletcher, Greenfield, Pratt, Hadley, & Locke 9.  
 Noes Messrs Geisendorff, McNabb, North and Vandegrift 4.  
 Laid on the Table

By Mr. Locke

Resolved That a Standing Committee of three from this Council be appointed by the Mayor to whom all matters in relation to Gas Shall be referred.

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

His Honor appointed as the above Committee Messrs Locke, Vandegrift and Hadley.

By Mr. English

Resolved That the Sum of Two hundred and fifty dollars be appropriated to pay the balance due on the Hook and Ladder Wagon, formally in possession of Young America Hook and Ladder Company.



On Motion by Mr. Vandegrift the above resolution was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

By Mr. Cottrell

Resolved That the City Treasurer be instructed to advertise the property of Ira Davis on Meridian Street for Sale to Satisfy a claim in favour of M.L.Coyner for work done on Meridian Street by the aforesaid Coyner.

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

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By Mr. Fletcher

Resolved, That the City Marshall, be directed to notify Mr. Samuel Patterson or his agent John Caven to repair the pavement in front of his property on Washington Street.

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

By Mr. Hadley

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be hereby directed to put additional gravel upon the Side walk on the East Side of Delaware St at the West end of the East Market Square. Also to put on additional gravel at the crossing of Ohio Street by Delaware Street, on the East Side.

Ayes Messrs Cottrell, Dunlap, Durham, English, Fletcher, Greenfield, Geiesendorff, Pratt, Hadley, Locke, McNabb, North, and Vandegrift 13. Noes None. Adopted.

By Mr. Fletcher

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to procure if possible permission from the Indianapolis Pittsburgh and Cleveland Rail Road Company to dig a gutter on the East Side of their Track from St Clair Street, South to Pogues Run.

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

The Mayor appointed as that Committee Messrs Fletcher, Locke, and Greenfield.

By Mr. North

Whereas it appears from the assessors books that Certain



property holders in this City holding two or more lots have been twice assessed on their poll and personal property, therefore be it Resolved

That the Treasurer is hereby authorized to deduct from the assessment list any additional assessment more than one, on poll and personal property, against tax payers in the City of Indianapolis and report the Same to the City Council. Ayes Messrs Cottrell, Dunlap, Fletcher, Greenfield, Geiesendorff, Hadley, Locke, McNabb, North, and Vandegrift 11. Noes Messrs English and Pratt 2. Adopted.

By Mr. Greenfield

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be authorized to open the gutter on the West Side of West Street two Squares South of Washington Street, So as to carry off the Stagnant Water on Said Street, amount of Cost not exceed ten Dollars. Ayes Messrs Cottrell, Dunlap, Durham, English, Fletcher, Greenfield, Geiesendorff, Pratt, Hadley, Locke, McNabb, North and Vandegrift 13. Noes None. Adopted.

By Mr. Geiesendorff,

Resolved, That the Sum of Two Hundred and one dollars be appropriated to pay the amount yet due on the Engine House erected by Rover Fire Company No. 6.

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

### Ordinances Passed

On motion by Mr. Fletcher the following Ordinance was taken from the table.

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

Section 1st Be it Ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis that Washington Street, between Pennsylvania and New Jersey Streets, Shall be lighted with gas according to the general plan of lighting Said City, and that the expense of procuring the posts lamps and fixtures therefore, and erecting the Same, except So much thereof as is occupied by the crossings of Streets and alleys, be assessed against, and collected from the owners of the lots, bordering on Said Streets, between the limits afore-





said 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 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 26th day of February 1859, for the procureing and erection of Said posts lamps and fixtures as aforesaid.

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

On motion by Mr. Fletcher the above Ordinance was read the third time, and passed by the following vote.

Ayes Messrs Cottrell, Durham, English, Fletcher, Greenfield, Gelesendorff, Pratt, Hadley, Locke, McNabb, Porter and Vandegrift 12.

Noes None.      Passed.

On Motion by Mr. Vandegrift the following Ordinance was taken from the table.

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An Ordinance to provide for the lighting of Illinois Street between Washington and North Streets.

