

Common Council Chamber
May 1st, 1854.

Council met. Present Messrs. Bradshaw, Carlisle, Dunlap, Durham, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, McCarty, Nelson, Newcomb, Pitts, Strickland & Wingate, Councilmen & Caleb Scudder, Mayor.

The Minutes of the preceeding meeting read and approved.

The Treasurer made monthly report, referred for examination to the Mayor.

The City Clerk made yearly report, on Motion,
Ordered to be published in newspaper.

The Street Commissioner presented the following report:
To the City Council:

The cisterns I find with plenty of water, except the one North of the female Institute, it leaks.

The bridges on Pogues Run are in good passable order, except the bridge on East Street, The Railroad Company is fixing it.
A. McHughy, St. Comm.

James Wood Civil Engineer, presented the following estimates & reports:

Estimate:

Of the expense of three gas posts, lamps, & apparatus, and fixing up the same, and, also, of the expense of furnishing gas, lighting, extinguishing, and cleaning the lamps, and keeping the same in repair for one year. Said lamps to be erected on the North side of Washington street, between Tennessee and Illinois street, viz:

To 3 lampposts at \$15 each	\$45.00	
" 3 lamps at \$6 each	18.00	
" 3 burners, pipes & Copper Cocks, at \$2.50 each	7.50	
" erecting and fixing the posts and lamps, etc.	8.50	\$ 79
" furnishing gas for one year at \$20 each	60.00	
" lighting extinguishing & cleaning the lamps	7.00	
" probable cost of keeping the lamps in repair	8.00	75
		<u>\$154</u>

Payable by the property holders on said street viz:

Hervey Bates	4 & pt of 5	54.	110.0	41.82 $\frac{1}{2}$
Pierson & Cottrell	pt of 5	"	18.6	7.03 $\frac{1}{2}$

John Eckert, & James Yohn	pt of 5 & 6	54.	37.0	14.07	
Thos. Buist	pt of 6	"	18.6	7.03 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Weaver & Williams	pt of 6	"	18.6	7.03 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Chas Mayer	pt of 7	"	35.6	13.50	
Philip Woemer	pt of 7	"	16.0	6.08 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Mathias Rech	pt of 7	"	16.0	6.08 $\frac{1}{2}$	
B Pottage	pt of 8	"	23.6	8.93 $\frac{1}{2}$	
John Butsch	pt of 8	"	18.0	6.84 $\frac{1}{2}$	
J. P. Mickle	pt of 8	"	18.0	6.84 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Chas Dewey	pt of 8 & 9	"	75.6	28.71	\$154.00
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James Wood Civil Engineer

Estimate

Of the expense of three gas posts, lamps, and apparatus, and fixing up the same; also, of the expense of furnishing gas for four lamps, lighting, extinguishing, and cleaning the lamps, and keeping the same in repair for one year. Said lamps to be erected on the South side of Washington street, between Tennessee and Illinois streets, viz:

To 3 lamp post	\$15 each	\$45.00	
" 3 lamps at	\$6 each	18.00	
" 3 burners, pipes & Copper Cocks, etc at	\$2.50 each	7.50	
" erecting & fixing the posts and lamps, etc.		8.50	\$ 79.00
" furnishing gas for <u>four</u> lamps for 1 yr.	at \$20. ea.	80.00	
" lighting, extinguishing, and cleaning the lamps		9.00	
" probable cost of keeping the lamps in repair		10.00	99.00
			<u>\$178.00</u>

Payable by property holders on said street, viz:

Masonic Hall.	lot 8.	sq.	67.	63	0	31.47
D. V. Culley, Admr.	$\frac{1}{2}$ of 9		67	19.6		9.74
Wm Sheet	$\frac{1}{2}$ of 9 & 10		67	65.0		32.47
Geo. McQuat	11		67	59.0		29.47
Jas. Blake	12		"	149.10		74.85
						<u>178.00</u>

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James Wood, Civil Engineer.

