

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
Indianapolis Sep 18, 1854

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

from bottom to grade of Street. The contractor to make the necessary excavations, and to furnish all the materials for said Cisterns, except the iron castings, and shall construct and finish the same in a substantial workman like manner, with a gutter for each of sufficient length, and four inches square laid in cement. The City to be at the expense of removing the earth and gravel which may not be needed for constructing the Cisterns, but to be at no other expense in and about said Cisterns, except the iron castings as stated above. The Contactor is not to use lime in the construction of the Cisterns, and is to attend to the directions of the Civil Engineer; and he is to warrant the Cisterns for two years from the date of construction, by granting bond with sufficient security. Payments to be made in City orders - two thirds of the price will be allowed when the Cisterns are completed, and guaged by the Civil Engineer - and the other third to be retained until they are fully tested and found to be water tight & should any of the Cisterns leak after being filled with water by the City, the Contractor shall be at the expense of repairing, and refilling the same, and shall bear the expense of any loss the City may be subjected to by reason of the failure of said Cisterns to hold water. The construction of the Cisterns to be commenced immediately, and the same to be finished on or before the first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and fifty four; but if any of the Cisterns be not completed within a reasonable time after the same has been commenced, the City Council shall have the privilege of forfeiting the contract and reletting the same, and the Contractor shall have no legal claim on the City Council for the work he may have performed on any unfinished Cistern
Indianapolis Aug 26 1854.

And accompanying said Specifications were the following proposals.

George D Pfeifer proposed to build said cisterns according to the Specification in a reasonable time for 60 cents per Barrel, and to make the gutters as inlets and out lets thereto 2 inches deep and 4 inches wide at 15 cents per foot, or 4 inches wide and 4 inches deep at 18 cents per foot

Silranus Scofield proposed to build 4 of said cisterns by the 1st of December 1854 and the other four by the first of May 1855 for 69 cents pr Barrel

William Wood proposed to build said cisterns in the ordinary way at 55 cents per Barrel in Cash, or with hydraulic cement entire for 70 cents pr Barrel and take City orders at 90 cts

X

Mr Dunlap moved That said contract be awarded to Mr Pfeifer

Which motion prevailed

X William McManis proposed to build said cisterns for 65 cents per Barrel, with inverted arch bottoms

The following report was received

Specification for grading and gravelling New York Street & Side walks between Illinois and Meridian Streets.

The grading of said Street and side walks to be made in conformity to the Profile, and stakes inserted therein by the Civil Engineer. The Street to be gravelled Sixteen feet wide, and twelve inches thick at the centre, and six at the sides, and the side walks fifteen feet wide, and five inches thick, with good coarse gravel from the bed of White River. The whole work to be finished on or before the first day of December 1854, to the satisfaction of the Civil Engineer. Contractors will bid for the work by the Cubic yard Indianapolis Sep 2 1854; and accompanying said Specification was the following:

Mr Wood Sir Indianapolis Sep 16 1854

I hereby agree to do the grading and gravelling on New York Street, between Illinois and Meridian Street, at 25 cents per yard cubic, and the gravelling of said Street and Side walks, at 65 cents per yard cubic

Robert Harbison

Mr Maguire moved that said contract be awarded to Robert Harbeson

Which motion prevailed

The Civil Engineer reported the following proposals for building a Bridge across the canal on West Street

W H Latham & Mr proposed to build said Bridge for three hundred and forty six dollars

Levi Comegrys propose to build said Bridge for three hundred and ninety dollars

Owen Cullings proposed to build said Bridge for three hundred and forty five dollars

Messrs C King and J H Kennedy proposed to build said Bridge for three hundred and twenty eight dollars and fifty cents

Mr Pitts moved That said contract be awarded to Messrs King & Kennedy

Which motion prevailed

On motion of Mr Nelson, Mr Wood was ordered to finish the Cisterns, he has been building, according to the Specifications, in his contract.

