

Common Council Chamber
Indianapolis, January 17th 1854

Council met. Present, Messrs. Bradshaw, Dunlap, Delzell, Durham, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, McCarty, Nelson, Newcomb, Pitts, Strickland Wingate, and Scudder, Mayor

Minutes were read and approved.

The following accounts were presented and allowed:

1452	C. Richmond, Messenger	\$60.00
1434	H Howard, for Labor.....	2.50
1453	A. Relleymayer "	6.25
1454	H. Avils "	2.40
1455	J Huntington "	7.50
1456	J. H. Vajen,	2.00
1450		
& 51	A W. Sargent,	55.75
1457	E. Seibert	3.00

The Committee on the Judiciary reported

"An Ordinance, providing for a salary for the City Assessor."

Read first and second time.

Mr. Pitts moved to strike out \$180, and insert \$200.

Not adopted.

Mr. Nelson moved to insert \$150.

Not adopted

Laid on the table until next meeting.

Mr Newcomb presented the following

The undersigned would respectfully represent to the Council that he presented to the Court of Common Pleas the resolution adopted at the last meeting of the Council, for the appointment Commissioners to assess damages &c, for the opening of streets; and said Court has appointed as such Commissioners, David S Beaty, James Sulgrove, Robert A Taylor, V. C Hanna, and Isaac N Phipps

H C Newcomb

Ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Mr. Newcomb offered the following ordinance:

"An Ordinance relative to the support of the Fire Department."

Section 1. Be it ordained by the City Council of Indianapolis, That henceforth there shall be appropriated for the support of the Fire Department of this city, and to defray all expenses thereof, the sum of Three Hundred and Fifty Dollars

annually to each Engine Company, and seventy-five dollars annually to each Hook and Ladder Company of the City, to be paid quarterly in advance to the Treasurer thereof; provided that said Companies shall not be required out of such appropriation, to defray the expenses of new apparatus, or house rent.

Sec. 2. Be it further ordained, That the Treasurer of each of said Engine and Hook and Ladder Companies, shall, before said Companies shall be entitled to receive such appropriation, execute a bond with security, payable to the City Council to the approval of the Mayor, in the penalty of double the sum thus appropriated, conditioned to the effect, that he will safely keep said money, and will pay the same out as required by said Company and not otherwise, and for no other purposes.

Sec. 3. Be it further ordained, That the expenses of all Companies, not named in the foregoing sections of this Ordinance shall be defrayed as heretofore provided for; "and all Ordinances and parts of ordinances conflicting with any of the provisions of this ordinance;" and all ordinances providing for the pay of Messengers, are hereby repealed, and the salaries of messengers shall be paid out of the sums hereby allowed to the several fire companies.

Sec 4. This ordinance shall be in force from and after the first day of February, 1854.

Read first and second time

Mr. Dunlap moved that it be postponed till next meeting, not adopted by the following vote:

Ayes. Messrs. Bradshaw, Dunlap, Edwards, Maguire and McCarty. - 5

Noes. - Messrs. Delzell, Durham, Karns, Nelson, Newcomb, Pitts, and Strickland. - 7.

Mr. McCarty moved to amend as follows:

"Instead of unconditionally, insert \$350, appropriated (\$87.50 each quarter) to the use of each Fire Company, and One Hundred dollars to the Hook and Ladder Company, in payment of their current expenses for the term of 12 months, when the vouchers from each Company shall be presented properly authenticated."

Not adopted by the following vote:

Ayes. - Mr. McCarty. - 1

Noes. - Messrs. Bradshaw, Dunlap, Delzell, Durham, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, Nelson, Newcomb, Pitts and Strickland.

The Ordinance was then adopted by the following vote:

Ayes. - Messrs. Delzell, Durham, Karns, Maguire, Nelson, Newcomb, Pitts, and Strickland. - 8

Noes. - Messrs. Bradshaw, Dunlap, Edwards, and McCarty - 4.

The Judiciary Committee reported back C. Fisher's bill of \$15.95.

Which was allowed.

