

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.

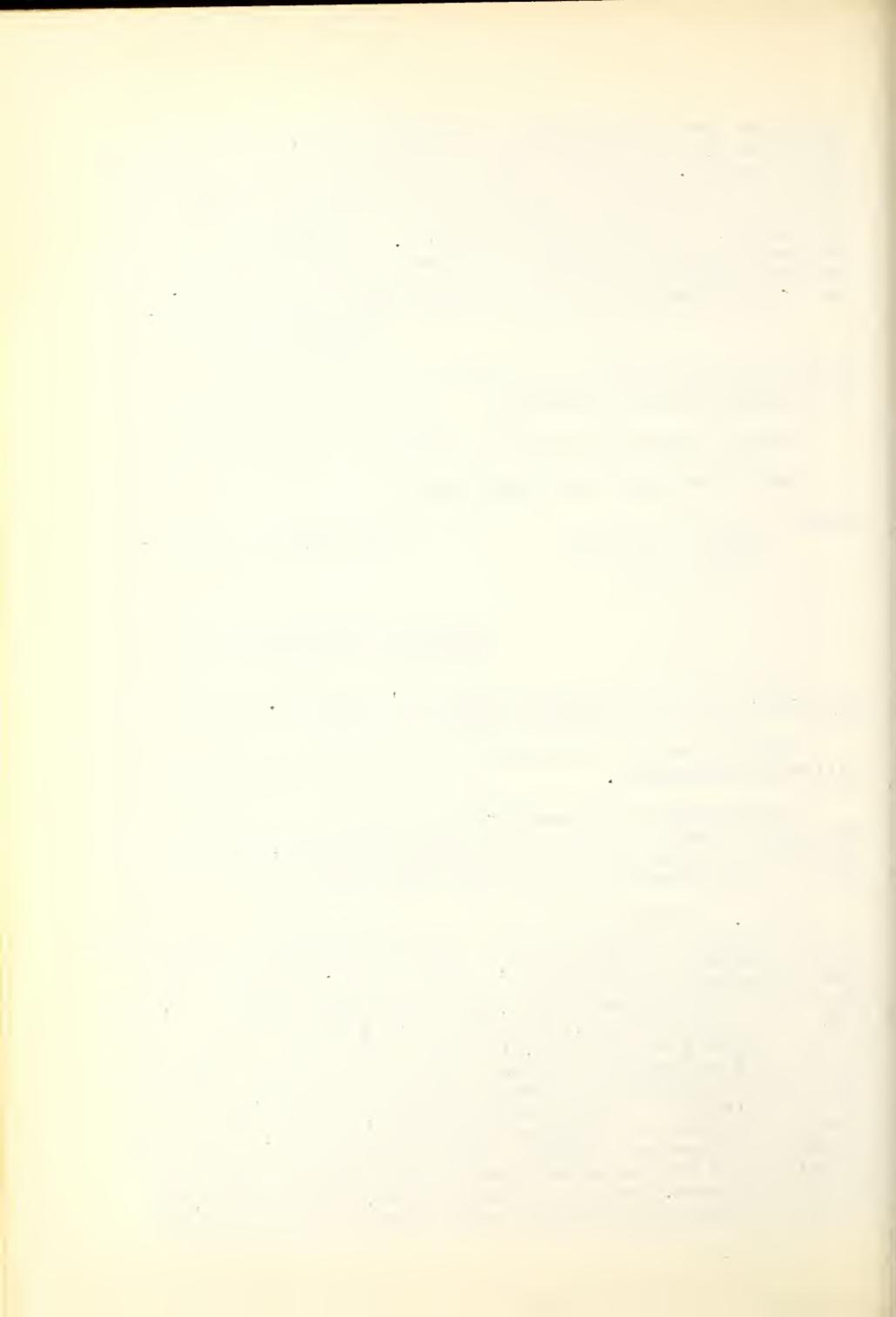
Common Council Chamber
February 8th 1855

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



with the materials and articles for the purpose aforesaid and the vehicles to haul the same and to depart therefrom; and in no case shall the said Sexton be entitled to charge any person or persons any fee or reward either for going into or out of said burying ground, or for opening or shutting said gates

Sec 2. Should the said Sexton violate any of the provisions of the foregoing Section he shall be subject to removal as provided in the first section of the Ordinance to which this is supplemental, and in addition thereto, shall on conviction forfeit and pay a sum not less than five nor more than twenty dollars for every such violation

Sec 3. No person shall interfere with, or interrupt said Sexton in the discharge of his duties, nor remain in said burying ground with wagons, carts, or other vehicles, except in case of burials, after the expiration of the hour for closing said gates, unless when they are admitted by said Sexton after the close of such hour, when they shall immediately unload the same and withdraw in a reasonable time, so that said Sexton may fasten the gates; and every person offending against the provisions of this Section shall forfeit a sum not less than nor more than dollars

Sec 4. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication as required

On motion the first blank in Section 3 was filled with "One" and the Second blank thereof with "Ten", and said Ordinance was ordained by the following vote.

