

Common Council Chamber  
Sept. 11 1854

The Council met at 8 O'clock P M. Present the Mayor and all the Councilmen

The Marshall notified the Council, that he has appointed all the nightwatchmen in the City as his Deputies, and conferred upon them all the powers he possesses as Marshall.

Mr Colley moved That said appointments be confirmed

Which motion prevailed

Mr Maguire presented the assessment list for the current year

On motion said list was received

Mr Maguire offered the following resolution

Resolved That the City Clerk be and he is hereby directed to give notice immediately in the Daily papers of the City, that the Common Council will meet at the Council Chamber on Monday the 18th instant at 2 O'clock P M. for the purpose of hearing and acting upon all complaints that may be presented to them in relation to the assessment of property in the City of Indianapolis

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 & Trucksess

In the Negative - None

Mr Avery moved That a Committee of three be appointed to examine the estimate of work done on Market Street by Mr. Huntington

Mr Colley moved to amend by adding, "with the assistance of the Civil Engineer, and that the Civil Engineer shall make a re-estimate of said work

Which motion prevailed

Messrs Avery, Trucksess & Seibert were appointed said Committee

Mr Maguire moved That the Civil Engineer be instructed to set the grade stakes on Delaware Street in front of Mr Cottrels property

Which motion prevailed

Mr Pitts moved That the vote on the resolution instructing the Street Commissioner to remove the Rail Road tracks on Louisiana Street be reconsidered



Which motion prevailed

On Motion of Mr Maguire, Mr T A Morris was permitted to explain the reasons why said Street was occupied by so many tracks

Mr Seibert reoffered said resolution (Here insert)

Which was adopted by the following vote

Those who voted in the Affirmative, are Messrs Boaz, Colley, Gowan, Jones, Keeley, Pitts, Seibert & Truckeess 8  
In the Negative, Messrs Avery, Dunlap, Graydon, Karns, Maguire, & Nelson 6

Mr Nelson moved That said resolution be suspended, and a Committee of three be appointed to examine the facts and report to the Council at next meeting.

Which motion prevailed

Mr Keeley moved to amend said motion by adding the whole council to said Committee, which motion was lost on a rising vote. 4 members voted in the Affirmative, and 7 in the Negative.

Messrs Karns, Jones & Avery were appointed said Committee

Mr Pitts offered the following Ordinance

Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, That the fifth Section of an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance for establishing a night watch for the City of Indianapolis be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec 5. The hours of Service of said watch shall be from 9 O'clock of each evening until 4 O'clock of the next morning from the first of March until the first of November, and from the first of November until the first of March. from 7 O'clock until 5 O'clock the next morning, the hours so watched between the hours as above stated shall constitute one day

Mr Graydon moved to amend by striking out "5", and insert "6"

Which motion did not prevail on rising vote: 6 members voted in affirmative, and 6 in the negative, whereupon the Mayor cast his vote in the Negative, and said Ordinance was ordained by the following vote

Those who voted in the Affirmative are Messrs Avery, Boaz, Colley, Dunlap, Gowan, Jones, Karns, Keeley, Maguire, Nelson, Pitts & Seibert 12

In the Negative, Messrs Graydon & Trucksess 2



Mr Avery moved That the property owners on Noble, between Michigan and North Streets be allowed to fill a hole in said Street at their own expense

Which motion prevailed

On Motion The Council adjourned

James McCreedy Mayor

Attest

James N Sweetser  
City Clerk

Common Council Chamber  
September 18th 1854

The Council met at 2 O'clock P M. Present the Mayor and all the Councilmen except Mr Colley

The following report was presented The undersigned reports to the City Council that he advertised for Proposals to build a Market House on South Street, but no proposals have been received, the Council will, therefore, please direct what is to be done in this matter  
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James Wood  
Civil Engineer

Mr Seibert moved That the Civil Engineer be instructed to advertise for proposals to build said Market house until the Staurday preceeding the next regular meeting of the Council.

Which motion prevailed

The Civil Engineer reported a Specification for building eight cisterns located as follows one in the first ward at the crossing of Wood & New Jersey Streets; in the 2nd ward, one at the crossing of Market & Pennsylvania Streets; one in the 3d ward, where the Councilmen in said ward may direct; in the 4th ward, one opposite the Carlisle House; in the 5th ward, one at the crossing of Mississipi & Maryland Streets; in the 6th ward, one at the Branch Bank; and in the 7th ward, two, to be located by the Councilmen of said ward

(Specification)

The Cisterns to contain five hundred barrels of water each, and to be constructed of good hard brick, laid in Louisville best hydraulic cement - the bottom, side and top walls of which to be nine inches thick, closed with a substantial arch, and to be not more than sixteen feet deep