The following report was presented

Mr President

The Select Committee to which was referred the resolution in relation to the tracks of the Cincinnati and Indianapolis Rail Road Company, on Louisiana Street, have examined the said Street, and find that, that part of the Street lying between Alabama and New Jersey Streets considerably encumbered with tracks, and is not in so good a condition for the passage of teams as it should be, and calls for improvement. The Committee are assured by the President of the Road that it is the intention of the Company, as soon as possible, to plank the crossings and gravel the Street, and make it in good order, so as to leave no cause of complaint to the public. They are also assured that if the Company shall be compelled to take up all their switches, their Depot Buildings, erected at great expense, will be almost entirely useless. Under these circumstances the Committee would respectfully recommend that the resolution of the Council requiring the tracks to be taken up be laid on the table, and that all action in relation to the subject matter of the resolution be suspended for forty days, so as to give the Company an opportunity to make the improvements contemplated by them

W H Karns)
J L Avery) Com
W H Jones)

Mr Seibert moved That said report be laid on the table, and the ayes and noes being demanded said motion did not prevail by the following vote

Those who voted in the Affirmative are Messrs Boaz,
Gowan, Jones, Pitts & Seibert 5
In the Negative, Messrs Avery, Dunlap, Graydon, Karns,
Keeley, Maguire, Nelson & Truxsess 8

Mr Karns moved That said report be concurred, and the Ayes & Noes being demanded said motion prevailed by the following vote

Those who voted in the Affirmative are Messrs Avery,
Dunlap, Graydon, Karns, Keeley, Maguire, Nelson & Truxsess 8
In the Negative, Messrs Boaz, Gowan, Jones, Pitts, &
Seibert 5

Mr Truxsess presented the Affidavits of W H Duzan & A J Hinesly against Mr Stumph, and the Affidavits of Philip Socks, Daniel Miller, G Harmony & L Snider were read on behalf of Mr Stumph.

Mr Dunlap moved That said affidavits be laid on the table

Which motion prevailed

Mr Maguire moved That the Civil Engineer be instructed to make an estimate of the work done on the side walk, South side of Ohio Street between Pennsylvania and Delaware Street by Messrs Petty & Duffy

Which motion prevailed

Mr Jones moved That the Civil Engineer be instructed to make an estimate of the work done on Maryland Street between Tennessee & Mississippi Streets.

Which motion prevailed

The following petition was received

To the Mayor & Common Council

Gentlemen. I some time ago, proposed a change of the division line between our lots, on the corner between New York Street & the North East Diagonal. I am advised by members of your body, that the meaning of my application was misunderstood, and for that reason was not favored by the Committee. I have never indicated how much land in the change, should be exchanged by us, or indicated where I desired the new line to be placed. I am willing to let the Gentlemen named, or any disinterested persons of our citizens do that, as doubtless they will Judge fairly between us. As I know that the change, will benefit both parties. I respectfully request a reconsideration of the Subject and your further action on the proposition

Respy

John H Bradley

Mr Maguire moved That said condition be referred to arbitrators, whose decision should be reported to the Council & subject to the refusal of the parties

Messrs David Culley, Daniel Yandes & the Civil Engineer were appointed said Arbitrators

The following petition was presented

To the honorable City Council of Indianapolis

The undersigned residents of said City represent that they have been informed that the City Council contemplates selling the old District School House & Lot in the fourth Ward, which by the liberal kindness of the Corporate Authorities has been occupied during the past year as a school for colored children. The undersigned desire to purchase said premises for the purpose of continuing a school of like character therein and for a place of public worship; and would respectfully inquire of your honorable body whether the same is for sale and at what price and on what terms as to payments the same can be obtained. If said lot is not for sale the undersigned would be pleased to lease the same for a term of years

Rev. William Duglass

Reuben Gibbs

J G Britton

Thomas Bushrod

Henry Byrd

On motion said report was laid on the table

The following petition was received

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To the Honorable Council of the City of Indianapolis
Whereas the Indiana Central R Road Co by making in
Maryland Street for the accommodation of said road, a deep
cut, thereby causing heavy embankments at the crossings,
rendering it impossible for the residents to gain access to
their property with wood or other articles and preventing
them from passing to the City without great inconvenience,
do hereby petition your honorable body to cause a compliance
with the ordinance granting the right of way through said
Street or to make a New Street further South and grade and
gravel the same, also to grade Noble Street from said New
Street to Pogues Run

