

Common Council Chamber
Indianapolis, February 7th 1854

Council met pursuant to adjournment. The Mayor being absent, Mr. Newcomb was called to the chair.

Present. - Messrs. Dunlap, Delzell, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, Nelson, Newcomb, Pitts, and Strickland.

Reading of minutes dispensed with.

Mr. Nelson presented the following petition:

To the City Council of Indianapolis:

Mr. Robert Marsh of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" wishes your honorable to grant him a license to present to your citizens this Drama and solicit you to place the fee as low as you may think proper for two weeks or probably more

Mr. Edwards offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That Section 6, of "An Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance in relation to "theatres, Shows, &c; Approved, November, 7, 1851, be suspended for the term of 14 days.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes. - Messrs. Dunlap, Delzell, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, Nelson, Newcomb, and Strickland. - 8.

Noes. - Mr. Pitts. - 1.

Mr. Dunlap moved that license be granted the Marsh Troupe at \$10 per night

Adopted

Mr. Edwards moved to rescind the order granting License to Washington Hall at \$25 per month

Adopted.

Mr. Nelson offered the following remonstrance.

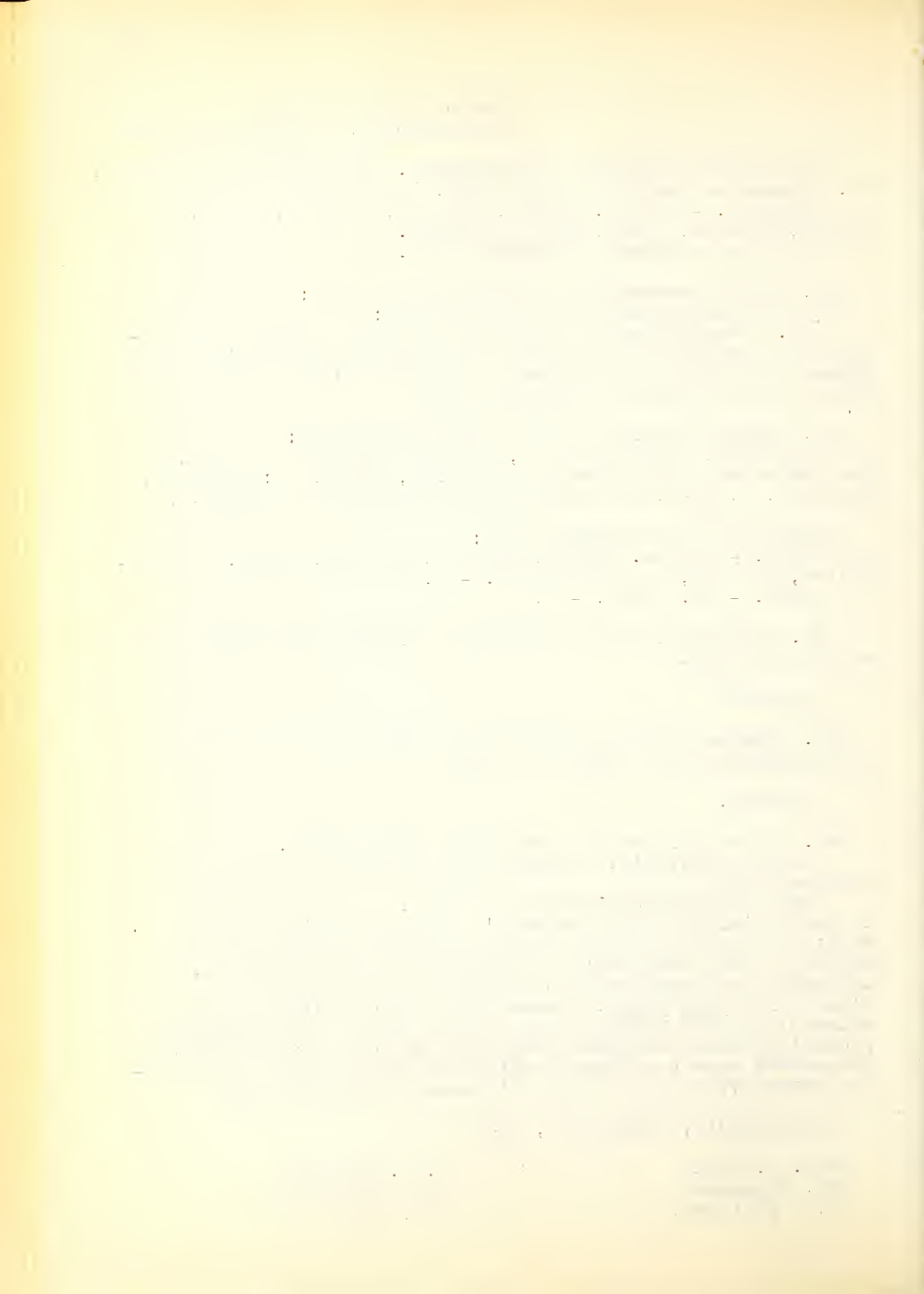
To the Honorable, The Mayor and Council of the City of Indianapolis