The undersigned respectfully reports to the City Council, that, in his opinion, nineteen additional cisterns are necessary at present to supply the fire engines with water for the preservation of property in the city, viz:

One at intersection of Tennessee & Vermont streets.	
" " " " Meridian & Vermont	"
" " " " Meridian & Walnut	"

One at intersection of	Meridian & Pratt	streets.
" "	" Delaware & Market	"
" "	" Delaware & North	"
" "	" St. Joseph St & Ft Wayne	Road.
" "	" New Jersey & Market	streets.
" "	" " & New York	"
One at intersection of	New Jersey street & Wood	street.
" "	" Noble & New York	"
" "	" Noble & Hannah	"
" "	" Maryland & Tennessee	"
" "	" Meridian & Georgia	"
" "	" McCarty street & Madison	Road.
" "	" Delaware & Merrill	streets.
" "	" New Jersey & South	Streets.
" "	" Louisiana & East	"
" "	" Georgia & Noble	"

19 total

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Jas Wood, Civil Engineer.

The undersigned reports to the Council, that the petition for grading and graveling the sidewalk on North side of Maryland street between Tennessee and Mississippi streets, contains the signatures of resident owning 270 feet of ground fronting on said Street, in Square No. 68, which is exactly two thirds of the whole line in front.

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James Wood Civil Eng.

On Motion, it was

Ordered, That the Civil advertise for proposals for the said improvement and report to the Council the bids so received.

The undersigned respectfully reports, that he has examined the culvert at the crossing of Washington and New Jersey Streets, which, in his opinion, is sufficiently large to vent the water, but is chocked up with mud especially in the middle, would recommend to the Council to order the Street Commissioner to clean it out, and also, the ditch crossing Washington Street, and to lay a few new plank on the top of the culvert.

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James Wood, Civil Eng.

On Motion, it was

Ordered, That the Street Commissioner be directed to cause the work suggested to be done immediately.

The undersigned respectfully reports to the City Council that the plan and specification of an Engine House for the Invincible Fire Company made last year by Mr. Davis are well designed to give general satisfaction, he would, therefore, recommend the adoption of said plan & specification, with this understanding, that the Engine house is to be built on the lot of ground lately leased to the city, fronting on New Jersey Street; and that, as said lot is about

four feet six inches below the level of sidewalk thereby causing extra building, a proviso be inserted in the specification, requiring the execution of such extra building, with an instruction to contractors to include the cost of the same in their proposals.

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James Wood, Civil Eng.

On Motion, by Mr Durham

The report was concurred in, and it was

Ordered, That the Civil Engineer advertise for proposals.

222.	Allowed,	Thomas Reckards, Market House Exp.	3.50
223.	"	Caleb Scudder, Rent 4.90 Inc. 4.20	9.10
224.	"	J. Davis & Co. Castings for cisterns	61.40
225.	"	A.H. Brown & Co. Printing	8.25
226.	"	Jas Wood, Rent of C.E. office	40.00
241.	"	R. Weeks, Labor	15.00
242.	"	W.H. Carle teamster. St Com Rep-	12.75
243.	"	R. O'Neal " "	2.50
244.	"	G. Wright " "	7.50
245.	"	J. Pigg " "	12.50
246.	"	Jno Childers	5.00
247.	"	Hiram Lewis	5.00
248.	"	J Schultz	.63
249.	"	Wm McDondle	.62
230.	"	Pat Sullivan	8.75
231.	"	Wm Crist	5.00
232.	"	F Buscherman	1.25
233.	"	H. Cassel	3.75
234.	"	John Harmen	3.75
235.	"	J. Murphy	.95
236.	"	J. Spoon	2.50
237.	"	Mr. Derby	2.50
238.	"	E Harmony	1.87
239.	"	John Pigg	2.50
219.	"	J. P. Childer Pump 13.85. Labor 2.50	16.35
218.	"	Robert Johnson Removing nuisances	4.00

Mr. Newcomb from the Committee on the Fire Department made the following report:

Mr. President:

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the resolution of the Council to the purchase of the bell on George Lowe's Blacksmith shop for a fire alarm bell, respectfully report that in their opinion said bell is not suitable for that purpose.