William R Price	34 feet
Moses Davis	40 "
John Crum	120 "
Joseph W Davis	120 "
Denis Kane	32 "
John Casey	40 "
William Allen	80 "
James M Berryman	34 "

Mr Seibert moved That the Street Commissioner be in-
structed to Notify the Indiana Central Rail Road Company
to comply with the provisions of the Ordinance granting
them night of way through said Street

Which motion prevailed

The following petition was presented

To the Mayor & Common Council

The personal property that is assessed or returned as
belonging to J K Sharpe & Co. was not given by me from the
fact that W F Sharpe who is my partner lives in New York
where he has given in the personal property & pays taxes on
every dollar invested here in the State of New York. He
(Wn F Sharpe) has directed me to say that he desires the
return of the taxes he has paid for the last two years, as
the property was given in without his consent & that he
has paid taxes on the same as a portion of his personal
property in New York. I will state for myself that I am
owing an amount equal to the amount of my personal property
& therefore wished to be released from the personal property
returned against me

Indianapolis 18 1854

J K Sharpe

On motion of Mr Pitts said petition was laid on the table

Mr Karns moved That all complaints made to day about the
assessment and valuation of property be referred to the
Committee on Finance

Which motion prevailed

The following report was presented and on motion it was ordered to be spread on the minutes

Sep 18 1854

To the Mayor & Common Council

The undersigned to whom was referred the Treasurers monthly account, respectfully report, that they have examined said account and found it correct

James McCready, Mayor
James N Sweetser, City Clerk

The following account was allowed

Jacob Kohl, for hogs sold by the Marshall \$3.95.

The account of Levi Comegry's for repairing a bridge on Pogues Run was on motion referred to the Committee on Bridges

Mr Boaz offered the following resolution

Resolved That the Street Commissioner be directed to clear out the gutter on Meridian Street between Maryland and Georgia Street

Adopted by the following vote

Those who voted in the Affirmative are Messrs Boaz, Gowan, Jones, Karns, Maguire, Pitts, Seibert & Trucksess 8
In the Negative, Messrs Avery, Graydon & Nelson 3

Mr Karns offered the following resolution

Resolved That the Street Commissioner be directed to clean the gutters on Delaware Street between Market Street and Ohio Street

Adopted by the following vote

Those who voted in the Affirmative are Messrs Boaz, Graydon, Gowan, Jones, Karns, Keeley, Maguire, Pitts, Seibert & Trucksess 10
In the Negative, Mr Nelson 1

Mr Pitts moved That the Street Commissioner be instructed to clean the gutter on the North Side of Washington Street between Tennessee Street and the Canal

Which motion prevailed

Mr Jones moved That the Street Commissioner be instructed to clean out the gutter on both Sides of Kentucky Avenue in Square (67)

Which motion prevailed

Mr Keeley offered the following resolution

Resolved That the Street Commissioner be requested to open the gutter on the East Side of New Jersey Street

between Washington & Ohio Street

Adopted by the following vote

Those who voted in the Affirmative are Messrs Boaz, Jones, Keeley, Seibert & Trucksess	5
In the Negative Messrs Graydon, Nelson & Pitts	3

Mr Jones moved That the resolution in reference to the Bridge across the canal on Vermont Street be taken from the table.

And on a rising vote 5 members voted in the Affirmative and five voted in the negative, whereupon the Mayor suspended his vote until next meeting

Mr Jones moved That the Street Commissioner have the foot bridge across the canal on Maryland Street repaired

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr Jones said vote was reconsidered and the bridge referred to the Civil Engineer with instructions to advertise for proposals to build a new bridge if in his opinion the present one is inefficient

Which motion prevailed

Attest
James N Sweetser City Clerk

James McCreedy Mayor