The undersigned citizens residing, or doing business in the vicinity of the Governor's Circle, feeling that in no other city in the Union would such a hazarding of the health of the inhabitants be allowed by the authorities, as to permit the very centre of a City to be occupied as a place for a Pest House, respectfully remonstrate against such a use of the old Council House in the circle, and earnestly request of your Honorable Body such action as may be necessary to prevent such a nuisance, which may be the means of spreading extensively desolating pestilence through the city

Indianapolis, January 24, 1854

Jas. C. Yohn
Wm. Hannaman
S. A Fletcher.)

W. S. Hubbard
Alfred Harrison
J G. Whitcomb



T. R. Fletcher) provided some Jno. S. Dunlop Jr
) other suitable
) place is pro-
) vided

A. Ballard	Henry Tutewiler
W. W Roberts	James M. Ray
L. B. Morrow	Jacob Landis
J F Fairbank	W. H Talbott
T. M Roberts	E R Ames
John Bradshaw	John T. Weeks
J M. Bradshaw	Daniel Yandes

Laid on the table

Mr. Delzell presented the following petition:

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

The undersigned respectfully represents to the Common Council that there exists a very great necessity for a bridge over Pogues Run, on Market Street, (east of Noble Street.) It is scarcely worth while for me to trouble the Council with the reasons why they should order the erection of this bridge. Nor is it needful that I should get (a thing easy to be done) a long list of names, asking for such a bridge. The length of the bridge will be about 45 feet, will require but one bent under it, and for the present a single track will be sufficient for the convenience of the neighborhood. The cost cannot be much, if any, above one hundred dollars.

A. H. Davidson.

Referred to the Civil Engineer with instructions to report the cost.

