

Common Council Chamber  
Indianapolis Dec 18 1854

The Council met at 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  O'clock P M. Present all the members except Mr Maguire

The following report was received

The Cistern on East Street since filled, sunk one foot at Durhams corner. The Cistern on Illinois Street stands full at Blakes corner

Wm Hughey

The following accounts were presented and allowed

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| R Weeks          | for labor | \$ 9.50 |          |
| Michael Curran   | for Labor | 7.00    |          |
| William Luney    | for Labor | 12.50   |          |
| John Donahue     | for Labor | 6.50    |          |
| Patrick Sullivan | for Labor | 11.00   |          |
| Dawson Walker    | for Labor | 2 00    |          |
| J McGinnis       | for Labor | 2.50    |          |
| J Hoffener       | for Labor | 20.00   |          |
| John Harlen      | for Labor | 5.00    |          |
| Samuel Murphy    | for Labor | 7.50    |          |
| Francis Pigg     | for Labor | 10.00   |          |
| John Pigg        | for Labor | 7.50    |          |
| George Boatman   | for Labor | 5.50    |          |
| Hiram Lewis      | for Labor | 25.00   | \$131.50 |

The following report was presented

The City of Indianapolis Dr  
1854 To King & Kennedy  
Dec For erecting posts and railing on Bridge over the Canal  
on Ohio Street \$15.00

This certifies that the work has been done according to contract and to my satisfaction, and that the above account is correct

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Civil Engineer

On motion said account was allowed

The Civil Engineer reported the amount of an Estimate of work done on Washington Street between Tennessee Street and the Canal to be \$449.95

On motion of Mr Karns said report was referred to the Committee on Streets & Alleys, the City Clerk and the Civil Engineer.

The following bid was reported.



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Mr Wood, Sir I will plaster the hall of the Invincible Fire Company No 2 at this rate:

On Brick work, 20 cts per yd, on lath work 25 cts pr yd

Yours with respect

Ira T. Bigelow

On motion of Mr Seibert the Civil Engineer was instructed to make a contract for plastering said Hall on the best terms possible

The Civil Engineer reported the bid of Messrs Button & Fisher to paint the Invincible Engine House on the following terms, two coats for \$34.00 or three coats for \$46.50

On motion of Mr Seibert the Civil Engineer was instructed to make a contract for painting said house, on the best terms possible

The following bid was presented

Mr Wood, Sir I hereby propose to grade the alley running North and South through Square 44, for 25 cents per cubic yard, and also to gravel said alley for 65 cents per Cubic yard, agreeable to the Specifications  
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Robert Harbison

On motion of Mr Karns said contract was awarded to Mr Harbison

The Civil Engineer reported a bid from Mr Scofield for making a Cistern at the Union Depot.

On motion said report was laid on the table and the Committee to whom was referred the subject was given further time.

The following report was presented

To the Mayor & Common Council

The undersigned respectfully reports, that John Bisbing watchman of the 2nd ward has been guilty of gross neglect of duty, - by being off duty on the night of the 15th December from 9 O'clock until one, and also upon two other occasions he has been guilty of like gross neglect, as I verily believe  
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Jefferson Springstean

Mr Karns moved That John Bisbing be removed from the office of Watchman of the 2nd ward

Which motion prevailed

Mr Karns from the Committee on accounts reported the



following accounts and on motion the said accounts were allowed

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| John E Foudry | For boarding Female prisoners | \$20.80 |
| Turner & Co   | " Brick                       | 28.60   |

The following report was presented

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis

The undersigned a Special Committee to whom was referred the purchase of a site for a City Hospital ask leave to report, that they have negotiated and purchased of James S Attion and Thos B Elliott part of Out Block number one hundred and fifty eight (No 158) - containing eight acres and 61/100 at the rate of Five hundred dollars per acre - amounting to the sum of Four thousand three hundred and five dollars - upon the following conditions, one fourth in the month of January 1855, and the balance in three equal Semi-annual payments, a good and clear title is to be made to the City on the first payment in January, to be approved by the City Attorney - All of which the Committee respectfully ask the concurrence of the Council

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L Dunlap  
John L Avery  
Henry H Nelson

On motion of Mr Karns said report was concurred in

Mr Dunlap offered the following resolution

Resolved That the Captain of the Watch be authorized to adopt such rules and regulations for the observance of its members as he may deem just and proper, to carry out the objects for which they were appointed

Adopted by the following vote

Those who voted in the Affirmative are Messrs Avery, Colley, Dunlap, Graydon, Karns, Keeley, & Seibert 7

In the Negative - Messrs Boaz, Gowan, Jones, Pitts & Trucksess. 5

A communication was presented from the President of the Union Railway Company asking the Council to take measures to prevent annoyance to passengers occasioned by Hotel Runners and Hack Drivers

Mr Colley moved That said communication be referred to the Judiciary Committee and with or without a conference with the Rail Road officers, to report an Ordinance relative to the Subject

Which motion prevailed

A petition was presented from numerous citizens asking



the Council to pass some effective ordinance against the keeping for hire or pay of any and all tables, alleys, machines, or other devices for sports or games within the City

Mr Pitts moved That said petition be refered to the Judiciary Committee and the City Attorney with instructions to report an Ordinance in compliance with the prayer of the petition

Mr Colley moved to amend said motion by adding "if in their opinion it is contrary to law.

Which amendment prevailed, and the motion so amended prevailed

Mr Graydon offered the following resolution

Resolved That the Street Commissioner is hereby directed to inform the contractor of Odd Fellows Hall to have the openings on the side walk at said Hall on Penna St closed or otherwise secured as will prevent accidents to persons passing thereby

Adopted by the following vote

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

In the Negative - None

On motion of Mr Boaz, the Street Commissioner was instructed to have the Bridge across Pogues Run on Pennsylvania Street repaired

On motion of Mr Karns the Council proceeded to the election of Watchman for the 2nd ward

Francis H Wright was elected Night Watchman of the 2nd ward

Mr Pitts moved That the Ordinance increasing the pay of Watchman be taken from the table

Which motion prevailed

Mr Graydon moved to amend said Ordinance by striking out "two dollars" and insert "one dollar and seventy five cents"

Which motion did not prevail

Mr Seibert moved that said Ordinance be laid on the table until next meeting

Which motion prevailed on a rising vote, the Mayor casting his vote in the Affirmative





On motion of Mr Karns the City Clerk was instructed to draw a warrant in favor of the Hook & Ladder for \$15 the amount received by the City from the sale of a wagon belonging to said Company

Mr Shortrige asked the Council to express an opinion upon the following question. Has a person a right to claim partnership property, sufficient above his private property, to make up the amount, exempted by law, from taxation

On motion the subject was referred to the City Attorney

On motion Mr Hull was allowed \$1.62 on account of a hog sold by the Marshall belonging to said Hull

On motion of Mr Pitts the resolution regulating the meetings of the Council were suspended and on motion of Mr Colley the Council adjourned until the first Tuesday in January 1855

Attest

James N Sweetser  
City Clerk

James McCready Mayor