

Common Council Chamber
May 15 1854

The Council met. Present all the Councilmen and James McCreedy President. The minutes of the preceeding meeting read and approved.

William Boaz presented his certificate of election with his oath of office endorsed thereon and took his seat.

A. F. Shortridge presented his bond of office which was read and accepted.

James Wood presented his bond of office which was read and accepted.

James N. Sweetser presented his bond which was read and accepted.

Jacob Miller presented his bond upon the reading of which the amount being objected to time was given him to increase the amount to twelve hundred dollars.

William Hughey presented his bond upon the reading of which it was deemed informal and time was given to amend.

N. B. Taylor presented his certificate of election and oath of office, and on motion the Clerk was instructed to notify him to file a bond.

George Bisbing filed his certificate and oath of office thereon endorsed.

On Motion of Mr. Pitts the Council proceeded to the election of Weigh Master.

Adam Haugh was elected Weigh Master by an unanimous vote.

Mr. Dunlap offered the following resolution for adoption

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary be appointed by the Common Council to collect and revise the ordinances that are now in force, and report them to the Council at as early a day as is practicable for their inspection and approval.

Resolved, That so soon as the ordinances are approved by the Council, they shall be printed in pamphlet form both in the English and German languages.

Resolved, That the Chairman shall receive a reasonable compensation for such services.

Adopted by the following vote

Those voting in the affirmative are Messrs Avery, Boaz, Colley, Dunlap, Graydon, Gowan, Jones, Karns, Keeley, Nelson, Pitts, Seibert, Truxsess. 13

Those voting in the Negative are, Mr. Maguire. 1

Mr. Maguire offered the following resolution

Resolved, That until an ordinance shall be passed on that subject, the amount of License required for exhibitions and shows shall be as follows Viz. For Circus performances thirty dollars per day, for theatrical performances in houses ten dollars per night, and for Concerts five dollars for each exhibition, and twenty dollars per day for animal shows.

Adopted by the following vote

Those voting in the affirmative are Messrs Avery, Boaz, Colley, Dunlap, Graydon, Gowan, Jones, Karns, Keeley, Maguire, Nelson, Pitts, Seibert, and Truxsess, 14

Those voting in the Negative. None

Mr. Karns offered the following resolution

Resolved, That the Civil Engineer be directed to make an estimate for grading and graveling (with coarse river gravel) around the East Market house sufficiently high to carry off all the water.

Adopted by the following vote

Those voting in the affirmative are Messrs Avery, Boaz, Colley, Dunlap, Graydon, Gowan, Jones, Karns, Keeley, Maguire, Nelson, Pitts, Seibert and Truxsess.

Negative. None.

Mr. Seibert offered the following resolution

Resolved, That the City Engineer examine the Cincinnati & Indianapolis Rail Road on Louisiana Street, to ascertain if the Company have complied with the grades and restrictions of the Ordinance granting the privilege of occupying the Street for a Railroad and report the same at the next regular meeting of the Council.

Adopted by the following vote

Those voting in the affirmative are Messrs Avery, Boaz, Colley, Dunlap, Graydon, Gowan Jones, Karns, Keeley, Maguire, Nelson, Pitts, Seibert and Truxsess.

Negative None .

Mr. Pitts offered the following resolution

Resolved, That the ordinance preventing swine from running

at large within the City of Indianapolis be and is hereby suspended until November 1st 1854.

Lost by the following vote

Those voting in the affirmative are Messrs Dunlap, Gowan, Keeley, Pitts, Seibert and Truxsess.

Those voting in the negative are Messrs. Avery, Boaz, Colley, Graydon, Jones, Karns, Maguire, and Nelson.

Mr. Graydon offered the following resolution

Resolved, That the condition of the alley in Squares 55 & 56 running from Illinois Street to Pennsylvania Street is hereby declared a nuisance and that the Marshall is directed to abate the same at the expense of the property holders on said alley.

Adopted by the following vote

Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs Avery, Boaz, Colley, Dunlap, Graydon Gowan Jones Karns, Keeley, Nelson Seibert and Truxsess.

Those who voted in the negative are Messr. Pitts.

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 opposite the Presbyterian Church at the expense of the property owners.

Adopted by the following vote

Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs Avery, Boaz, Dunlap, Graydon, Jones Karns Keeley Seibert and Truxsess.

