

Also to Wm. Wood, Fifty Dollars (\$50), being balance due him for work on Hook and Ladder House.

(1361-2-3-4)

Council Adjourned

Attest

C Woodward
City Clk pro tem

Common Council Chamber,
December 12th 1853.

Council met pursuant to a call from the Mayor. Present. - messrs Carlisle, Dunlap, Delzell, Durham, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, McCarty, Nelson, Newcomb, Pitts, Strickland, and Mayor Scudder.

The minutes of the preceeding meeting read and approved.

Mr. Dunlap offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Engineer be directed to advertize for new proposals to erect or repair a Bridge across Pogues Run on Meridian Street.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes. - Messrs. Carlisle, Dunlap, Delzell, Durham, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, McCarty, Nelson, Newcomb, Pitts, Strickland, and Wingate - 13.

Mr. Delzell presented the following communication:

To the Honorable City Council of the City of Indianapolis:
Gentlemen:

The undersigned on behalf of Invincible Fire Company, would most respectfully beg leave to make the following statement of facts viz: On taking our Engine to the fire on the morning of the 11th, it was discovered that she was froze up and we were consequently thrown out of service for nearly one hour and it was all owing to our not being able to keep our Engine House warm. We would most respectfully therefore petition your Honorable Body to have the House we are in at present repaired in such a manner, and under the direction of the Chief Fire Engineer, as to render us comforable and ensure us, after making good time to fires to be able to do some little good with our Engine. We would also state that we have no stove only an old one that we borrowed from a neighbor and would ask that one be bought for us. We sincerely hope that your Honorable Body will take speedy action on our Petition.

Respectfully

W. C. Lupton, Jr.
On behalf of Invincible Fire Co. No. 2.

Mr. Delzell moved that the prayer of the petitioners be granted

Mr. McCarty moved to amend by purchasing a stove.

Mr. Newcomb moved that the whole matter be referred to the officers of the Engine Company to enquire if a good house cannot be had for said engine.
Adopted.

Mr. Karns presented the following communication:

To the Honorable Council of Indianapolis.

Having completed the Hook and Ladder House, I received \$180 it being insufficient to pay me for my work and materials. I would ask your honorable body to give me ten dollars to make up my losses. If the brick layer would have went on and furnished his work for his first proposal there would have been sufficient to pay me but he had to have some twenty dollars additional to his work; therefore takes that off of the carpenters work. I dont beg this of you, I only ask it as justice. I refer you to Mr. Karns for an explanation.

J R Wainscott

Referred to Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Nelson presented the following communication:

I ask the Council to reduce the valuation of Lot. No 4 in square 74, to \$1500 instead of \$2500 - it is the property of Darby's Heirs Sulgrove's lot adjoining it, is valued at \$3000 with all its improvements and L.B. Wilson's lot being a corner lot in same square with large brick buildings is only taxed at \$3500 - lot 4 has no improvements I also ask the reduction of \$2000 on my personal property, it being incorrectly put down that amount above what I gave in to the Assessor.

J. L. Morthershead

Referred to the Judiciary committee.

Mr. McCarty moved that the committee on Finance be authorized to borrow sufficient money to pay balance due on note of \$2000 to Branch Bank.
Adopted.

Mr. Maguire, from a select committee, made the following report:

Mr. President:

The select committee to which was referred a resolution of the Council in regard to the selection of a place for the location of the Town Clock, respectfully report that they have had tendered to them for the use of the City the Cupolas of the following buildings, viz: The First Presbyterian Meeting

House, Roberts Chapel, the Baptist Meeting House, and the Union Depot. The conditions upon which the Cupolas of the Churches are tendered are that the City shall be at the expense of fitting them up so as to adapt them to the purpose of accommodating the clock, and keeping it wound up and in repair; in other words the City to have the use of the Cupolas as they are without any charge to the churches. No understanding has been had in relation to the Union Depot because the committee could find no one authorized to make a contract.