(1449)

Mr. Maguire from The Judiciary committee reported the following ordinance "An Ordinance, to prevent the hitching of horses, or other animals, to Lamp Posts.

Sec. 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, That it shall not be lawful to hitch or tie any horse, or other animal to any of the lamp posts in the city, and any person offending against this Ordinance shall, on conviction thereof, forfeit and pay the sum of one dollar.

Sec 2. This Ordinance to be in force from and after its publication.

Read first, second, and third time, and passed by the following vote:

Ayes. - Messrs. Bradshaw, Delzell, Durham, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, McCarty, Nelson, Newcomb, Pitts, and Strickland. - 11.

The Committee on Accounts reported Mr. Pfifer's bill of \$441. correct.

Allowed \$300 now, and \$141 to be paid when he shall file with the city clerk a bond with security guaranteeing the cisterns for five years.

(1435-6-7-8-9)

(1440-1-2)

The Civil Engineer reported the Bridge across the Canal on South Street finished according to contract.

On Motion Levy Comegys was allowed \$340 for building the same.

(1443-4-5)

(1446-7-8)

The Civil Engineer made the following report:

The Civil Engineer respectfully reports to the City Council.

1st That he has staked off Water Street, between Washington Street and the old grave yard, and found the river had made considerable encroachment on it, since the year, 1831 when the map of the city was made by Bethuel F. Morris; at Washington street, ten feet off the width of Water Street had

been washed away; at Maryland Street, sixteen feet; at the Terre Haute Railroad Bridge, seventy-five feet; and at the old grave yard, twelve feet.

2nd. That, in accordance with an order of your honorable body, the undersigned, on the 28th November last, made an estimate of the grading performed on Market Street, by John C. Carroll, which amounted to one hundred and sixty dollars. Since that time little or nothing has been done to the grading, but a few loads of gravel have been hauled and laid down on the street. In regard to the contract, the undersigned is not aware of any, but has been informed by Mr. Woodward, that Mr. Carroll's proposal, which contained an obligation of Mr. Langsdale, guaranteeing the performance of the work, is either lost, or cannot now be found. About one-third of the grading, and the whole of the graveling remain undone.

3d Since last regular meeting of the Council, the undersigned wrote a contract and security bond for Mr. Pfeifer to sign and execute, but he refused to do so, unless the City Council lock up the Cistern after it is constructed, and provide the Fire Companies and Street Commissioner with keys.

James Wood, Civil Engineer.

Laid on the table.

Mr Maguire presented the following petition:

To the City Council:

At a public meeting held at Roberts Chapel, on the Anniversary of the Widow's and Orphan's Asylum, Society, on motion of Mr. James M. Ray, it was,

Resolved, That the City Council be requested by said Society, to devise some means, if within their power, to aid said society to raise the sum of two thousand dollars, for the purpose of erecting a building as an Orphan Asylum, on the grounds now owned by the Society.

We therefore, as the authorized Representatives of said Society, pray your honorable body to take the subject into consideration.

Marcia D. Willard
E. Talbott

Referred to Messrs. Maguire Dunlap, Delzell, Karns, Pitts, Edwards and Bradshaw.

Mr. Karns offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to open the gutters on the west side of Delaware and the south side of Market Streets, in front of the Fourth Presbyterian Church

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes. - Messrs. Delzell, Durham, Edwards, Karns, Maguire,

McCarty, Nelson, and Pitts. - 8
Noes. - Mr Bradshaw - 1

Mr. McCarty offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary and Treasury present at the next regular meeting of the Council, a statement of all the liabilities upon the Treasury, either payable on demand, or at a future period, either for contracts unfinished or otherwise.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes. - Messrs. Bradshaw, Delzell, Durham, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, McCarty, Nelson and Pitts. - 9

Ordered, That the Street Commissioner, open the ditch on Mississippi Street

Odered, That the Civil Engineer make an estimate to L. D. Wilson

Mr. Pitts moved that Michael Shea be allowed \$97.57 balance due him for grading and gravelling side-walks on Washington Street and National Road.

Laid on the table

Ordered, That the Street Commissioner full up the ends at the Dridge across Canal on South Street.