Those who voted in the negative are Messrs Gowan, Nelson, Pitts.

Mr. Jones offered the following resolution

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to notify Mr. James Blake to remove his Lime house and other rubbish off of Kentucky Avenue provided the Brick house now being erected is completed.

Adopted by the following vote

Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs Avery, Boaz, Colley Dunlap, Graydon, Gowan Jones, Karns, Keeley, Maguire, Nelson, Seibert and Truxsess.

Those who voted in the negative are Mr. Pitts.

Mr. Jones offered the following resolution

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to report an ordinance to prohibit the deposit of the carcasses of dead horses cattle &c on the grounds South of the City grave yard.

On Motion referred to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to inquire into the expediency of passing such an ordinance.

On Motion

The appointment of Lemuel Van laningham as Deputy Assessor was unanimously confirmed.

Mr. Karns offered the following resolution

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to fill the mud hole at the crossing of Market and New Jersey Streets under the direction of the Civil Engineer.

Adopted by the following vote

Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs Avery Boaz, Colley, Dunlap, Graydon, Gowan Jones Karns Keeley Maguire Nelson Pitts Seibert and Truxsess.

In the Negative None.

Mr. Seibert offered the following resolution

Resolved, That the especial attention of the City Marshall be called to the daily violation of an ordinance regulating the running of cars and obstructing the Street with the same.

Adopted by the following vote

Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs Avery Boaz Colley Dunlap Graydon Gowan Jones Karns Keeley Maguire Nelson Seibert and Truxsess.

In the Negative Mr. Pitts.

Mr. Graydon offered the following resolution

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner is hereby directed to immediately open the gutter on the east side of Pennsylvania Street from Ohio to Market Street for the purpose of draining the water from the crossing of Ohio Street at Pennsylvania street at the expense of the property holders on Pennsylvania Street.

Adopted by the following vote

Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs Avery, Boaz,

Colley Dunlap, Graydon Gowan Jones Karns Keeley Maguire,
Nelson, Pitts Seibert and Truxsess.

In the Negative - None.

Mr. Maguire offered the following resolution

Resolved, that the individual charged with the duty of compiling the ordinances of the City be allowed to employ Daniel B Culley, the late Clerk of the City, if he deem his services necessary in the execution of the work.

Adopted by the following vote

Those who voted in the affirmative are Messers Avery Boaz Dunlap Graydon Gowan Jones Karns Keeley Nelson Pitts Seibert and Truxsess.

In the negative Mr. Colley.

Mr. Pitts moved that two dollars per day be allowed to the Inspectors, Judges and Clerks each for their services rendered in the late City election and one dollar each to those who performed service on the second day.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Colley moved that the revising Committee be instructed to report an ordinance in favor of raising the salaries of the officers for the current year.

Which motion did not prevail.

The following Communication was received.

To the City Council of Indianapolis

Gentlemen

The enclosed proposition from Wm S. Hubbard Esqr to the Independent Relief fire Company No 1, was received at our last regular meeting, March 25th and accepted by the Company provided it meet the approbation of the City Council.

Very Respectfully

Byron K. Elliott Secretary

of the Indept Relief Fire Co No 1

Indianapolis April 10 1854.

To the Relief Fire Engine Co.

I hereby to Lease the Building you now occupy, to your Company for their use, for a period of two years from 15th Dec. next at an annual rent of Two hundred Dollars provided the adjoining buildings are not consumed by fire during that period thereby making it important to obtain possession of the premises for the purpose of building thereupon.

Respectfully

Wm S Hubbard

On motion referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

Accounts allowed

269.	To R. Weeks	\$ 1.50
270.	" R. Weeks	6.37 $\frac{1}{2}$
276.	" W. Lingenreiter	8.50
272.	" H. Cassell	5.00
274.	" George Bocock	2.50
273.	" W. H. Carle	10.00
	" Francis Pigg	6.25
	" John Pigg	2.50
268.	" Jacob Sproul	5.00
271.	" Patrick Sullivan	5.00
275.	" Green Wright	5.00
		<u>\57.62\frac{1}{2}$</u>

On motion adjourned

Attest James N. Sweetser
City Clerk

James McCreedy Mayor

Council Chamber
Monday June 5th 1854

The Council met at 2 o'clock P. M. Present all the Councilmen and the President. The minutes of the last were read and approved. A report from the Street Commissioner was read and accepted. The Treasurers monthly report was read and on motion, was referred to the Mayor and Clerk for examination. The Civil Engineer reported a bid for paving the gutter on the North Side of Washington Street between Illinois and Tennessee Streets, which was too high. On motion by Mr. Maguire, the Civil Engineer was instructed to consult the property holders on said street, and ascertain if they are willing to pay the expense, if not the Civil Engineer advertise for other proposals.

