

Stated Meeting

Common Council Chamber
Indianapolis, March 6, 1854.

Council Met. Present Messrs. Bradshaw, Dunlap, Delzell, Durham, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, McCarty, Nelson, Newcomb, Pitts & Strickland, Councilmen, and Caleb Scudder, Mayor.

Minutes of the preceeding meeting read and approved.

The Treasurer's report read, and referred to the Mayor for examination

The following communication was read:

Gentlemen of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis: In company with the Street Commissioner I have visited all the public cisterns and find in them a sufficient supply of water.
Joseph Little, C. F. Warden.

The bridge at the Union Depot is in good passable order
Wm Hughey St. Com.

The account of Adam Gold & G. W. Quisendorf for repairs of Western Liberties Fire Company's engine, May 13th 1851 & June 20th 1852, for \$10 - was

On Motion by Mr. Newcomb

Ordered, to be returned to said company with instructions to procure the proper approvals.

Mr. Newcomb from the committee on the judiciary, reported back the petitions, praying the erection of gas posts on Alabama street, with the suggestion, that owing to a proviso, on the part of P.H. Jamison, the petitions do not contain the amount of property required to authorize their erection.

Mr. Karns moved that the petitions be returned to the petitioners; which motion prevailed.

Mr. Bradshaw from the committee on accounts reported the following accounts as correct and recommend their allowance:

Adam Haugh, Repairs to Hook & Ladder Co.	\$3.50
Robert A Taylor, 17 loads Screened gravel @ 25	4.25
Philip Ennis To cleaning out well at West Market House	7.00
H J Horn, 2 Bed Comforts \$5.00. Red flannel .20¢ for Pilbean, Calico for Shirts a/c	7.23
Victor Shaw, 21 loads Sand	2.10
The accounts were allowed.	

Mr. Bradshaw from the same committee reported back the bill of E H Wright & Co. for \$9.10 for Invincible Fire Company, with a recommendation that it be not allowed.

The report was concurred in.

The Civil Engineer reported an estimate of a bridge over Pogues' Run on Market Street amounting to \$95.00

On Motion by Mr. Delzell, it was

Ordered, That the Civil Engineer advertise for bids.

The Civil Engineer reported the bids for the building of a cistern; which were read, when,

On Motion by Dr Dunlop

The work was awarded to Wm Woods for 53 cents per barrel.

The following communication was read from the Civil Engineer:

This certifies that Carey H. Boatright has finished the bridge over the Central Canal, on North street agreeable to plan and specification, and to my satisfaction.

The excavation of the bluffs at the Canal, on North Street, done by Mr. Boatright, by order of the Council, measures 339 cubic yards, which the undersigned estimates at twenty-eight dollars and twenty five cents, - being at the rate of eight and one third cents per cubic yard.

James Wood Civil Engineer.

On Motion by Mr Pitts,

Allowed, C.H. Boatright the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars for building the bridge as mentioned and the sum of twenty eight dollars and seventy five cents for excavation of bluffs.

Mr Durham from a select committee reported that the lot, which the Invincible Fire Company requested the Council to purchase, could not be procured as the owner had declined selling.

Mr Pitts from a select committee on that subject reported verbally, that he had conversed with the owners of property through which the forty feet street, prayed for by S.S. Rooker and others would run, and "that there would be no trouble about it," and recommended that the petition be granted.

Concurred in.

Mr Pitts moved that the Street Commissioner be instructed to grub up any and all stumps in said street as soon as opened,

Which motion did not prevail.

Mr Karns from a select committee, reported verbally that Mr. Moffitt informed him that the Town Clock would be in striking order by 1st of April.

The following petition was presented by Mr Karns;

To the Honorable, The Council of the City of Indianapolis:

The undersigned citizens of Indianapolis, respectfully petition your honorable body to enact by ordinance that whenever, land already within the limits of the city or outlots so called, shall be laid out into town lots, for the purpose of being made, additions to said city, the streets and alleys in all such additions shall be laid out and made to correspond with the contiguous which are already established.

Signed A.D. Cuddington and
about sixty six others.

Mr. Bradshaw moved that it be referred to a select committee; which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Delzell moved that it be referred to the judiciary committee; which motion prevailed.