Section 1st be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis that Illinois Street, between Washington and North Streets, Shall be lighted with Gas according to the general plan of lighting the City of Indianapolis with Gas, adopted by this Council, and that the expense of furnishing and putting up ready for use, to the approval of the City Engineer, the lamp posts, lamps, and all the necessary apparatus, according to Said plan, to fit the Same to burn Gas except the pipes, be assessed against, and collected from the owners of the lots bordering on Said Street, between the limits aforesaid, and the City as to the crossings of Streets and alleys, according to the provisions of Sections 66 to 69 inclusive of the City Charter.

Section 2nd The Civil Engineer is hereby directed 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 recieved by the Common Council at the



meeting of the Council to be held on the 26th day of February 1859 for the furnishing and putting up ready for use, to the approval of the City Engineer, the lamp posts, lamps, and all the necessary apparatus according to Said plan, to fit the Same to burn gas except the pipes. Section 3rd This Ordinance Shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

On Motion the Ordinance was read the first time, and on motion by Mr. Vandegrift the Ordinance was read a Second time by its title and on motion by Mr. Vandegrift the rules were Suspended by the following vote.

Ayes Messrs Cottrell, English, Fletcher, Greenfield, Geisendorff, Pratt, Hadley, Locke, McNabb, Porter and Vandegrift 11.  
Noes None.

The rules were Suspended and the Ordinance was read the third time, and passed by the following vote.

Ayes Messrs Cottrell, English, Fletcher, Greenfield, Geisendorff, Pratt, Hadley, Locke, McNabb, Porter and Vandegrift 11.  
Noes None                      Passed

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By Mr. McNabb

An Ordinance to provide for the grading and graveling of the Sidewalks on the North Side of Kentucky Avenue, between the East Side of Tennessee Street and the West Side of West Street.

Section 1st Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, that the whole width of the Sidewalk on the North Side of Kentucky Avenue, between the East Side of Tennessee Street and the West Side of West Street, Shall be properly graded and graveled with good and Suitable River gravel, to the depth of Six inches, and that the expense of grading and graveling Such Sidewalk, as aforesaid (except So much thereof as is occupied by the Crossings 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 2nd 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 recieved by the Common Council at the meeting of the Council to be held on the 26th day of February 1859 for the execution of Said work.



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

On Motion the Ordinance was read the first time. And on motion the Ordinance was read a Second time by its title. And on motion by Mr. Vandegrift the rules were Suspended by the following vote.

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

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

Ayes Messrs Cottrell, Dunlap, Durham, English, Fletcher, Greenfield, Geiesendorff, Pratt, Hadley, Locke, McNabb, Porter, and Vandegrift 13. Noes None. Passed.

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By Mr. Greenfield

An Ordinance to provide for the grading and graveling of the Sidewalk on the South Side of Washington Street between the Canal and the West Side of West Street.

Section 1st Be it Ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, that the whole width of Washington Street between the canal and the West Side of West Street be properly graded and graveled with good and Suitable river gravel to the depth of Six inches, and that the expense of grading and graveling Such Sidewalk as aforesaid except So much thereof, as is occupied by the crossings 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 2nd 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 recieved by the Common Council at the meeting of the Council to be held on the 26th day of February 1859 for the execution of Said work.

Section 3rd All ordinances now in force relative to grading and graveling any part of the above described Sidewalk is hereby repealed.



Section 4th This ordinance Shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

On Motion the Ordinance was read the first time, and on motion by Mr. Greenfield was read a Second time by its title. Mr. Giesendorff moved that the rules be Suspended and the ordinance be read a third time Now which prevailed by the following vote.

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

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

Ayes Messrs Cottrell, Dunlap, Durham, English, Greenfield, Geiesendorff, Pratt, Hadley, Locke, McNabb, North, and Vandegrift 12. Noes None. Passed

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By Mr. Porter

An Ordinance to provide a general plan for lighting with gas Such parts of the City as are not lighted.

Section 1st Be it Ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis. That whenever posts or lamps Shall not have been previously Set upon any Street, lane, alley or part thereof, and an ordinance Shall be passed for the lighting of Such Street, lane, or alley, or part thereof, the civil Engineer Shall except as to Washington Street, direct four posts lamps to be located between every two cross Streets (when the intermediate Space is equal to four hundred feet, or is one of the original Squares of the City) and Shall place them on each Side of the Said Street, lane, alley or part thereof, diagonally at equal distances establishing, unless by the Council otherwise directed two of Such posts at each intersection; and he Shall, on Washington Street direct Six posts to be located, between every two cross Streets, and Shall place them on each Side of Said Street, diagonally, at equal distances, establishing two of Such posts at each intersection of a cross Street.

