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Mr Pitts moved

That the petition be referred to the Civil Engineer with instructions to investigate the titles of the petitioners and set the grade stakes.

Which motion prevailed.

On Motion adjourned till Friday July 7, at 7 o'clock P M

Attest

James N. Sweetser
 City Clerk

James McCreedy Mayor

Common Council Chamber
 July 7 1854

The Council met at 7 o'clock P M. Present all the members of the Council except the President. On motion Mr. Maguire was called to the chair and took his seat as President pro. tem.

The following report was received from the Special Committee to whom was referred the bids for building an Engine House on the East Side of New Jersey Street.

The Committee to whom the Council referred the Proposals for erecting an Engine House on east side of New Jersey Street, submit the following report viz.

It appeared from an examination of the Proposals, that all the Bidders estimated the building of the Engine House, in accordance with the Plan and Specifications, except Durham & Talkington, who included in their proposal the cost of all extra foundation, which, according to Mr Durhams exposition, means all extra excavation, and all extra walling in the foundation of only thirteen inches thick and which according to estimate of the Civil Engineer, amounts to eighty eight dollars.

Durham & Talkington Proposal	\$1080
Deduct for extra excavation & walling as above	88
Leaves	<hr/> \$ 992
Charles Helings Proposal	\$1000
J H Kennedys do	\$1000
Christian Steinmeyers do	\$1125
West & Wright's do	\$1100

As thirteen inch walls in the foundation of the Engine House would not be sufficiently strong, they ought to be

eighteen inches thick, which extra thickness the Engineer estimates at \$33.25. The Committee recommend to the Council to award the Contract to Durham & Talkington, being the best bidders, at \$992, and to leave the amount and cost of all extra work to the determination and final decision of the Civil Engineer.

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James Wood)
 John L Avery) Committee
 W H Karns)
 H H Nelson)

Mr Karns moved

That said contract be awarded to Messrs Durham & Talkington and the Civil Engineer be instructed to close the contract with them.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Colley presented the following petition

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis

The undersigned very respectfully represents to your Honorable Body, that the Bridge which passes over the gutter on Washington Street to the alley immediately east of Out Lot No 77, is now nearly impassable on account of the decay of the timbers, that the great amount of travel which necessarily passed over it, and especially the large number of heavily loaded wagons, require that it should immediately be rebuilt, that the undersigned erected the present structure some six years since and has constantly kept it in repair; and he therefore prays your Honorable Body to order the Street Commissioner to rebuild said Bridge without unnecessary delay, and as in duty bound he will ever pray &c.

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Chas W Cady

Mr Colley moved

That the prayer of the petition be granted and the Street Commissioner be instructed to rebuild said Bridge immediately.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr Dunlap offered the following resolution

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner cause the gutters to be opened on Virginia Avenue between Washington Street & the crossing of Delaware and Maryland Streets, also the gutters on Maryland Street between Pennsylvania and Virginia Avenue - the level of the gutters first to be made by the City Engineer.

Which was adopted by the following vote.

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

In the Negative - None.

Mr Karns offered a resolution instructing the City Clerk

under the direction of the chairman of the Judiciary to have the Ordinances published in book form.

Mr Dunlap moved to amend said resolution by adding 500 copies in the German & 700 copies in the English Language.

Mr Seibert moved to amend said Amendmant by striking out "500 copies in the German Language".

Which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Dunlap moved

That there should be a division of the question.

Which motion did not prevail.

Mr Dunlap moved

That there be 300 copies printed in the German Language.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr Colley moved

That 600 copies be printed in the English Language.

Which motion prevailed.

And the following amended resolution. Resolved

That the City Clerk be directed to have the Ordinances published in Book form under the directions of the Chairman of the Judiciary, 300 copies to be printed in the German Language and 600 copies in the English Language.

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, & Truxsess, 15

In the Negative - Mr Seibert 1

Mr Nelson offered the following resolution

Resolved, That the Judiciary Committee inquire into the expediency of reporting an Ordinance prohibiting Tavern Keepers from running swill in the gutters.

Adopted by the following vote.

Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs Avery, Boaz, Colley, Graydon, Gowan, Jones, Karns, Maguire, Nelson, & Truxsess 10

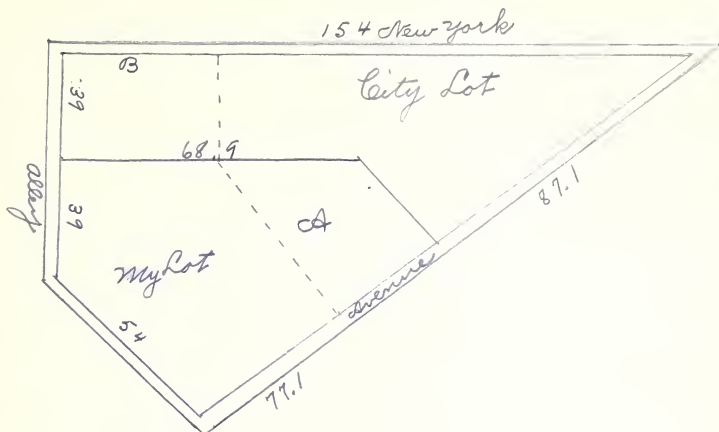
In the Negative - Messrs Dunlap, Keeley, & Pitts. 3

The following communication was received

To the Common Council of Indianapolis.