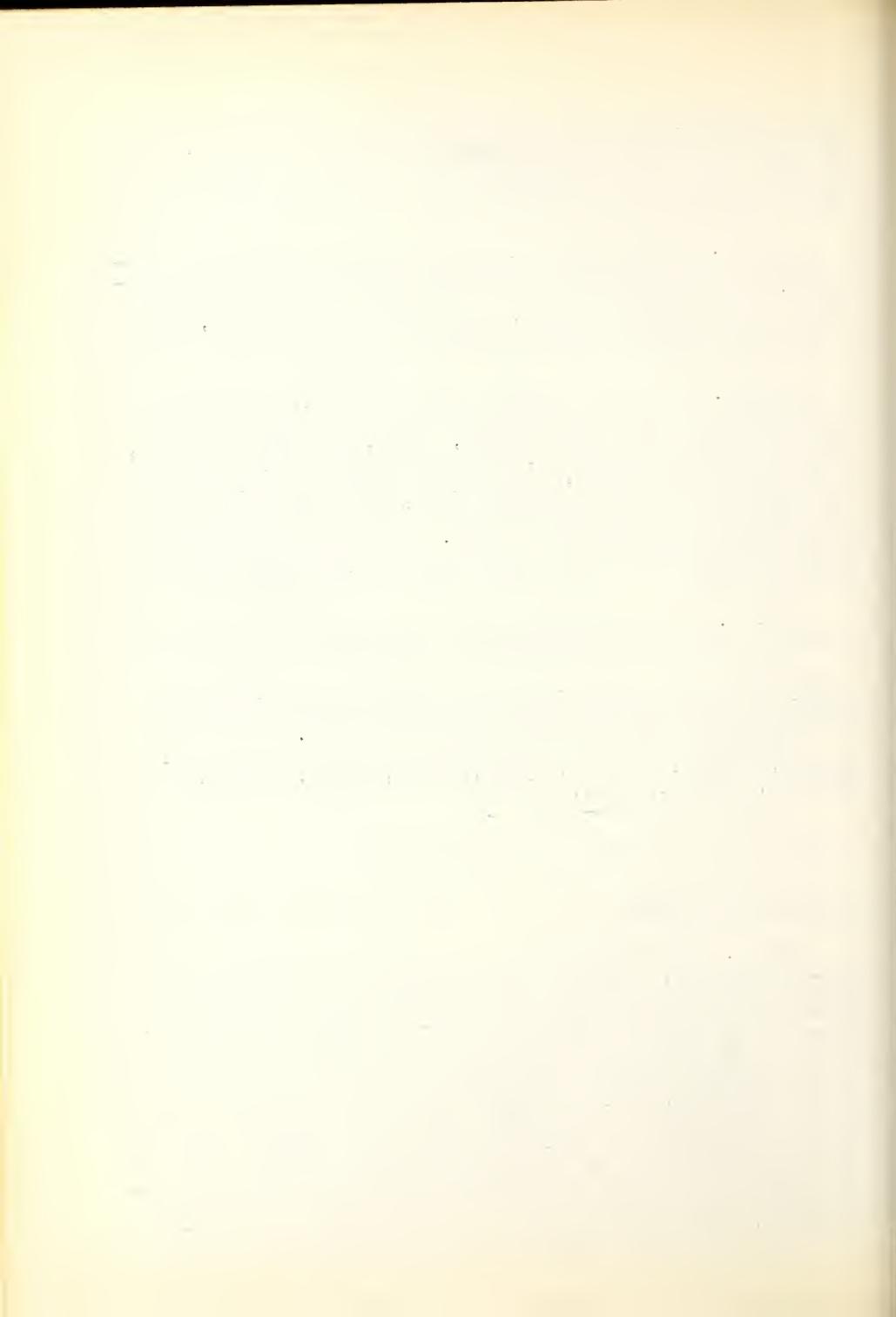
Those who voted in the Affirmative are Messrs Boaz, Colley, Dunlap, Graydon, Gowan, Jones, Karns, Keeley, Maguire, Nelson, Pitts, Seibert & Trucksess