Mr. Jones Moved

That the Engineer be directed to advertise for proposals to grade and gravel the side walk on the North side of Maryland between Tennessee and Mississippi Streets, which motion prevailed.

The Civil Engineer reported the estimate of extending the Culvert at the crossing point of Illinois and Washington Streets to amount to the total sum of \$210.00

Mr. Maguire moved

That the Civil Engineer be instructed to advertise for bids for fixing the Culvert at the crossing of Illinois and

Washington Streets according to his specifications. Which motion prevailed.

A report from the Civil Engineer in reference to the Cincinnati and Indianapolis Rail Road on Louisiana Street was read and accepted.

Mr. Seibert moved

That the Lawrenceburg and Upper Mississippi Rail Road Company now called the Indianapolis and Cincinnati Rail Road Company be required to comply with the provisions of an ordinance permitting them to come in the City, which compels them to grade and gravel said street. Which motion prevailed.

The Civil Engineer' reported the estimate for graveling around the East Market house with coarse river gravel to amount to the sum of \$279.50

Mr. Karnes moved

That the Civil Engineer be instructed to advertise for bids to gravel the East Market house. Which motion prevailed.

Proposals were received for building an Engine house for the Invincible Fire Company and on Motion they were referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs Avery, Karnes and Nelson together with the Engineer.

A report from the Chief Fire Engineer was read and on motion was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A petition was read from the Evansville, Indianapolis and Cleveland Straight Line Rail Road Company. On motion it was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and the Clerk instructed to give the usual notice in the City papers of the pendency of said petition.

The Committee on the Town Clock requested further time to report which was granted.

A petition was presented from the property holders and occupants between Washington and Circle Streets representing that the feeding of horses on said street is a source of annoyance.

On motion it was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report an ordinance.

A petition was received from the owners and occupants of property on Illinois Street South of Washington Street representing that the gutter on the east side of said street is full of stagnant water and slop.

Mr. Dunlap moved that

The Marshall be instructed to notify the proprietor of the Palmer House to clean said gutter. Which motion prevailed.

A petition from the Good Intent Fire Company was presented requesting the privilege of taking their apparatus from the City on a pleasure excursion.

On motion said petition was laid on the table.

A communication from H.P. Coburn was received requesting the Council to accept his resignation of the appointment of Trustee of the Common Schools of the City. His resignation was accepted.

A petition was received from A. F. Shortridge requesting that the sum of eighteen dollars an amount due Nicholas McCarty for an allowance on Lot 4 in Square 37. The said sum being due said petitioner by arrangement between said Petitioner, the City Clerk and Mr. McCarty.

306. On motion the prayer of said petition was granted and the City Clerk instructed to draw a warrant for said amount.

Mr. Karns moved

307. That the City Clerk be authorized to draw on the Treasurer for the amount of the estimate for Vermont Street. Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Pitts moved

308. That the estimate for grading New York Street, between Illinois and Meridian Street, be placed in the hands of the City Treasurer and the City Clerk is authorized to draw on the Treasurer for the amount due from the City. Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Maguire moved

That the estimate for the improvement for Meridian Street be placed in the hands of the City Treasurer for collection. Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Graydon moved

That when the Council adjourned they would adjourn to meet on Tuesday evening at eight o'clock. Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Maguire moved

That Messrs Nelson, Trucksess & Karns be authorized to

sell the old hook and ladder wagon.

Which motion prevailed.

J. T. Williams, N.B. Taylor, Jacob Miller and William Hughey, filed, each a bond for the performance of the duties of his respective office.

Mr. Pitts offered the following resolution

Resolved, That the City commence Suit, for the recovery of the estimate for work done on New York Street between Illinois and Meridian Street by Jeremiah Shea and Joseph Irwin, against the property holders, provided however that the City Treasurer first presents to the property holders their accounts, as estimated by the City Engineer, and the Secretary of the City Council is hereby authorized to pay the City's portion.

