

Council Chamber April 27th 1859

Pursuant to adjournment the Council met this evening fifteen minutes before 8 O'clock P.M. Present his Honor Mayor Maxwell and all the Councilmen.

Mr. Greenfield moved that the Council do now proceed to hear the first reading of the Ordinance as revised and sytimatized by H.B.Colton which motion prevailed by consent.

The following Ordinances were then read Viz.

- Ordinance 1st. Defining the limits of the City of Indianapolis
 " 2nd Establishing and bounding the Wards of the City
 " 3rd Relation to the laws malfesance and trial of
 City Officers
 " 4th Directing the powers functions and duties of
 City Officers
 " 5" Including Sundry special powers and duties of
 City Officers
 " 6" Regulating the Police force of the City
 " 7" Concerning the Fire Department and the prevention
 and extinction of Fires
 " 8" Regulating and protecting Streets, Alleys, Side-
 walks, Gutters, Shade Trees, &c, &c.

On motion of Mr. English,

Such reading was at this point Suspended to the next Session of the Council on account of some urgent business.

By Mr. English

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis
 The undersigned residents of the City of Indianapolis and owners of two thirds of the whole length of lots in Square two (2) bordering on Michigan Street in said City Respectfully petition your honorable body to allow us the said owners to contract for and have the Sidewalk on the North Side of said Street between New Jersey and Alabama Streets properly graded, the Gravel to be pit Gravel taken from a pit sunk in said Street in front of said square and a sufficient amount of the surplus earth in said square not necessary to grade said square be reserved to refill said pit. All to be done at the Expense of the owners of said property in proportion to the front feet on said Michigan street.

Names of Petitioners	April 27th 1859
D.S.Beaty	100 feet
Thos MCBaker	50 "
Henry Johnson	50 "
J.H.Harrison	50 "
R.A.Taylor Pr N.B.Taylor	50 "
William Keely	50 "

On motion the Prayer of the petitioners was granted.

By Mr. Vandegrift

Resolved, That the Civil Engineer be directed to set the Stakes for Lamp Posts on North Illinois Street and the remainder of Lamp Posts to be set on North Meridian Street Ten feet from the front line of Lots bordering on said streets.

On motion by Mr. Vandegrift the Above Resolution was referred to the Committee on Gas.

By Mr. Fletcher as chairman of the finance Committee returned the petition of John Downey and Geo. W. Pitts which had been referred to said committee at a previous meeting of the Council. The former asking to have taxes refunded on Six hundred dollars money deposited by by him in the Banking House of John Woolley & Co. and upon which he had been assessed in the City for the years of 1856 & 1857 and the latter on One Thousand dollars worth of property outside of the City limits and upon his farm. And the Clerk was ordered to issue an order in favor of John Downey for Six hundred dollars worth of Property deducting Seven per cent and in favor of Geo.W. Pitts for One thousand dollars worth of property for the year 1857.

By Mr. Locke

Resolved That the Committee on Hospital together with the Civil Engineer be instructed to advertise for sealed proposals for the erection of a suitable fence around the Hospital Grounds Also for the Sinking a Well and walling the same with hard Brick on said Grounds.

Ayes Mess Cottrell, Dunlap, Durham, English, Fletcher, Greenfield, Geisendorff, Pratt, Hadley, Locke, McNabb, North, Vandegrift 14.
Nays none. Adopted.

By Mr. Fletcher

Resolved that the following named persons be and are hereby appointed Inspectors and Judges for the Several Wards respectively of the Election of City Officers to be held in the City of Indianapolis on Tuesday May 3rd 1859.

First Ward Inspector	Mathew Little
Judges)	S.A.Colley
(Wm.Campbell

Second Ward Inspector	John Coburn
Judges	Aquilla Jones
	C.Brown

Third Ward Inspector A. Louden
 Judges G. F. Mayer
 E. S. Tylor

Fourth Ward Inspector G. W. Allread
 Judges T. B. Elliott
 Henry Rodawald

Fifth Ward Inspector James Sulgrove
 Judges John P. Melkeil
 M. R. Cook

Sixth Ward Inspector William Boaz
 Judges Nixon Hughes
 William McClain

Seventh Ward Inspector I. W. Davis
 Judges Charly Conlon
 D. F. Gilmore

Mr. Dunlap moved to amend the above resolution, That each Ward select their own Judges and Inspector upon which the Ayes and Nays were demanded which resulted as follows.

Ayes Messrs Dunlap, Durham, Greenfield, McNabb and Vandegrift.
 Nays. Messrs Cottrell, English, Fletcher, Geisendorff, Pratt, Hadley, Locke, Porter.

Mr. Vandegrift moved to strike out the name of A. Louden as Inspector in the Third Ward and insert the name of Wesley M. Adams, which motion was not adopted.

The resolution as presented by Mr. Fletcher was adopted by the following vote.

Ayes. Mess Cottrell, English, Fletcher, Greenfield, Geisendorff, Pratt, Hadley, Locke, McNabb & Porter 10
 Nays. Durham, Dunlap, North and Vandegrift 4.

By Mr. Porter Indianapolis Ind. April 23rd 1859
 To the City Council of Indianapolis.

In the statement of the City indebtedness to me. You are in my debt according to D. Culleys report about Two thousand dollars. I will say to you, your indebtedness to me is only Fourteen dollars and ninety one cents (\$14.91). You will please have the City Clerk make an order to me for said amount and authorize him to & pass receipts in full to date. P.S. I have never drawn an order on the Clerk for my own use And only to pay debts of the City for which I held vouchers.

Yours truly Andrew Wallace.

On motion by Mr. Porter the above was referred to the Committee on accounts.

By the Civil Engineer

The City Engineer respectfully reports to the City Council.
 1st That the contract and Security bond of R.A.Looker for grading curbing and paving the sidewalk on the west Side of Meridian Street between Washington and Louisiana Streets are herewith Submitted for for approval.
 2nd The Contract and Security bond of R.A.Looker for bouldering gutters on Meridian Street between South Sides of Washington and Louisiana Streets are also Submitted for approval.
 3rd The Contract and Security bond of R.A.Looker for grading and bouldering Washington Street between East side of Illinois Street and East side of Meridian Street are also submitted for approval.
 4th The Contract and Security Bond of W & R Johnson for grading and graveling Alabama Street and side walks between Pogues Run and South Street are submitted to the Council for approval.
 5th The Contract and Security bond of C.E.Whiteside for building Six Cisterns are also submitted for approval.
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On Motion

The Bonds and contracts of the several persons named above were accepted and approved by the Council.

On Motion The Council adjourned to meet on Friday evening April 29th 1859 at half past 7 O'clock P.M.

attest

John G. Waters
 City Clerk

Samuel D. Maxwell Mayor