

"Stated Meeting"

Common Council Chamber)
March 20, 1854)

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

The meetings of the preceeding meeting read and approved.

The Street Commissioner reported the following pay roll:

80 John Walsh	labor	8.12	108 Jacob Sprow, Sr.	3.75
1 M. O'Brien	"	6.87	9 A. Harmony.	3.45
2 Patrick Donavan	"	8.12	10 John Harmon	19.06
3 Tomothy Shea	"	8.12	1 Wesley Huey	8.12
4 John Ryan	"	8.12	2 Wm Christ	8.43
5 David Leary	"	8.12	3 H. Lewis	22.67
6 Wm Rafert	"	11.25	4 Joseph Bentley Teaming	29.37
7 Fred. Cuck	"	12.18	5 Hubbard Adams "	13.75
8 M. Maugon	"	6.87	6 Michael Conner	11.25
9 Frederick Spelman		6.87	7 H. Stump	10.00
90 M. Delay		6.87	8 Jno. O'Conner	11.25
1 M. Currin		6.87	9 Harrison Waugh	11.25
2 Richard Weeks		9.62	20 Anthony Fennderson	9.37
3 Frederick Bushman		12.19	1 Wm H. Carle	14.37
4 Isaac Bogan		2.50	2 Robert Kufton	5.00
5 Jacob Sprow, Jr		5.00	3 Morris Patterson	2.50
6 Daniel Keller		2.50	4 Owen Sullivan	9.37
7 Wm Pealer		7.50	5 F. Sherrer	3.75
8 H. Readman		7.50	6 Benj. Shank	1.25
9 Francis Kelley		3.43	7 George Caylor	6.87
100 Aaron Crot		2.18	8 Benj Johnson	5.62
1 Christ Hackstone		6.25	9 C. Claffy	5.00
2 John Beaman		7.50	30 W. G. Wright	12.50
3 A. Richter		6.25	1 Peter Fiker	6.87
4 R. O'Connell		8.12	2 Thomas Day	4.37
5 G. Belcer		2.18	3 R. Oneal	4.37
6 H. Gemmer		4.68	4 R. Neighbors	6.87
7 P. Sullivan		4.68		<hr/>
				\$358.67

The amount was allowed.

135.	Allowed, Thos Day, for filling ends of bridge on North St. on Canal.	5.04
136	" W S. Hubbard, for rent of Relief Hall.	20.00
	The bill of Davis & Little for " <u>balances</u> " acct.	75.50

The Mayor made a statement relative to the fire at Marion Fire Companies Hall.

Mr Maguire offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Mayor and Clerk be and they are hereby directed to cause the house on the Circle, known as the Marion Fire Engine house to be repaired as soon as possible."

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Messrs. Dunlap, Delzell, Durham, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, McCarty, Nelson, Pitts & Strickland - 10.

Noes: Messrs. Bradshaw and Newcomb. 2.

Mr Edwards from a select committee presented the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of A. Cox and others for abating a nuisance caused by the backwater of the Central Canal at the West end of Maryland Street, respectfully report that they have examined the same, and think that the Council can take no action in the premises, until the property holders on said street shall petition for the improvement of the same.

N. Edwards)

L. Dunlap (Com.

W. H. Karns)

On motion, Concurred in.

Mr. Nelson presented the following petition:

To the Mayor and Council of the City of Indianapolis:

The undersigned citizens of Indianapolis, humbly pray that your honors will open Tennessee street, through the property of Mr. James Blake, so as to intersect the street, called by that name in Drake's addition, which is outside of the Donation proper, as it will be of great benefit to the citizens living inside of the corporation, as well as those outside of the Donation, and in said addition, and in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

Jesse R. Willis, Stephen Cantwell, Albert Jones, John Strobel, James Meskill, Mecojah Phillips, George Eheman, Edmond Cantwell, Anderson Locklayer, John Kreantzer, John L. McCormick, Milton Russell, James Alreck, Frederick Topp, Jesse Yong, Isaac Messick Wilkison Touk, Oyn Darby, Henry Fout, Thomas Darnell, Thomas Redgepath, John F. Snyder, Cabin F. Darnell, Peterson Powel, John Hickey, Lewis Dranell, Dennis Meskill, John Flaherty, Martin B. Ward.

On Motion by Mr. Nelson the petition was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Pitts presented the following petition:

We the undersigned propertyholders on both sides of Vermont Street and between Mississippi Street and the canal, would petition your honorable body to allow us the right to grade so much of said street as above named and gravel the sidewalk on each side of said street between the points above

named, the gravel to be good screened celler gravel, and further ask that the Civil Engineer be instructed to set grade stakes and advertise and let the same.

George W. Pitts,	on North side	190	feet
Do.	" South "	118	"
J.B. Clark	" South "	118	"
Cornelius King	" " "	118	"
Do	" North "	167 6/12	"

On Motion, Ordered, That the Civil Engineer advertise said work immediately.

The Mayor reported the Treasurers report as correct.

The following proposition relative to lease of property for Invincible Fire Company was read:

" I propose to lease to Invincible Fire Company, No. 2, of this place 25 ft of ground on New Jersey st. bet. Market and Washington, for the purpose of building an engine house, for the sum of two and one half dollars (\$2½) per foot. Said lots to run back in depth 67½ feet and the term of the lease to for twenty years from date. David Sibord.

Mr. Sibord verbally agreed to purchase said house at the expiration of said twenty years at its appraised value, or sell said lot at the expiration of said twenty years.