The committee are of the opinion that the Union Depot is not sufficiently central as a location for a Town Clock, and therefore would not recommend its adoption unless it were the only place that could be obtained. Either of the three churches before named would, in the opinion of the committee, answer as a temporary location for the Clock and the committee prefer not in their report to give any preference of one over another. The committee are assured that the bells already in the Cupolas of the churches can be made available for the use of the clock, and thus save the expense of purchasing a bell for that purpose. The committee recommend the selection by the Council of one of these churches for the present location of the Clock. The Council are all well acquainted with the location and relative advantages of the several points as a proper place for the public accommodation. The committee are assured by the gentleman by whom the Clock was constructed that so soon as a location shall be made by the Council, he will immediately make preparations for putting it up.

The committee would further report, that Mr. Bates is utterly opposed to any further negotiation in regard to placing the clock on his House

Respectfully reported,

D. Maguire

L. Dunlap

Wm. Karns.

Concurred in

Mr. Karns moved that a committee be appointed to examine the churches named and report on which the clock shall be placed.

Adopted.

Messrs. Karns, Nelson, and Edwards, appointed said committee.

Mr. Maguire from a select committee made the following report:

Mr. President:

The select committee to which was referred a resolution directing them to call on the property holders on the north side of Washington Street between the Canal and the river, in relation to the improvement of the side-walk on the north side of said Street, respectfully report, that they made a visit this forenoon to the part of the City where the improvement in controversy is situated, and saw Mr. John Carlisle

a large property-holder in that district, who did not afford as much ground to hope that the property holders will voluntarily pay the amounts assessed against them for the improvement of the side-walk. The committee had no opportunity to see any others of the citizens interested, but will take an early opportunity to do so. At present the committee recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Civil Engineer be directed to proceed, as soon as convenient, to ascertain the amount of work done by Mr. Shea the contractor (leaving out of the estimate the work done by others) and that he report to the Council the value of the work done by the contractor at the contract price."

The committee ask further time to report on so much of the resolution as relates to a compromise with the property-holders.

Respectfully submitted

D. Maguire

N. Edwads

D. Strickland

Concurred in by the following vote:

Ayes. - Messrs. Carlisle, Dunlap, Delzell, Durham, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, McCarty, Nelson, Newcomb, Pitts, Strickland, and Wingate. - 13.

Mr. Pitts offered the following resolution

Resolved, That the City Clerk, (Mr. Woodward) be required to give bond with approved security, to this Council at its next meeting, for the faithful discharge of his duty as City Clerk according to ordinance

Referred to the Judiciary Committee

Mr. Carlisle presented the following accounts:

1402 Richard Ware, for services as Messenger of West Lib. Fire Co. &c.	\$41.80
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Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes. - Messrs. Carlisle, Delzell, Durham, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, Pitts, and Strickland. - 8
Noes. - Messrs. Dunlap, McCarty, Nelson, and Wingate - 4.

Mr. Carlisle presented the following bill
Western Liberties Fire Company.

To. Drew, McCracken & Co.	Dr
To Balance due on Hose Carriage, as per contract	\$29.00

Not allowed

Mr. Carlisle offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Engineer be further instructed to report the amount of Labor done opposite each persons

property on Washington Street, and the National Road between the Canal and River

Adopted.

Mr. Nelson offered the following resolution

Resolved, That the Messenger of the Hook and Ladder Company shall receive twenty dollars, for his services as Messenger, and the Messenger of each Fire Company Fifty Dollars after January 1, 1854

Referred to the Judiciary Committee with instructions to report an ordinance

Mr. Newcomb offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That an appeal be taken from the judgment of Justice Fisher to the Marion Circuit Court, in the several suits against property holders on Meridian Street north of North Street, for the recovery of the assessment for the improvement of said Street - and further that the Mayor sign the appeal bonds officially on the part of the city; and that he be requested to sign the same as security; and that the Council will indemnify him from any liability he may incur as such security.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes. - Messrs. Dunlap, Delzell, Karns, Maguire, McCarty, Nelson, Newcomb, Pitts, Strickland, and Wingate - 10.

Adjourned,

Attest

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