

On motion of Mr Karns the Council proceeded to the election of School Trustee

James M Ray was elected School Trustee

On motion the Watchmen were allowed to use the Council Chamber during the night for the purpose of warming, until the next meeting of the Council

On motion the Council adjourned

Attest

James N Sweetser
City Clerk

James McCready Mayor.

Common Council Chamber
February 5th 1855

The Council met at 7 O'clock P M. Present all the members, except the Mayor

Mr Karns took his seat as President pro tem

The Treasurer monthly account was presented and on motion was referred to the Mayor & Clerk for examination

The following report was presented

Estimate for building a Stone Bridge over Pogues Run, on Noble Street

320 Cubic Yards of excavation, at 25 cents per yard	\$	80.00
170 " " " masonry at \$5 " "		850.00
1670 Superficial feet of hammer dressed work, at 12½ cents per foot		208.75
	Total	<u>\$1138.75</u>

The undersigned, on 3d July, 1854, reported to the Council, that a wooden Bridge over Pogues Run on Noble Street, 144 feet in length and 14 feet in width, extending from Washington Street to the high ground on the South, side of Pogues Run, would cost \$420.40
Indianapolis Feby 5 1855

James Wood
Civil Engineer

On motion said report was laid on the table

The following report was received The undersigned, in compliance with the Ordinance in relation to Lighting the City, respectfully reports to the Council, that, in the month of January last, one lamp has been erected at the Corner of



Meridian and Maryland Streets, and with the one erected by Isaac Blackford at the corner of Washington and Meridian Streets and accepted by the Council, make the number of public lamps in the City, fourteen
Feb'y 5 1855.

James Wood
Civil Engineer

Indianapolis Monday Feb'y 5 1855

Police report beginning Monday evening Jany 1, ending Monday morning Feb'y 5th 1855

Jefferson Springstean	Served thirty one and a half days
Joseph Colley	Served thirty one days
Wm Robinson	Served thirty five days
Francis Wright	Served thirty five days
David Derringer	Served thirty two days
David Anderson	Served thirty four days
Amos Scott	Served thirty two & one half days
J W Buckhart	Served thirty five days
Robt Johnson	Served thirty days
Jessee Vanblaricum	Served thirty one & one half days
Benjamin Sobaugh	Served thirty four days
Wm McLain	Served thirty four & one half days
George Thompson	Served fifteen days. Resigned
Calvin Morgan	Served twenty days
Reuben Adams	Served thirty three and one half days
Hubbard Adams	Served thirty five days
	Jefferson Springstean Capt'n of Watch.

On motion of Mr Jones the City Clerk was authorized to draw warrants in favor of the Watchman for said services

The following report was received

Number of arrests made by the Watchman beginning Jany 1st, ending Feb'y 5th 1855.

Intoxication	61
Disturbing the peace	11
Larceny	2
Peddling without license	1
Public nuisance	2
In company with prostitutes	3
Females for assault & Battery	1
do for intoxication	2
Whole number	<u>83</u>

Jefferson Springstean
Capt'n of the Watch

The following report was received

Feb'y 5 1855



The old Cisterns are in good order. The Cistern at Wingates corner lacks three feet of being full of water, and one at the Branch Bank lacks about the same. Mr Scofield filled those two on last Wednesday & thursday. The Cistern at Roberts Chapel was empty this morning

William Hughey

The following report was received

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the authority to borrow money, or make arrangements with the Treasury to take State Stock money at its proper discount, sufficient to pay the amount due from the City for the purchase of fire bells - Report that the requisite arrangements has been with the Treasury, and that the amount necessary to liquidate the claim, will in a few days be in the Treasury

L Dunlap
Daniel Keeley
W H Karns

The following accounts were presented and allowed

John Foudry for Boarding female prisoners	\$	26.00	
John Hamlin for filling Cistern 1st Ward		2.00	
C J Slingsluff, Bricks for South Market house		112.00	
H A Walker for Posts		2.50	
Peter Smock " "		3.00	
Hiram Lewis " Labor		2.50	
Patrick Sullivan " "		1.00	
John Wilson " "		1.00	
Wesley Hughey " "		1.00	
Jacob Bisbing removing nuisance		2.50	
Robert Johnson		3.50	
Wm Ryley filling cisterns		3.95	
Elder & Harkness for Printing		119.13	
	Total		279.88

On motion of Mr Nelson, Mr Harbison was allowed \$50 on his contract for gralling the East Market House

The following communication was presented

Mayors office, City of Terre Haute
Jany 15 1855

His Honor, James McCreedy, Mayor

Dear Sir: The accompanying Map of Terre Haute, I am authorized in behalf of the City of Terre Haute, to present through you, to the City of Indianapolis