The following petition was received from Jno. H. Bradley:

To the President and Common Council of the city of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen: I desire to arrange with you, as the representatives of the city, to change the boundary lines between your lot and mine both lying in the point of land, between New York Street and the Avenue east of my dwelling. The present subdivision is inconvenient, unprofitable, and in every respect disadvantageous and injurious to us both. You have a long strip only 39 feet wide. I have a narrow end to my lot on the east. The plat on the opposite page represents both lots accurately. I propose to straighten the middle line, somewhat as represented by the dotted line on the plat, and then our lands will all lay together and in compact shape. To decide where this line shall be let some disinterested person examine and decide I will agree to Thomas M. Smith, or Edmund Browning, or James H. McKernon, or indeed almost any other person, only let the change evidently so proper to be made, and let us exchange the lands.

Very Respectfully John H Bradley.

On Motion by Mr. Maguire,

Referred to the Committee on finance.

Mr Nelson presented the following petition:

To the City Council of Indianapolis:

Your petition, Chas. Garner respectfully shews that on the morning of the first of March, 1854 the Marion Fire Engine, while passing over the sidewalk in front of his building on Washington street, Indianapolis, broke one of the glass bull's eyes,

which is of the value of four dollars. He therefore prays the Council to allow him that sum.

Mr Bradshaw moved to refer it to the Committee on finance;
Which motion did not prevail.

Mr Newcomb moved to lay it on the table;
Which motion prevailed.

The petition of F. Hyde & William Dagner asking the question whether the ordinance defining certain boundaries within the limits of which frame buildings are forbidden to be erected, embrace what is known as the "Kingsberry property," was, on motion by Mr. Maguire referred to the judiciary committee.

A communication from Henry Kuhlman and others relative to certain ponds of water in Bluff road, was, on motion by Mr. Newcomb referred to the Civil Engineer with instructions to report the expense of abating the same to the next meeting.

On Motion by Mr Delzell, it was
Ordered, That the amount of taxes illegally assessed against Wm E. Featherston, by charging him with the value of certain goods assessed before to John F. Hill, be remitted.

On Motion by Mr Durham,
The resolution directing the Civil Engineer to advertise for the building of two cisterns, one to be located at the crossing of Ohio and East Streets, and one in the third ward, was taken from the table.

And the question being shall the resolution be adopted? it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Messrs. Bradshaw, Dunlap, Delzell, Durham, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, McCarty, Nelson, Newcomb, Pitts & Strickland. 12
Noes: None.

Mr. Karns moved that the Civil Engineer be directed to make an estimate for a stone wall between the bridge across Pogues Run on Alabama street and Virginia Avenue;
Which motion prevailed.

On Motion by Mr. Pitts it was
Ordered, That the Street Commissioner be directed to procure the filling up of the embankment at the North street bridge over Central Canal.

On Motion by Mr Newcomb, the ordinance entitled "An ordinance for the regulation of Omnibus and other vehicles kept for hire, and to preserve peace and good order at railroad stations," was read a second and third time, and adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Messrs Bradshaw, Dunlap, Durnam, Edwards, Karns, McCarty, Maguire, Nelson, Newcomb, Pitts & Strickland - 11
Noes: Mr. Delzell.

Mr. Edwards moved that the Council permit Mr Youngerman to take dirt from Louisiana Street, under direction of the Civil Engineer: Provided The Lawrenceburg Cincinnati & Indianapolis have no objection; which motion prevailed.

Mr. Pitts moved that Michael Shea be allowed be allowed the sum of \$95.57 in full for labor performed on the North sidewalk on Washington Street, west of canal.

Mr. Edwards moved to amend it so as to allow him the amount of the Engineers estimate less the amount already paid him.

As there was a difference of opinion as to the amount of the engineer's estimate, and the estimate not being at hand.

Mr Newcomb moved that the whole matter lay upon the table.

Which Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Messrs. Bradshaw, Dunlap, Delzell, Durham, Edwards, Karns, McCarty, Nelson & Newcomb - 9.

Noes: Messrs. Maguire, Pitts & Strickland - 3.

On Motion by Mr. Newcomb it was

Ordered, That the Civil Engineer advertise for the re-letting of Market Street.

The following communication was presented, and read:

"To the Counselmen of Indianapolis this to let you noe that you had better make some a Rangement for my Benfit on Good terms and save Cost and Money if you like as I take this methode of Doing Bissness J. Donovan.

On Motion

Laid on the table

On Motion by Mr Durham, it was

Ordered, That the Civil Engineer give grade stake for sidewalk on New Jersey street in front of Mr. Seiberts property.

On Motion

Adjourned,

D. B. Culley
City Clerk.