Mr. Delzell presented the following petitions

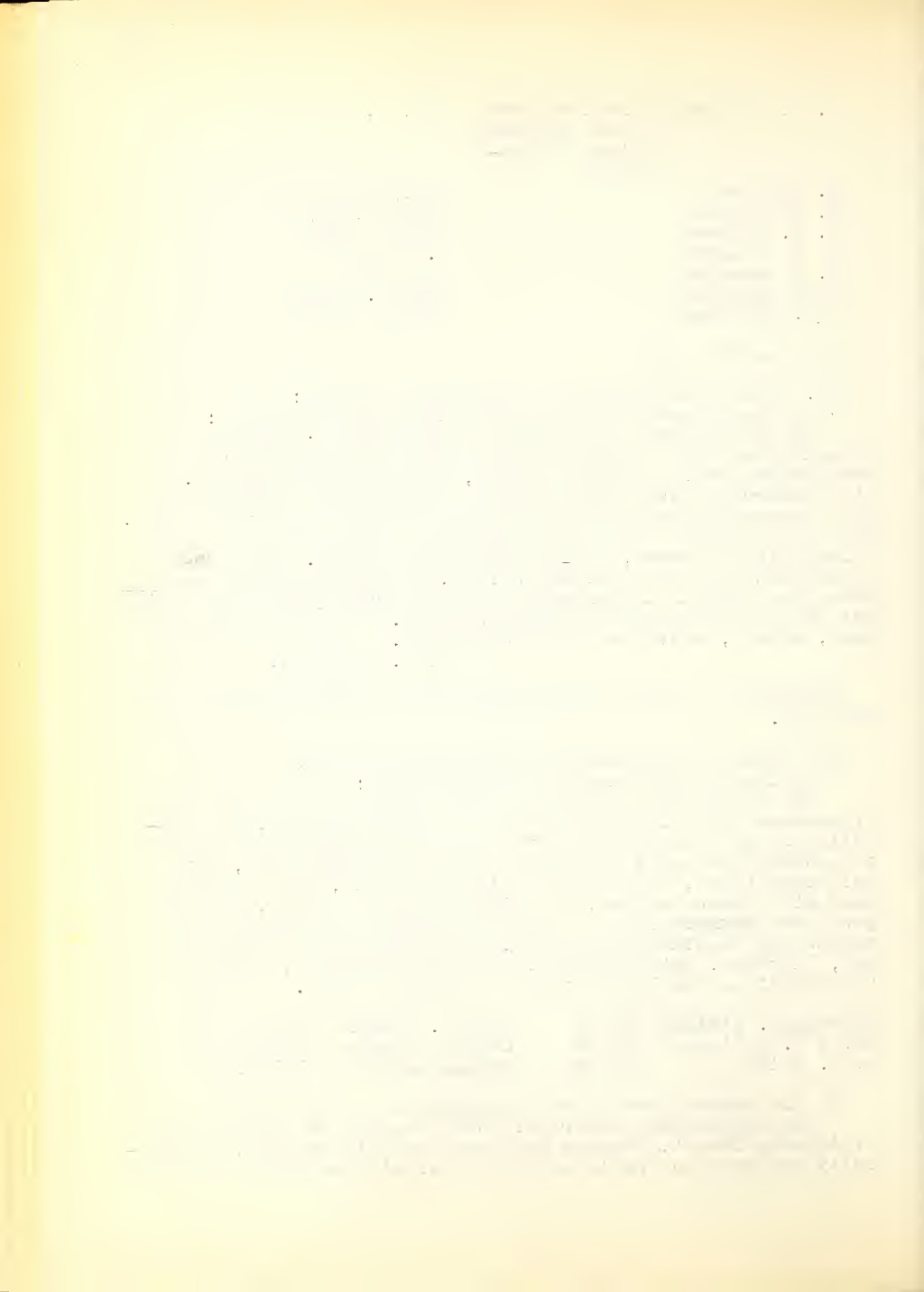
To the Common Council of Indianapolis:

The undersigned owners of lots fronting on the east side of Alabama Street, between Market and Ohio Streets, respectfully ask your honorable body to instruct your Civil Engineer to procure and erect a suitable number of lamp posts, not more than three, between the point aforesaid, and supply the same with lamps and gas, for lighting the sidewalk, and to pass such farther order as may be necessary to raise the expense of erecting said posts, and supplying the same with gas, lighting, extinguishing, and repairing them, by an assessment on the lots between the points named.

Greenup S. Pittman	22 ft	John B. Stumph	43 ft
Wm. J H. Robinson	22 ft	Calvin Fletcher	96½ ft
R. W. Iliff	36 ft	Joseph Little	101½ ft

To the Common Council of Indianapolis

The undersigned owners of lots fronting on the east side of Alabama Street, between New York and Ohio Streets, respectfully ask your honorable body to instruct your Civil Engineer



to procure and erect a suitable number of lamp posts, not more than three, between the points aforesaid, and supply the same with lamps and gas for lighting the side walk, and to pass such farther order as may be necessary to raise the expense of erecting said posts, and supplying the same with gas, lighting, extinguishing and repairing them by an assesment on the lots between the points named.

P. H. Jameson	101 $\frac{1}{4}$ ft	David Stevenson	
John W. Hamilton	61 $\frac{1}{4}$ ft	Lemuel Vanlanningham	33 $\frac{3}{4}$
Joseph Wert		Theophilus Parvin	53 $\frac{3}{4}$ ft

Referred to the Judiciary Committee, with instructions to report an ordinance.

