

Common Council Chamber
March 19 1855

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

A report was received from the Civil Engineer stating that the Gas Co had refused to sign the Contract as amended by the Council

The following accounts were presented and allowed

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| Mr Waw | for Labor | \$ 3.75 | |
| Hiram Lewis | " " | 20.75 | |
| W H Carle | " " | 10.25 | |
| John Wilson | " " | 5.00 | |
| M G Huey | Rep chairs Council Chamber | 1.25 | |
| Weaver & Williams | Table for Treasurer office | 7.50 | |
| Michael Raney | Removing nuisances | 1.00 | |
| F A Morris | " " | 2.00 | |
| A Graydon & Son | Hardware for Fire Dept | 5.86 | 57.36 |

On motion of Mr Colley the Mayor & Clerk were authorized to correct a warrant No 1043 bearing date Apl 14 1853 in favor of Hugh Slaven

Mr Nelson moved that William Wood be allowed the balance due him for building the Cisterns in the 1st & 3d wards, and the City Clerk be instructed to issue warrants therefor upon presentation to him of a certifiicate from the Civil Engineer

An account of Caleb Scudder for issuing Licenses, was on motion of Mr Nelson referred to the Committee on Accounts

Mr Jones from a Select Committee reported in favor of allowing E Thomson eighteen dollars for his attendance on a Small pox patient at the Galt House

On motion said report was concurred in

Mr Jones from a Select Committee reported against allowing the account of Mr Minick

On motion said report was concurred in

Mr Trucksess from the Committee to whom was referred the resolution in relation to nuisances asked further time to report

By consent of the Council further time was given

A petition was presented from property holders in the neighborhood of Rockwood & Farnsworth Rail Road Car factory asking the Council to have the streets repaired



On motion of Mr Maquire said petition was referred to the Civil Engineer and the City Attorney

Mr Dunlap moved That the vote on the resolution authorizing the City Clerk to issue warrants to Messrs Athon & Elliott be reconsidered

Which motion prevailed

On motion of Mr Dunlap all of said resolution after the resolving clause was stricken out and the following amendment was inserted.

" That the Treasurer of the City be authorized to pay to James S Athon & Thomas B Elliott \$1076.25, and to issue three warrants in favor of the aforesaid Athon & Elliott for the deferred payments on the property purchased for Hospital purposes, to wit, one for \$1076.25 due July 1 1855, one for \$1076.25 due Jany 1 1856 - and one for \$1076.25 due July 1st 1856, all of which notes to bear interest from the 1st Jany 1855

And said resolution was adopted by the following voted

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

In the Negative - None

Mr Graydon offered the following resolution

Resolved That the Chief Fire Engincer under the direction of the City Engineer is hereby directed to have the side walk in front of the Invincible Engine House on New Jersey St. graded and paved immediately, and also to place a bridge across the gutter at the above house

Adopted by the following vote

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

In the Negative - None

Mr Pitts offered the following resolution

Resolved That an appropriation be made to plank the alley from Washington Street to the Engine House of the Western Liberties - the planking to be ten feet in width for the purpose of easy access to and from the Engine House

Adopted by the following vote

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

In the Negative: Mr Dunlap.

Mr Gowan offered the following resolution

Resolved That an appropriation be made for the purpose of erecting a house adjoining the Liberties Engine House for the purpose of said Co. to hold their meetings in, and for the purpose of transacting any other affairs of the Company



On motion it was referred to a Committee consisting of Messrs Gowan, Seibert & Keeley

Mr Karns offered the following resolution

Resolved That the Street Commissioner be directed to clean the gutters on Washington Street between Tennessee and Delaware Street so soon as the weather will permit

Mr Nelson moved to amend by adding "at the expense of the property holders."

Which motion prevailed. And said amended resolution was adopted by the following vote

Those who voted in the Affirmative are Messrs Dunlap, Gowan Keeley, Nelson, Pitts, Seibert & Trucksess 7

In the Negative, Messrs Avery, Colley, Graydon, Jones & Karns 5

Mr Jones offered the following resolution

Resolved That the Street Commissioner be directed to plank the gutters on each side of Illinois Street at the crossing of Louisiana Street

Adopted by the following Vote

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

In the Negative, None

Mr Maguire moved That the City Attorney be authorized to assign a Judgment in favor of the City against Albert E Jones on Esq Fishers Docket, to George McQuat, on payment of same & costs by said McQuat, to the said Attorney, without recourse

Which motion prevailed

Mr Pitts offered the following resolution

Resolved That it is the opinion of the Council that the removal of a Councilman from the Ward for which he was elected, and his ceasing to be a resident of such Ward operates as a vacation of his office of Councilman

On motion said resolution was referred to the Judiciary Committee with instruction to report an Ordinance in relation thereto

Mr Nelson moved That Alexander Wood be allowed \$200 for eight months service as Assistant Engineer from Sep 1 1853 to May 1 1854

Which motion prevailed

On motion of Mr Jones the estimate for a bridge across the



canal on Georgia Street was taken from the table; and the Civil Engineer was instructed to advertise for proposals to build said bridge

On motion of Mr Pitts the Civil Engineer was instructed to advertise for proposals to build a bridge across the canal on Vermont Street and also for a bridge across Pogues Run on Noble Street

On motion of Mr Nelson the contract with the Gas Company was recommitted to the Judiciary Committee without instructions

Mr Colley offered the following resolution

Resolved That the Judiciary Committee be requested to report an amendment to the Watch Ordinance so as to require the Watchman to go on duty at dark each evening and remain on duty untill day light next morning of each day, and also provide for paying said Watchman one dollar and seventy five cents for each day so served by them under said amendment.

Mr Pitts moved to amend by saying "two dollars"

Mr Dunlap moved That said resolution be laid upon the table

Which motion prevailed by the following vote

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

Adjourned

Attest

James N Sweetser
City Clerk

James McCreedy Mayor.