

Common Council Chamber
October 3 1854

The Council met at 7 O'clock P M. Present all the Members except Mr Graydon and the Mayor

On motion Mr Karns was called to the chair and took his seat as President pro tem

A petition was presented from Max Zover asking the Council to return the amount of License paid by him to the City for two concerts given by him during the last month

Mr Dunlap moved That the prayer of the petition be granted.

Mr Seibert moved That said petition be laid on the table

Which motion prevailed

Mr Pitts moved That the grade of New York Street west of West Street be established according to the Profile made by the Civil Engineer

Which motion prevailed by the following vote

Those who voted in the Affirmative are Messrs Colley, Gowan, Keeley, Pitts, Seibert & Trucksess	6
In the Negative, Messrs Avery, Dunlap, Jones, Karns & Nelson	5

On motion the City Clerk was authorized to issue a warrant to Mr Huntington for the amount due him from the City for work done on Ohio Street, also issue a warrant to Messrs Duffy & Pitts for work done on Ohio west of Delaware Street

The following petition was received

To the City Council of Indianapolis Indiana

We the undersigned, property owners on West Side Mississippi Street on Square (29) would ask your honorable body to allow us to have the Side walk graded gravelled and curbed with good Oak curbing at the expense of the property owners, and that you require the City Engineer to set grade stakes and contract for the completion of the proposed work.
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George W Pitts	60 ft	J H Kennedy	50 ft
David King	25	R W Dickerson	25
D B Hosbrook	50	John Engle	25
Moses Fatout	60	George Harlin	25

On motion of Mr Pitts the prayer of said petition was granted

Mr Trucksess offered the following resolution

Resolved That the City Engineer is hereby required to

make an estimate of the cost of a sufficient number of Locust trees to set on both sides of Kentucky Avenue from the crossing of Tennessee Street and ending at the Burying ground laid out by Mr Isaac Coe, the estimate to include boxing in a suitable manner

Adopted by the following vote

Those who voted in the Affirmative are Messrs Avery, Boaz, Colley, Gowan, Jones, Karns, Nelson, Pitts, Seibert & Truxsess

In the Negative, Mr Dunlap

Mr Colley offered the following resolution

Resolved That the City Clerk be authorized to procure a sufficient number of Buckets for the O K Bucket Company

On motion said resolution was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department

On motion of Mr Dunlap the Ordinance for the levying of taxes, was taken from the table

Mr Pitts moved that the first blank in Sect 1 be filled with

forty five

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and the question being shall the blank be filled with "fifty".

Said motion did not prevail,

and the question being shall the blank be filled with "forty five" Said motion did not prevail

and the question being shall the blank be filled with "forty" Said motion prevailed

Mr Maguire moved That the 2nd blank of the 1st Section be filled with fifty

Which motion prevailed

Mr Maguire moved to amend said Ordinance by changing the Number of Sec 2, by making it "Sec 3" and changing Sec 3" to make it Sec "4" and insert as follows Sec 2. That there be assessed on each dog the sum of one dollar

Which motion prevailed

Mr Dunlap moved That the blank in Sec 3 be filled with "twenty"

Which motion prevailed

And the following Ordinance entitled

An Ordinance relative to the levying of taxes for the

year 1854

Sec 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis: That a tax for general purposes shall be and is hereby levied upon each one hundred dollars of the value of all property entered for taxation in the general list of City taxables for the year 1854 the sum of forty cents, and on each poll subject to taxation fifty cents.

Sec 2. That there be assessed on each dog the sum of one dollar

Sec 3. That there is hereby levied upon each one hundred dollars of said list of taxables for School purposes for the current year the sum of twenty cents

Sec 4. This Ordinance to be in force from and after its passage

Was ordained by the following vote

Those who voted in the Affirmative are Messrs Avery, Boaz, Dunlap, Gowan, Jones, Karns, Keeley, Maguire, Nelson, Pitts, Seibert & Trucksess 13

In the Negative None

The following report was received

The undersigned reports to the Council, that it will require 400 cubic yards of earth to fill the two mud holes on Merrill Street, between Delaware and Alabama Streets, twenty feet wide, which at 25 cents per yard, will cost \$100

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James Wood
Civil Engineer.

Mr Colley moved That the Street Commissioner be instructed to fill said holes under the direction of the Civil Engineer, and the Ayes & Noes being demanded said motion did not prevail by the following vote

Those who voted in the Affirmative are Messrs Boaz, Colley & Seibert 3

In the Negative, Messrs Avery, Dunlap, Gowan, Jones, Karns, Keeley, Maguire, Nelson, Pitts, & Truxsess 10

Mr Pitts moved That the Fire Engineer be authorized to have the pump repaired at the Cistern on the Corner of Meridian & Ohio Streets, and have said Cistern repaired at the expense of the Contractor

Which motion prevailed

Mr Seibert moved that Mr Freling be permitted to take the dirt from the side walk in front of Mr Bradshaws property on New Jersey Street and place it in the hollow below said property in conformity to the grade of said Street

Which motion prevailed

Mr Avery offered the following resolution

Resolved That the Citizens may be allowed the privilege of draining the pond on New Jersey Street near North Street by cutting a drain on said North Street at the expense of said Citizens

Adopted by the following vote

Those who voted in the Affirmative are Messrs Avery,
Karns, Keely, Maguire, Nelson & Pitts. 6
In the Negative, Messrs Dunlap, & Seibert 2

Mr Maguire moved That the Civil Engineer be instructed to extend the Survey of New York Street; across Blake towards Persimmon Street west to Pattersons Mill Race

Which motion prevailed

Mr Colley moved That the plan & Specification of a Bridge across Pogues Run be taken from the table

Mr Pitts moved To amend by adding the Bridge across the Canal on Vermont Street

Which motion did not prevail.

On motion the Council adjourned

James McCreedy Mayor.