In the Negative - None

The following ordinance was presented

An Ordinance to prevent the spread of Small pox and other contagious diseases

Sec 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, That it shall be and is hereby made the duty of the owner, proprietor, or occupant of any house where any person may have the Small pox or other contagious disease, or where any person may hereafter have any such contagious disease, to notify the public of the existence of such disease immediately by placing a red flag in some conspicuous place on the premises, where it may be seen by all passers by, and in case of the neglect or failure of any such person or persons to place such flag as aforesaid, the City Marshall shall so soon as notified of the existence of such disease, cause a red flag to be placed as aforesaid, and said flag shall remain there until the person or persons having such disease recovers, and until all danger of infection is removed; and any person who shall neglect or fail to place such flag as



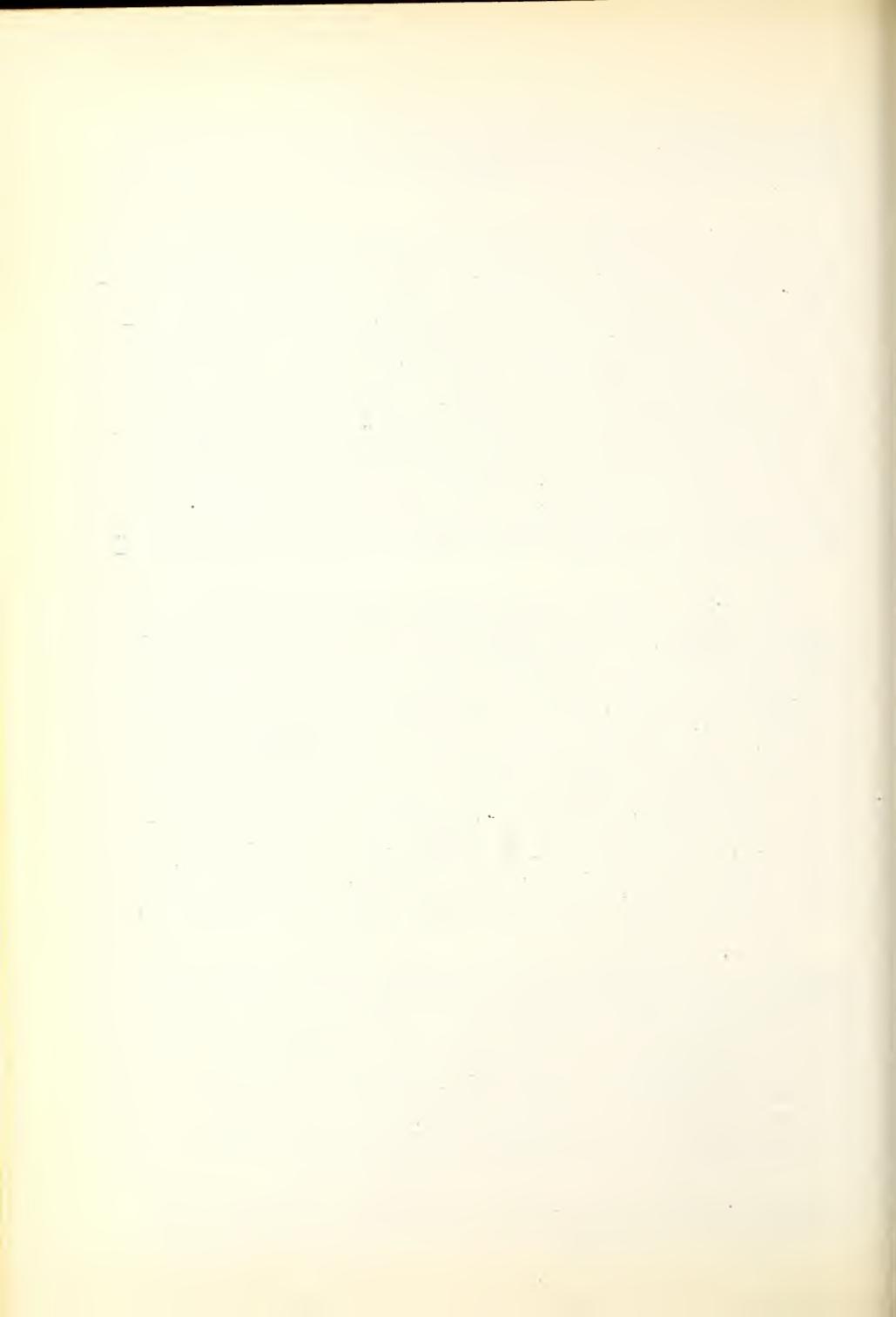
above required, or who shall remove such flag after it has been so placed, until all danger of infection is removed, shall forfeit and pay a sum not less than five nor more than twenty dollars