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

The Ordinance was read the first time, And on motion of Mr. Porter the Ordinance was read a Second time by its title. Mr. Fletcher moved that the rules be suspended and





the Ordinance be read a third time, now which prevailed by the following vote.

Ayes Messrs Cottrell, Durham, English, Fletcher, Greenfield, Geiesendorff, Pratt, Hadley, Locke, McNabb and Vandegrift 11.  
Noes None.

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

Ayes Messrs. Cottrell, Durham, English, Fletcher, Greenfield, Geiesendorff, Pratt, Hadley, Locke, McNabb, Porter & Vandegrift 12. Noes None. Passed

By Mr. Locke,  
From Committee on accounts

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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 oppisite their respective names, from any monies in the treasury not otherwise appropriated as follows.

2576	J. J. Jordan	Coal	9.25
2575	Cameron & McNeely	Printing	15.00
2556	James M. Jameson	Percentage	663.28
2558	do do do	Firemans certificates redeemed	167.60
2557	do do do	Interest on Orders in Jany reedeemed	243.77
2559	do do do	Street Scrip reedeemed in Jany	7.02
2560	do do do	Wood	3.50
2574	E. S. Meek	Posting Bills for Treasurer	4.00
"	do do do	" " " Engineer	2.00
2584	James Russell	Work done " "	.75
2573	Cooper & Cheeney	Black Smithing	8.08
2577	David Small	Salary as assessor	35.00
2572	L. D. Goldsberry	Work on No 2 Engine House	12.00
		Total Amount	1171.25

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 as 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 the Ordinance was read a Second time by its title. Mr. Locke then moved that the rules be Suspended, and the Ordinance be read a third time now which prevailed by the following vote.

Ayes Messrs Cottrell, Dunlap, Durham, English, Fletcher, Greenfield, Giesendorff, Pratt, Hadley, Locke, McNabb, North, Porter, and Vandegrift 14.

Noes None.

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

Ayes Messrs Cottrell, Dunlap, Durham, English,

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Fletcher, Greenfield, Geiesendorff, Pratt, Hadley, Locke, McNabb, North, Porter and Vandegrift 14  
Noes None Passed.

By Mr. Fletcher

An ordinance to provide for the Lighting of New Jersey Street, between Washington and Ohio Streets.

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

Mr. Vandegrift 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, English, Fletcher, Pratt, Hadley, McNabb, Porter and Vandegrift 8.

Noes Messrs Greenfield, Geiesendorff & Locke 3.

There not being a required majority to Suspend the rules the Ordinance was not read the third time.

Reports from Officers.

From the Civil Engineer

The Civil Engineer respectfully reports to the City Council.

1st That he has agreeable to instructions Surveyed the route on Donation Street, between Harrison Street and Pleasant Run, in order to ascertain wether the water can be turned down Said Street, and if So to make an estimate for ditching the Same, and herewith Submits a profile of Said route,



from which it will be seen, that the level of Harrison Street is 18 feet 11 inches above the bed of Pleasant Run, and the Ravine South of Harrison Street 12 Feet. As the intermediate ground is considerably higher than the bottom of the Ravine, and bed of Pleasant Run, he has given the Ditch a minimum grade of 1 Foot in 1294 Feet for the purpose of reducing the expense as much as possible and with such inclination, and calculating the ditch at 18 inches, wide in the bottom, and Side Slopes at Six inches horizontal to one foot vertical, the quantity of excavation is 6045 Cubic yards at 16 cents per yard, amounts to \$967.20. The Ditch commences at the Ravine 1414 Feet South of Harrison Street, and terminates 640 Feet north of and at

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at a point 9 Feet above pleasant Run.

On motion this part of the report was laid on the table.

2nd The grading and graveling of Side walk on north side of Washington Street and National Road, between Tennessee Streets and the waste way of the Central Canal, performed by Martin L. Coyner, have been finished according to contract, and the citys portion of the estimate is \$106.60, but those portions of Said Side walk in front of John Carlisles property which he was authorized to grade and gravel at his own expense have not been finished according to the Ordinance as he has substituted Sand for gravel on a portion of the Sidewalk and the balance has not been graveled at all.