H. C. Newcomb, Chr

Concurred in.

Mr. Maguire from the Committee on the Judiciary reported the following ordinance:

An ordinance to provide for the lighting a portion of Washington street with gas.

Whereas, The owners of real estate fronting on the South side of Washington Street between Illinois and Tennessee Streets in the City of Indianapolis have petitioned this Council to provide for lighting that part of said city with gas in accordance with the provisions of an ordinance approved November 10th, 1851.

Section 1st Be it ordained by the Common Council of Indianapolis, That there shall be erected under the supervision of the Civil Engineer three lamp posts on the South side of Washington Street fronting Block No. 67 sixty seven, with the necessary lamps and fixtures. And that for the purpose of defraying the expenses of furnishing said lamps and posts, providing their necessary apparatus, and lighting, extinguishing, and cleaning four lamps. (one being already erected) furnishing gas and repairing said posts and lamps for one year from the passage of this ordinance there is hereby levied a tax of fifty cents on each lineal foot of real estate of said Block No. (67) Sixty Seven, fronting on Washington Street, making in all one Hundred and Seventy Eight dollars. (\$178) that being the estimate of the Civil Engineer for the purpose aforesaid.

Sec. 2. Said tax shall be collected in accordance with the provisions of the ordinance entitled "an ordinance in relation to lighting the city" approved November 10th, 1854.

Sec. 3. This ordinance to be in force from and after its passage.

On Motion the rules were suspended, the ordinance read a first, second & third time and adopted by the following vote.

Ayes: Messrs. Bradshaw, Carlisle, Dunlap, Delzell, Durham, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, McCarty, Nelson, Newcomb, Pitts, & Strickland - 13.

Noes. None.

An ordinance to provide for the lighting a portion of Washington Street with gas.

Whereas, The owners of real estate fronting on the North side of Washington Street, between Illinois and Tennessee streets, in the city of Indianapolis have petitioned this Council to provide for lighting that part of said city with gas in accordance with the provisions of an ordinance approved November, 10, 1854. Therefore

Section 1st Be it ordained by the Common Council of

Indianapolis, That there shall be erected under the superintendence of the Civil Engineer, three lamp posts on the North side of Washington street, between Illinois and Tennessee streets, with the necessary lamps and fixtures. And that for the purpose of defraying the expense of furnishing said posts and lamps, providing their necessary apparatus, and of lighting, extinguishing, and cleaning the lamps, furnishing gas, and repairing said posts and lamps for one year from the passage of this ordinance there is levied a tax of thirty eight cents and two and one half mills on each lineal foot of real estate fronting on Washington street between the points aforesaid, making in all the sum of One Hundred and fifty four (\$154) that being the estimate of the Civil Engineer for the purposes aforesaid.

Sec. 2. Said tax shall be collected in accordance with the provisions of the ordinance in relation to lighting the city," approved November 10th 1851.

Sec 3. To be in force from and after its passage.

On Motion, The rules were suspended the ordinance read a first, second, & third time and adopted by the following vote

Ayes: Messrs. Bradshaw, Carlisle, Dunlap, Delzell, Durham, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, McCarty, Nelson, Newcomb, Pitts, & Strickland. - 13.

The following report was received from the finance Committee:

The Committee on finance to which was referred the annual report of the City Treasurer, report that they have examined the books and papers of the Treasurer, and find them to conform to the statement made by that officer, and that the cash reported is in his hands subject to the orders of the Council.