With respect & consideration
Yours truly

W H Edwards, Mayor

Mr Maguire offered the following resolution



Resolved, That the Mayor of the City be directed to present to the authorities of the City of Terre Haute, a View or Map of this City, that City, through their Mayor having politely presented to Indianapolis a map of Terre Haute

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 Maguire presented An ordinance defining the duties of the Sexton of the Grave Yard

On motion of Mr Dunlap it was referred to the Judiciary Committee to be so amended as to protect the Sexton

A petition from J C Worrall was presented asking the Council to remit the tax assessed against him on a stock of goods assessed also against Mr Pyle

On motion of Mr Dunlap said tax was remitted

A petition from Matthew Little was presented asking the Council to make him an additional allowance for his services as Assessor

On motion said petition was referred to the Committee on accounts

A communication from John Waters, in reference to a disagreement existing between Mr Miller & Foos about the payment of taxes on property, was presented

On motion said communication was laid on the table

The following report was presented

We the undersigned committee who were appointed to ascertain whether the Marshall or his Deputy has been receiving any pay for services rendered to Mr Robison of Robinsons Atheneum, would Report that we have not been able to ascertain whether either the Marshall or Deputy have received any pay or not but would ask the concurrence of the following resolution & preamble

G W Pitts)	
Henry H Nelson)	Com
Wm Boaz)	

Whereas since the establishing of the night police we do not believe that it is necessary to continue the office of Deputy Marshall longer, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved, That the vote confirming the appointment of Deputy Marshall be and the same is hereby rescinded



On motion of Mr Colley said resolution was laid on the table

Mr Nelson offered the following resolution

Resolved That the Marshall and his Deputies be directed to procure immediately if possible some one or more persons, who will not be liable to take the small pox, to wait on any family in which the disease exists, which may be destitute of the necessary assistance to minister to their wants, and that the Marshall and his Deputies endeavor to prevent all person's liable to take the infection from visiting houses in which there may be cases of small pox, and also that they prevent individuals who have recovered, from coming in contact with other persons by going into the Streets, until a sufficient time shall elapse to prevent danger of communicating the disease to others

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 Dunlap moved That when the Council adjourns, it adjourn until thursday evening next and that the Judiciary Committee be instructed to report an ordinance in relation to the Small pox

Which motion prevailed

Mr Graydon offered the following resolution

Resolved That the City Clerk is hereby directed to ascertain the costs of improvement made opposite to any of the property owned by the State and paid for by funds of the City, and respectfully ask the present Legislature to refund the same And also that they be requested to adopt a law authorizing the Auditor of State to pay the States proportion of the amount of money necessary for any improvement which the City Council may hereafter direct to be made opposite to any of the property belonging to the State

Adopted by the following vote

Those who voted in the Affirmative are Messrs Avery, Boaz, Colley, Dunlap Graydon Gowan, Jones, Karns, Keeley, Maguire Nelson, Seibert Pitts & Trucksess 14

In the Negative, None

On motion of Mr Keeley the City Clerk was authorized to draw warrants up to the 6th Feby 1855 in favor of the Councilmen

The following communication was received

To the Mayor & Common Council of Indianapolis
In complying with a resolution offered by Mr Karns in



regard to the time keeping of the City Clock, I will say it is caused by the weakness and insufficiency of the Cupola in windy weather. The whole clock and Pendulum is in a perfect tremble caused by the vibration of the Cupola, The Pendulum rod swings one inch clear of one of the Principle timbers of the Cupola, ten feet below the clock. I have stood in the Cupola during a strong wind and saw it vibrate so much that the rod would strike the timber and then spring back again, causing an irregular motion in the pendulum will affect the time.

Yours Respectfully

John Moffatt

On motion of Mr Dulap the Council proceeded to the election of Watchman for the 6th Ward

Calvin Morgan was elected a Watchman of the 6th Ward

On motion the Council adjourned

Attest

James N Sweetser
City Clerk

James McCready Mayor.

Common Council Chamber
February 8th 1855

The Council met at half past 6 O'clock P M. Present the Mayor and all the Councilmen except Mr Avery

Mr Maquire from the Judiciary Committee reported the following Ordinance".

An Ordinance supplemental to an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance relative to the public burying ground, and for the protection of the public and private burying grounds in the City of Indianapolis" passed April 20th 1852

Sec 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis That it shall also be the duty of said Sexton of said public burying ground, at all times, to unlock and open the gate of said burying ground for the ingress and egress of funeral processions, and from the hours of 9 O'clock A M, until 12 O'clock M, and from 1 O'clock until 4 O'clock P M of each day of the week, to leave the gates of said burying ground unlocked for the purpose of allowing ingress and egress to persons wishing to erect tombstones, enclosures around their lots in said burying ground, or to plant ornamental trees or shrubbery around the graves of their deceased relatives and friends, with the materials or articles for either of the purposes aforesaid and the vehicles used to haul the same, and at all other times, when present, to unlock said gates and permit such persons to enter therein