Gentlemen

Your Suit, in relation to the City Lot at the Junction of New York Street & the North East Avenue has been decided in your favor & I am informed by the Attorney of your Opponent, that there will be no further proceedings therein. I therefore ask of you, now to agree with me, that we change the division line of your - Lot & mine, on that triangle, so as to make both of our lots in better shape, more convenient and more valuable. Their present shape is as follows



I propose that we have a line fixed running from Street to Street, as the dotted line on the above diagram - giving to me, a proper & just front equal on both Streets (for proper convenience of buildings) and then, I convey to you - the part marked A, and you convey to me, the part marked B. This will throw all of our respective lots together, and make for both of us, much more useful Lots. I ask you to pass an order appointing either, Isaac N Phipps - Thomas M Smith or Daniel Yandes or two, or all of them to make the partition, and that when made, authorize your Mayor or other proper officer, to make & receive, written contracts for conveyance, and upon consummation of this request, I "as in duty bound, will ever pray &c

Very
John H. Bradley

Mr. Pitts offered the following resolution

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to investigate the proposed trade between the City & J H Bradley and report at our next meeting of the Council.

Adopted by the following vote

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

In the Negative - None.

Messrs Pitts Karns & Avery were appointed said committee of investigation.

Mr. Jones offered the following resolution

Resolved, That the canal passing through the City in Missouri Street be and it is hereby declared a public nuisance and that the Street Commissioner is hereby instructed to proceed immediately to fill said canal at the crossings of St Clair and Vermont Streets sufficient to prevent the flowing of water through said Street.

Which was not adopted by the following vote

Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs Graydon, Gowan, Jones, Pitts & Truxsess 5

In the Negative, are Messrs Avery, Boaz, Colley, Dunlap, Karns, Keeley, Maguire, & Nelson. 8

Mr. Graydon moved

That the resolution authorizing the City Clerk to purchase three fire alarm bells for the use of the City be taken from the table.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Colley moved to amend by adding Mr. Seibert & Truxsess.

Mr. Nelson moved to amend said amendment by adding Mr. Graydon. Which motion prevailed, and the following resolution

Resolved, That that the City Clerk, Mr. Seibert, Mr. Truxsess and Mr. Graydon be directed to purchase immediately for the use of the City three Fire Alarm Bells to weigh from 600 to 800 pounds and have them placed on the Marlon Engine House, Relief Engine House and Invincible Engine House.

Was adopted by the following vote

Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs Avery, Colley, Dunlap, Graydon, Gowan, Jones, Karns, Keeley, Maguire, Nelson, Pitts, Seibert & Truxsess 13

Mr. Nelson moved

That a Committee of three be appointed to procure a more suitable room for the Mayor & Council
Which motion prevailed.

Mrsrs Nelson Dunlap & Jones were appointed said Committee.

Mr Pitts offered the following resolution
Resolved, That the Civil Engineer advertise for bids for the building of a Cistern on the National Road opposite the Carlisle House.

Mr. Graydon moved to amend by adding one in front of the State Bank and Branch Bank.

Mr. Seibert move to amend the amendment by adding one at the corner of Alabama & New Jersey Streets.

Which motions prevailed.

Mr. Jones moved to amend by adding one at the corner of Maryland & Mississippi Streets.

Mr. Avery moved to amend said amendment by adding one at the Corner of New Jersey & Wood Streets

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Nelson moved

That said resolution be laid on the table and a committee be appointed to act in connexion with the Civil Engineer to locate cisterns on the plan heretofore reported by the Civil Engineer, if practicable.

Which motion prevailed.

Messrs Avery, Graydon, Nelson, Gowan, Jones, Dunlap & Seibert were appointed said committee.

Mr. Dunlap moved That Mr. Colley & Seibert be appointed a committee to confer with the Lawrenceburgh & Upper Mississippi R Road Company in reference to the grading and gravelling Louisiana Street.

Which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Seibert offered the following resolution

Resolved, That the City Marshall proceed to grade and gravel Louisiana Street as required in Sec 2, of an Ordinance Amendatory of An Ordinance entitled an Ordinance in relation to the occupation of Louisiana Street by the Lawrenceburgh & Upper Mississippi Rail Road Company at the expense of the Company as provided for in said Ordinance. Adopted by the following vote. Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs Avery, Colley, Graydon, Gowan, Jones, Keeley, Pitts & Seibert 8
In the Negative are Messrs Dunlap, Karns, Maguire, & Nelson 4.

On motion of Mr. Colley

The council adjourned until Monday evening July 10 at candle lighting.

Attest

James N. Sweetser
City Clerk

James McCready Mayor