Mr. Dunlap offered the following resolutions:

Whereas, It becomes necessary from the increase of our population; and the many casualties that must inevitably occur from the numerous Rail Roads, concentrating in this City, the contagious epidemics by which we will frequently be visited, that a Hospital should as soon as practicable be erected to receive the stranger, the unfortunate and the destitute - to be under the control and management of the City authorities; therefore

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the President to select a site for said Hospital in the vicinity of the city; and report to the Council as soon as convenient, the price and condition, by which the premises can be obtained.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes. - Messrs Dunlap, Delzell, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, Nelson, Newcomb, Pitts, & Strickland. - 9

Messrs. Dunlap, Maguire, and Delzell appointed said committee.

Mr. Pitts offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That Wm. Franklin and Thomas Bushrod be allowed to dig a well and put good pump in the same, on the outer edge of the side-walk, opposite their lots on Indiana Avenue.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes. - Messrs. Dunlap, Delzell, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, Nelson, Newcomb, Pitts, and Strickland. - 9

Mr Pitts offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Engineer make an estimate of the work done on Meridian Street, by Irvin & Shea, and report the same at our next meeting.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes. - Messrs. Dunlap, Delzell, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, Nelson Newcomb, Pitts and Strickland. - 9

Mr. Pitts offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the last suit before the Mayor brought

by the Council against Ephrain Croas, for the closing up of an alley in Isaac Harr's addition, be and is hereby dismissed on the following condition, to-wit: That Robert Johnson is hereby authorized to re-commence suit against Croas for the opening of the above alley referred to; provided said Johnson will pay all costs up to date employ and pay attorneys, for prosecuting said suit, and if necessary said Johnson is hereby authorized to use the seal of the city.

Referred to the Judiciary committee

Mr. Maguire offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the committee on Finance to examine monthly the orders paid by the Treasurer and compare them with the allowance made by the Council, and report whether the orders paid by the Treasurer are correctly issued.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes. - Messrs Dunlap, Delzell, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, Nelson, Newcomb, Pitts and Strickland - 9.

Ordered That the Street Commissioner have the crossings on the north side of New York Street, across West Street, and on the east side of Illinois Street across Ohio, gravelled

Ordered, That the City Clerk furnish the Assessor with a copy of the resolution passed at last meeting.

The Ordinance, entitled "An Ordinance, providing a salary of the City Assessor, was taken from the table read a third time, and not adopted by the following vote:

Noes. - Messrs. Dunlap, Delzell, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, Nelson, Newcomb, Pitts and Strickland. - 9.

Mr. Karns - moved that a committee be appointed to ascertain how the small pox came in town

Adopted and Messrs. Dunlap, Edwards, and Pitts were appointed said committee.

The committee on Accounts reported back the following small Pox bills, and recommended their allowance as follows:

39	B. Pilbean	\$23.95
41	Michael O Harra	\$65.00
40	D. M. Darrach \$65 Allowed	\$40.00

Mr. Newcomb offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Council will pay to the Assessor \$200 for making the assessment for the present year, to be paid when the assessment is received by the Council

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes. - Messrs. Dunlap, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, Nelson,

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Newcomb Pitts, and Strickland. - 8
 Noes. - Mr. Delzell. - 1

Mr. Newcomb offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That until the further order of this Council the sum of Ten dollars per day shall be charged for a license for any Theatrical performances for which a license is required.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes. - Messrs. Dunlap, Delzell, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, Nelson, Newcomb, Pitts, and Strickland. - 9

A petition was presented by Wm Sullivan, on behalf of Michael A. Daugherty, praying for a reduction of his taxes.

Referred to Finance Committee.

Mr. Edwards moved that a committee be appointed to examine the propriety of filling up the pond between lot No 143, and 144 in Mayland Street, in the 5th Ward.

Messrs Edwards, Karns, Dunlap and Civil Engineer appointed said committee.

Mr. Maguire offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Judiciary committee be instructed to enquire and report to the Council the period of the year at which in their opinion the value of the property of the citizens shall be estimated for taxation and if their be no law fixing the time that the committee report an ordinance on the subject.

Adopted by the following vote

Ayes. - Messrs. Dunlap, Delzell, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, Nelson, Newcomb, Pitts, and Strickland. - 9.

On Motion, the Council Adjourned

Attest

C. Woodward, City Clk pro tem.