Mr. Durham moved that the proposition be accepted,
Which Motion did not prevail

Mr. Newcomb moved the adoption of the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the committee on the Fire Department be directed to purchase a lot or part of a lot in an eligible position in the first ward, to build an engine house for the Invincible Fire Company, and make report at the next meeting of the Council."

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Messrs. Dunlap, Delzell, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, McCarty, Nelson, Newcomb, Pitts, Strickland - 10.

Noes: Messrs Bradshaw & Durham, 2.

The following petition was read.

"The undersigned pray you to direct the Civil Engineer to give grade stakes for alley named Seneca, in Square No. 66, as far as it extends along D Craighead's property.

D. Craighead
James Van Blaricum.

On Motion

Ordered, That the Civil Engineer give grade stakes for said improvement.

The following petition was presented:

"Your petition, Reason M. French, respectfully requests and prays that your honorable body will proceed and order that

your petitioner may be allowed the privilege of occupying a certain portion of Meridian Street immediately west of the bridge on said street over Pogues' Run, and east of the South East corner of the Union Passenger Depot for the purpose of carrying on a fruit stand and a refreshment table, wherefore if your honorable body should grant the prayer of your petition to place three or four posts in the bed of said creek, and to lay a floor upon the same on a level with the grade of said street, so as not to obstruct the free passage of the water of said creek, all of which he prays your honorable body may be pleased to grant to your humble petitioner, R.M. Foster

On Motion by Mr Karns,
Referred to Committee on Streets and alleys.

Mr Dunlap offered for adoption the following resolution:
"Resolved, That George W. Mears & Robert Duncan be permitted to grade the sidewalk in Square No. 15, any time within two years; and be allowed for grading the same and removing the trees the same price, that is allowed contractor for like services."

On Motion by Mr Newcomb
Laid on the table -

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Mr. Karns offered for adoption the following resolution:
Resolved, That a select committee of three members of the Council, be appointed by the chair, whose duty it shall be to examine into the cause of the late fire in the Old Council Chamber, and whether any of the fire companies, or any members thereof failed to use the proper means to extinguish said fire at as early a period as practicable.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Messrs. Dunlap, Durham, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, McCarty, Newcomb & Pitts. 8

Noes: Messrs. Bradshaw, Delzell, Nelson & Strickland - 4

Messrs Karns, Bradshaw, & Edwards, were appointed said committee.

Mr. Delzell moved that a select committee be appointed to procure the lot ordered for Invincible Fire Company.

Which Motion prevailed

Messrs Newcomb, Durham & Delzell were appointed said committee -

Mr Pitts presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Clerk be directed to procure a new suction hose for the Western Liberties Fire Company.

On Motion by Mr Bradshaw.

Referred to committee on Fire Department.

Mr. Pitts presented the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the Crawfordsville and Indianapolis Plank Road Company have the right to grade and gravel or grade or plank all that part of the Lafayette State road lying within the city limits: Provided, they do the same according to the city profile and make good side gutters along the outer edge of the Sidewalk on said street so as to convey the water from the block known as the Hospital Block on said street and empty the same into Fall creek."

On Motion by Mr Newcomb

Laid on the table.

On Motion, Mr McCarty was granted leave of absence.

Messrs. McCord & Comegys, through Mr. Karns, made a tender of the sum of two hundred and fifteen (\$215) as the Second payment on a lot which they alledge to have purchased by contract, from the city.

The Civil Engineer reported the estimate for building a stone wall on South Side of Pogues Run from Alabama Street bridge and Virginia Avenue bridge, amounting to \$132.75

Also, an estimate for building a stone wall beneath the Alabama Street bridge, amounting to.

Mr. Bradshaw moved that the Civil Engineer advertise for bids for said improvement, which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Durham moved that the end of said bridge be protected by planks.
Which motion did prevail.

The Civil Engineer reported bids for building cisterns as per specification, and bids for erection of bridge over Pogues Run on Market Street

On Motion, by Mr. Delzell, Wm Wood was awarded the building of cistern at 50 cents pr. Brl.

On Motion by Mr. Delzell, Owen Cullings was awarded the erection of said bridge at \$110.

On Motion by Delzell, Anthony Lowman was awarded the contract for grading & graveling Market Street per Specification, for grading 25 cents, for graveling 65 cents.

The Civil Engineer reported the expense of filling the valley in Bluff road at \$150.46 -

On Motion by Mr. Delzell
Laid on the table.

Mr. Nelson offered the following resolution:

"Resolved, That so much of an ordinance entitled an ordinance relative to the officers of the city and their duties," approved Augt 23, 1853, as relates to the duties and fees of the sealer of the weights and measures "be and they are hereby suspended until next meeting".

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Messrs Bradshaw, Dunlap, Delzell, Durham, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, Nelson, Newcomb, Pitts, Strickland - 11

The following communication from the Civil Engineer was presented:

The undersigned respectfully lays before the City Council, a plat of Water Street, and begs leave to state, that he staked off said street at the several points mentioned in his report of 16th of January last.

The undersigned, also, lays before the Council, a profile of New York Street between West Street and Blake Street, which upon examination and approval, the Council will please adopt such measures as will establish the grade of said street.

James Wood, Civil Engineer.

On Motion by Mr Newcomb

The plat of Water Street was ordered to be filed in the Clerks office

On Motion by Mr Newcomb,

The plat of New York Street was laid on the table.

On Motion

Adjourned.

D. B. Culley
City Clerk