On motion the clerk was ordered to issue an order in favour of the above named Martin L. Coyner for the amt and the part in relation to John Carlisle was laid on the table.

3rd The Lamp posts, lamps, and fixtures erected by George H. Cleary on New Jersey Street, between Washington and South Streets, have been finished according to contract and the Citys portion of the expense thereof is \$80.24½. (2561)

On Motion by Mr. Vandegrift the above amount was allowed and the clerk was ordered to issue an order for the amount to Geo. H. Cleary.

James Wood

Civil Engineer

Indianapolis February 12th  
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From the Captain of the Watch

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Report of Captain of Police from January 8th to February 11th 1859.



## Number of Nights Served

2509	Thomas Amos	35 Nights	150	\$52.50
2503	Halden Davis	31 "	150	46.50
2537	Charles Carter	32 "	150	48.00
2542	Richard Ware	32 "	150	48.00
2522	George Ross	35 "	150	52.50
	Amt Car'd forward			<u>\$247.50</u>

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	Amount Bro't forward			247.50
2549	John S. Russell	35 Nights	150	52.50
2516	Hubbard Adams	35 "	150	52.50
2547	D. Deringer	Extra 8 "	150	12.00
2530	S. Lafever	Captain 35"	175	61.25
	Total Amount			<u>\$415.75</u>

## Number of arrests

For Drunkenness	42
" Driving on Sidewalk	16
" Disturbing the Peace	3
" Assault and battery	<u>1</u>
Whole number	62

The above is correct  
Samuel Lafever  
Captain

On motion the above report was recieved and the clerk was ordered to issue Orders to the persons named in the report.

From the Street Commissioner

Indianapolis February 12th 1859

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

The undersigned Street Commissioner respectfully Submits the following report.

For putting in Culvert on Bluff Road, and for crossings on Illinois Street, also for putting in box Culvert on Washington Street near the Canal Crossing Side walk.

2565	To Hill & Stephens	5000 feet plank at 150	per Hundred	\$127.50
2571	" Jerre McLane	5 Dozen Gas burners		5.00
2562	" Geo H. Cleary	1 " " "		1.00
2568	" Hiram Lomis	Hauling		19.50
2587	" Thomas Fenter	"		28.00
2569	" John Schoub	3½ days Work	150	5.25
2570	" George Heninger	9¾ " " "	150	14.62





2566 To King & Walker Lumber	2.00
2564 " Wells & Fletcher do	<u>33.35</u>
Total amount	\$ <u>236.22</u>

Respectfully Submitted  
Henry Colestock  
Street Commissioner

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On motion the report of the Street Commissioner was received and the clerk was ordered to issue orders to the persons named in the report.

From the City Clerk.

Report from Clerk for month ending January 31st 1859.

Orders out Standing January 1st 1859	\$38,636.67
Since issued	
For Hospital	45.00
" Street Improvement	171.43
" Tax Refunded	12.90
" Specific	69.55
" Town Clock	12.50
" Printing	385.28
" Salarys	328.55
" Watch	349.00
" School Fund	54.45
" Gas	609.80
" Interest paid on Orders	167.92
" Percentage	1147.31
" Costs	21.99
" Firemans Certificates Redeemed	50.42
" Fire Department	37.40
" Tools	11.00
" Books & Stationary	14.60
" Rent	185.75
" Removing Nuisances	33.66
Total	\$42,543.18

Orders Redeemed in January 1859 \$10,663.12

Balance in Treasury Subject to

redemption of Orders 124.45 10 787.57Leaving Orders out Standing \$31,555.61

The clerk would also report that R.B.Duncan and J.Mansur have refused to pay for improvement on Meridian Street, between New York and North Street, and have filed bonds with the clerk and have appealed to the Court of Common pleas of this County, and also Thomas M.Smith for improve-



ment on Washington Street between New Jersey and Alabama Street, and has taken an appeal to the Same court.

Respectfully  
John G. Waters  
City Clerk

On motion the above report was recieved.