Sec 2. It shall not be lawful for any person or persons having any contagious disease to go out in the public, pass from house to house, or appear in the Streets of said City - and it shall be the duty of the City Marshall, in case of any such person so doing, in his presence, or on his being informed of the fact, to cause such person to be taken to his or her place of residence forthwith, if such person have any, and if not, to cause such person to be taken to the place provided by the Board of Health for such persons, and if no such place be provided then to procure, and take such person to some suitable place, and to procure suitable attendance and provision for such person, if such person is unable to do so for him or herself, until the death or recovery of such person from such disease, at the expense of the City; and if any person should violate the first branch of this Section, the person so offending shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding twenty dollars

Sec 3. It shall not be lawful for any person or persons who have been or may be sick with Small pox or other contagious disease, to leave their rooms and go out in public until they have recovered from such disease a sufficient time, and taken such measures and precautions as, in the opinion of the Board of Health, may be necessary to prevent all danger of infection. Any person violating the provisions of this Section, shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding twenty dollars, and it shall be and is hereby made the duty of the City Marshall, his deputy or of any of the police of said City, immediately, to cause any person violating the provisions of this Section to be taken to his or her place of residence, boarding house, or other place prepared for, or which they may procure for, that purpose, and there kept until such time as, in the opinion of the Board of Health, it may be safe and proper for such persons to go at large

Sec 4. It shall be and is hereby made the duty of the occupant of any house where any person may have been sick of Small pox or other contagious disease, on the recovery of such person, to forthwith burn up the clothes worn by such diseased person and all bed clothes and bedding used for such person to lay on or to be covered with, or which may have come in contact with his or her person, during the sickness, and to cleanse and purify the house and room in which such person was confined during his or her sickness; And on failure or neglect to comply with the provisions of this Section, such occupant shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty dollars

Sec 5. Whereas there is an emergency requiring the immediate taking effect of this Ordinance, it is therefore



ordained that it shall take effect and be in force so soon as proclamation thereof shall be posted at five public places in each of the Wards

On motion the rules were suspended and said ordinance was ordained by the following vote

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

In the Negative - None

Mr Maguire offered the following resolution

Resolved That all persons who have not been protected from Small pox by vaccination are earnestly requested forthwith to procure themselves to be vaccinated, and all parents and heads of families are requested to cause their children and the members of their families who are minors to be immediately vaccinated

Adopted by the following vote

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

In the Negative - None

Mr Karns moved That the Board of Health be requested to publish daily, the number and, locality of the Small pox patients

Which motion prevailed

Mr Maguire offered the following resolution

Resolved That all Physicians having patients affected by any contagious disease are respectfully requested to report the same with their place of abode to the Board of Health

Adopted by the following vote

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

In the Negative None

The following account was presented and allowed

Foot & Rice for candles furnished the Council in Oct 1851
.70 cts

On motion the Council went into Secret Session

A communication was presented from Mr Hitchcock which on motion was laid on the table until next meeting.



On motion the Council adjourned

Attest

James N. Sweatser
City Clerk

James McCreedy Mayor

Common Council Chamber
February 19 1855

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

The following accounts were presented and allowed

Indianapolis Coal Co for coal	7.00
J.F. Shortridge for acceptance, protest & exchange, in payment for Fire Bells	\$968.67
J. Davis & Co Castings for Cisterns	185.50
Conrad Wehrl attending John Frahley	17.00
Robert Chism " Small pox patients	24.00
Jacob Lindley Pitcher &c for Council	3.50
Joseph Langbein Rent of Invincible Engine House to Dec 18, 1854	10.35
John Bishop 1 night service as watchman	2.00
Benjamin Pilbean Goods furnished Mrs. Eccards	13.49
Julius Boettecher Printing ordinances in German Paper	152.61
	<u>\$1384.12</u>

On motion the Gas Companys bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee with instructions to inquire into the liability of the persons to pay the tax assessed against them for gas lamps and posts.

The following communication was presented
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Mr. James N. Sweatser, City Clerk, Indianapolis
Dear Sir, Your favor of 25th inst is received, enquiring the price of 1000 feet of hose for the Common Council of your City. Copper riveted hose made from leather 9 inches wide, $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches inside diameter 75 cts per foot connecting screws \$4 per paid. This is the Philadelphia standard size, and I believe the same as used in your City. The hose will be of the best quality, made of stout slaughtered leather. The terms for hose has generally been cash, however in this instance I would not object to a short credit, say three months from the date the hose is shipped

Yours Respectfully

John Agnew