Nicholas McCarty, Chn

227. Allowed, Elder & Harkness Printing \$80.37

A communication from Jno. Moffitt relative to Town Clock, announcing its completion in a few days was read, and, on Motion, laid on the table.

Mr. H. C. Newcomb from the Judiciary Committee presented the following report:

Mr. President:

The Judiciary Committee to whom was referred the petition of Ovid Butler and others relative to opening and laying out certain streets running North and South through Out lots, No. 181 on the premises formerly known as the Bellfontaine Railroad Depot, respectfully report, that they recommend that the commissioners appointed by the Marion Court of Common Pleas, under Section 58 of the Charter, to assess damages, benefits, etc; accruing to the owners of land, lots, etc., through which

any street is proposed to be constructed, etc. be directed to examine and report whether it is practicable to extend the streets south of said grounds through the same and what damages, if any, would result to the owners of said property. And if not practicable, to so extend said streets to report at what other points through said grounds one or more streets can be constructed North & South through said grounds, and what damage would result therefrom, if any.

H. C. Newcomb, Chn.

After some discussion the report was concurred in.

On Motion by Douglass Maguire.

The vote ordering a vote to be taken whether the voters would be willing to submit to a tax of four cents on the \$100 worth of taxable for the relief of Widow & Orphans of the city, was reconsidered.

After some discussion, Mr. Maguire stated that in conversation with the friends of the Widow & Orphan Asylum, it was thought best not to take the vote, the whole matter was then withdrawn.

Leave of absence was granted Mr. Delzell.

Mr. Maguire presented the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Civil Engineer be requested to make an estimate of the cost of extending the culvert at the crossing of point where "Illinois street crosses Washington Street to the curbstone on each side of Washington Street, and, also, to report whether the culvert can be improved so as to admit a freer passage of the water.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Messrs. Bradshaw, Dunlap, Durham, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, McCarty, Nelson, Newcomb, Pitts, & Strickland - 11
No. Mr. Wingate - 1

Mr McCarty moved that the matter of filling up of Bluff road South of Merrill street be taken from the table which Motion did not prevail.

Messrs. Smith & Davis petitioned for the assessment of a yearly tax on for Washington Hall.

On Motion by Edwards
Laid on the table.

Mr. Carlisle presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to make inquiry and report to the Council at its next meeting the names of the persons who have recently been digging out and removing gravel from West Street south of Washington Street.

Which was adopted by the following vote

Ayes: Messrs. Bradshaw Dunlap, Durham, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, McCarty, Nelson, Newcomb, Pitts, Strickland, & Wingate - 12.

Mr. Carlisle presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the cistern near the Carlisle Home be built as soon as possible, as the water is to be taken out of the canal in this month, May, and no wells or water near to save property, in the east part of the fourth or fifth ward could be found to save property.

On Motion by Mr Karns,
Laid on the table.

On Motion,
Said located cistern was directed to be added to Civil Engineers list.

Mr Dunlap offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Mayor be authorized to offer a reward of fifty dollars for the detection and conviction of the person or persons who have been instrumental in setting fire to either dwellings stables, or out houses in the city.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Messrs Bradshaw, Dunlap, Durham, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, McCarty, Nelson, Newcomb, & Wingate.
Noes: Messrs Pitts & Strickland.

Mr Dunlap presented the following:

Resolved, That Morris Morris be permitted to throw an arch of brick over a private alley in block No. Eighty Seven, (87) provided, it makes no obstacle to the passage of omnibuses, carriages, or loaded vehicles of any description.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Messrs. Bradshaw, Carlisle, Dunlap, Durham, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, McCarty, Nelson, Newcomb, Pitts, Strickland, & Wingate, - 13.

On Motion by Mr Bradshaw, it was

Ordered, That the Civil Engineer be directed to set the grade stakes on sidewalk in East side of Virginia Avenue in front of lot owned by J. F. Wingate.

On Motion

Adjourned "Sine Die"

Attest Daniel B. Culley City Clerk.