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From Treasurer

James M. Jameson in a/c with City Treasury	
1859 Jany 1st Balance in Treasury	\$1296.44
" " 31st Tax of 1858 Collected	6767.02
" " " Delinquent tax	3914.39
" " " Treasurers assessment for 1859	29.06
" " " Cost Collected	76.80
Same Cr	<u>\$12084.01</u>
By Orders Redeemed in January 1859	10663.12
Balance in Treasury	<u>\$ 1420.89</u>

On motion the above reports was laid on the Table

Reports From Committees

By Mr. Porter

From Judiciary Committee, an Ordinance to prevent injuries to Side walks which was read and laid on the table.

By Mr. Cottrell

From Committee on Streets and alleys.

1st The Committee on Streets and alleys to whom was referred the bids for grading and graveling Virginia avenue, between the donation line and Elk Street, and find that Andrew Stewart is the lowest bidder, his bid being 14 cents per cubic yard for grading and 64 cents for graveling therefore, we would reccommend that the Contract be awarded to the above named Contractor.

On motion the above was concured in and the contract was awarded Andrew Stewart.

2d. We have also examined the bids for building a well near the banks of Pagues run, and we find that A.F.Richter is the lowest bidder on the 8 foot Well his bid being \$115, dollars, on the 6 foot well R.A.Looker is the lowest bidder by one dollar the bids stand as follows, R.A.Looker 89.00 J.P. \$90.00 making a differance of one dollar between the Two bids, but in as much as R.A.Looker makes a reservation in his bid



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in regard to the time of finishing the Same we would recommend that the contract be given to John P. Childers for the Construction of a Six foot well.

Thomas Cottrell)  
Stephen McNabb ( Committee

On motion the above was concurred in and the Contract for building the Six foot well was awarded to John P. Childers at 90\$.

Mr. Locke One of the Committee on Streets and alleys made a verbal Minority report awarding the Contract for digging Said well to R.A.Looker and moved Said Contract be so awarded which did not prevail.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

From the Marshall

Council Chamber February 12th 1859

To His Honor the Mayor and Members of the Council  
Gentlemen.

In accordance with a resolution of your honorable body, I visited the person from whom the City obtained the ground to bury dead animals, and in reference to opening of a Street or road to the Same, he informed me that the ground is outside of the Corporation and Consequently outside of my authority, in reference to that matter the Streets are open to the Corporation line in that direction.

A.D.Rose  
Marshall

On motion the above report was accepted.

From the City Sealer

To His Honor the Mayor and members of the City Council  
Gentlemen,

I have found Considerable difficulty in testing weights and measures under the Ordinance, regulating the duties of City Sealer, Viz The Ordinance does not describe in what form dry measures Shall be made which in my opinion it ought to do as you are well aware the form of the bushel will make a difference in the Case, The Ordinance provides that each and every yard

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measure used Shall be tested, but so far as I know there is no Standard test provided. Neither are there any Standard Dry Measures provided I would also Suggest that a Set of Standard 50 lbs weights be procured would further Suggest



that a truck be provided in which Said weights could be hauled from place to place.

The above is respectfully Submitted for your Consideration.

J.G.Hanning  
City Sealer

On motion the above communication was referred to the following Select Committee appointed by the Mayor.  
Messrs Geisendorff, Vandegrift and Porter

From the City attorney.

In regard to the late revision of the City ordinances by him which on motion was laid on the table.

Memorials and Motions

By Mr. Porter

A memorial from John F.Hill Calvin Fletcher and others in regard to leaseing university Square, which was laid on the table.

On motion by Mr. Cottrell the Street commissioner was ordered to notify the Gas Company that henceforth but two burners would be used in the Governors circle.

On motion by Mr. English the finance committee were instructed to examine and report if Abner Pope has not been wrongfully assessed for the year 1859.

On motion by Mr. Geisendorff the clerk was ordered to issue precepts in favour of E.C.Croas against J.J.Bisbing for \$471, C.H.Rihl for \$471, Endicott \$4.38 for grading and graveling west Street between Washington and North Street also. In favour of Thos.Wrenn Against John Mahoney for \$9.25 for grading and graveling of Delaware Street and Side walks between South and McCarty Streets.On motion the Council adjourned.

Samuel D. Maxwell

Attest John G. Waters

Mayor

Clerk