Adopted by the following vote.

Those voting in the affirmative are Messrs Avery, Boaz Colley Dunlap Graydon Gowan Jones Karns Keeley Maguire Nelson Pitts Seibert & Truxsess.

In the Negative - None.

Mr. Jones offered the following resolution

Resolved, That a Special Committee be appointed to act in connexion with the City Attorney, and that they be instructed to enquire into and report to the Common Council, as soon as practicable, the conditions upon which the Central Canal was located in this City, and if the conditions have been complied with.

Adopted by the following vote

Those voting in the affirmative are Messrs Avery Boaz, Colley, Graydon Gowan Jones Karns Keeley Seibert and Truxsess.

In the Negative are Messrs Dunlap, Maguire and Nelson.

Messrs Jones, Colley and Pitts were appointed to act as the Committee in connexion with the City Attorney in reference to the location of the Central Canal.

Mr. Nelson offered the following preamble & resolution.

"Whereas the quantity of filth and offall in and about Mansurs Slaughter house and pork establishment, in the Western part of the City, produces an unwholesome smell, and an annoyance to the inhabitants in the vicinity thereof. Therefore

1 Resolved,

That the City Marshall be and he is hereby directed to proceed forthwith to notify said Mansur to cleanse the said premises, and on his said Mansurs failure to do so, within the time allowed by the first Section of the ordinance relative to the nuisances &c approved April 20th 1852, to report the fact to the City Attorney, who is hereby directed, on receiving such notice to commence proceedings against said Mansur for the penalty given by said first Section.

2 Resolved,

That the said City Marshall pay strict attention to the carrying out and enforcing that part of the first Section of said ordinance which is as follows "And all houses buildings, or enclosures, which by reason of any business carried on, at, in or about the same, shall or may produce an unwholesome smell, or an annoyance to the inhabitants in the Vicinity thereof within the limits of said City, shall be deemed and the same are hereby declared public nuisances and shall be abated by the Marshall, by cleansing the premises, at the cost of the owner, or in case of his not being a resident of the City, at the cost of the occupant or lesse.

Adopted by the following vote

Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs Dunlap, Gowan Maguire Nelson Pitts, Selbert and Truxsess.
In the Negative, Messrs Graydon, Jones Karns & Keeley.

Mr. Boaz offered the following resolution

Resolved,

That the Street Commissioner be requested to open or cause to be opened Merrill Street at the crossing of the Madison Rail Road track South of the Madison Depot and have it put in good travelling order at the expense of the Madison, Indianapolis and Peru Rail Road Company.

Adopted by the following vote

Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs Avery Boaz Colley Dunlap Gowan Jones Karns Keeley Maguire Nelson Pitts Selbert and Truxsess.
In the Negative - None.

Mr. Keeley offered the following resolution. Resolved that Mr. Huntington be notified by the Street Commissioner to fill the gravel pit made on Ohio Street within ten days, or on failure to do so, a suit will be brought immediately.
Adopted by the following vote

Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs Avery, Boaz Colley Dunlap Gowan Jones Karns Keeley Maguire Nelson Pitts Seibert and Truxsess.

In the negative none.

Mr. Jones offered the following resolution

Resolved,

That the Street Commissioner be directed to notify the owners of the property on the corner of Maryland and Meridian Streets to fence in the cellar they have dug with a temporary fence to prevent persons or animals from falling in.

Adopted by the following vote

Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs Avery, Boaz Colley Dunlap, Gowan Jones Karns, Keeley Maguire, Nelson Pitts Seibert and Truxsess.

In the negative - None.

The following accounts were allowed

309. J.K. & D. Root.	Stove & c for Invincible Fire Company	\$ 18.17
310. E.H. Wright & Co	Oil & c for Invincible Fire Company	9.10
311. G. Kennell & Co	Nozzles hose & c Good Intent Company	173.85
312. Henry Habeny	Diggin wells & c	29.90
313. John P. Chileters	Pumps & Repairs	29.50
314. R. Weeks	Labor	25.12
315. J.G. Smith	"	.75
316. Patrick Sullivan	"	16.25
		<u>\$302.64</u>

Adjourned to meet on Tuesday evening June 6 at 8 o'clock.

Attest

James N. Sweetser
City Clerk

James McCready Mayor