

Council Chamber
August 6th 1855

The Council met at 2 O'Clock P.M. The Mayor and all members present except Mr.Horn.

The City Treasurers quarterly report was received, and as follows.

School Fund			
July 2, 1855.	School Fund on hand	\$4099.67	
Aug. 6, "	Recd of County Auditor	3203.42	
" " "	Recd on Delinquent list	<u>26.67</u>	\$7329.76
" " "	School Orders redeemed		<u>246.80</u> \$7082.96

General Fund

July 2	Cash & Notes in Treasury	\$882.69	
Augst6	Recd of Market Master	15.24	
" "	Recd License	87.00	
" "	" on Delinquent list	<u>96.35</u>	1081.28

Orders redeemed		661.77	
Interest on same		2.25	
License refunded		<u>7.50</u>	671.52
			<u>409.76</u>

Amt of warrents issued from May 1st to July 31	<u>8106.53</u>	7696.77
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On Motion the report was refered to the Mayor and Clerk for examination.

Street Commissioners Report and accounts allowed

John Ferriter	19 days work at 1.25 per day	\$23.75
John Kelley	3 " " " " " "	3.75
Michael O'Connell	17 " " " " " "	21.25
Charles Nutmier	10 " " " " " "	12.50
Mike Callehan	1½ " " " " " "	1.87
Edward Castlo	1½ " " " " " "	1.87
Pat OHarren	7 " " " " " "	8.75
Hugh Slaven	15 " " " " " "	18.75
Muirson & Hight	39 loads of stone 25	9.75
Dennis Quinlin	hawling	3.95
Pat Conghlia	11 days work	13.75
Daniel Connel	11 " " " " " "	13.75
Thomas Ferriter	11½ " with carts	35.87
William Willard	40 loads of stone at 30	12.00
Wm. Sonnefield	4½ days hawling	11.25
Philip Socks	5 " work at 1.25	<u>6.25</u>
		199.06

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	Amt brt fwd	199.06
Henry Stumph	5 days work at 1.25	6.25
Thomas OConner	16 " " " " " "	20.00
Thomas Clark	5½ " " " " " "	6.87

The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that every entry should be supported by a valid receipt or invoice. This ensures transparency and allows for easy auditing of the accounts.

Furthermore, it is noted that regular reconciliation of the books is essential to identify any discrepancies early on. This process involves comparing the internal records with bank statements and other external sources to ensure they match.

In addition, the document highlights the need for clear communication between all parties involved in the business. This includes providing timely updates to stakeholders and addressing any concerns promptly.

Finally, it is stressed that the financial data should be analyzed regularly to inform strategic decision-making. By understanding the current financial position, the business can better plan for the future and identify areas for improvement.

The document concludes by reiterating the importance of these practices for the long-term success and stability of the business. It encourages a proactive approach to financial management and a commitment to accuracy and transparency.

Michael O'Conner	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	days work at 1.25	6.87
Thomas Spillane	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	" "	6.87
Michael O'Conner	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	" " with carts	20.62
Thomas Spillane	5	" "	6.25
Do Do.	5	" with carts	6.25
Mathew Smock two pumps			26.60
Cyrus Obetz to Paving gutter			79.00
Chris Wysong to Gravel			20.00
Hugh Slaven to Hawling with team 15 days			45.00
Pady Morarty	15	days work at 1.25	18.75
James Griffin	12	" "	15.00
F.W.Morris to diging well 33 ft deep at 50¢			
per foot at cistern on Noble st.			16.50
Circle for same			1.00
To diging well 18 ft deep at corner of			
Tennessee & Vermont Sts at 40¢			7.20
Circle for same			1.00
Platforme			1.50
To diging well at corner of Georgia			
& Meridian St. 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet			6.20
Circle			1.00
To hauling brick			1.50
To half days work			.62
Platform for well			<u>1.50</u>
			521.41

I.B.Fitler Street Commissioner

City Engineers Report

To the Common Council of Indianapolis the addition to the Western Engine House is finished according to the specifications, by Mr.Karns the contractor. The cistern on the corner of Wood & New Jersey Streets is finished by Mr. Schofield the contractor and contains 462 barrels. Also the cistern on corner of Tennessee and Vermont Streets and contains 420 barrels also the cistern on the corner of Noble and Georgia Streets is finished by Mr.Obetz the contractor, and contains 501 barrels.

The estimate cost of constructing a stone wall along Pogues Run between Virginia Avenue and Alabama Street for protection of the Streets and gutter is \$188. I have advertised for the grading and graveling of Meridian Street from Circle Street to the Donation Line Also New York Street between Tennessee street and the alley West of California Street, and for grading Vermont Street between Delaware and New Jersey Streets and also for the 8 crossings of Washington Street

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 discusses the general principles
 of the proposed system.
 It is intended to provide
 a clear and concise
 summary of the main
 points of the report.
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 various components
 of the system.
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 to evaluate the
 system and the
 conclusions that
 were drawn from
 the results.

and have received the bids which are herewith presented. The side walk on Michigan Street between Illinois and Tennessee is finished by Mr. Jones the contractor.

A. B. Condit
City Engineer

The following bids were presented for the construction of the eight crossings. John B. Stumph proposed to do the work and furnish stone & bolders for \$90 each crossing.

Murison & Hight proposed to complete the 8 crossings \$1.90 per lenial foot

Scott & Kicholson " " lay the crossings at \$105.00 each crossing.

Jeremiah Shea " " construct the crossings for \$162.50 each crossing

Mr. Jones moved that the bids be laid on the table. Prevailed.

The bids for grading & graveling New York Street from Tennessee St to the alley North of California St.

Was on Motion awarded to the lowest responsible bidder.

The bids for grading and graveling Meridian Street from Circle Street North to the Donation line was on Motion of Mr. Delzell awarded to James Bayley at 15¢ per cubic yard for grading & for graveling 58¢ per yard.

The bid for grading Vermont Street between Delaware and New Jersey Streets was awarded to the lowest responsible bidder.

Sextons Report of the buriels of July

Whole No. of Interments	35
Brought from the country	8
Leaving in the City Limits	<u>27</u>

Deseases

Consumption	2
Flux	2
Drowned	2
Cancer	1
Scrofula	1
From cut on the foot	1
Summer complaint	6
Cramp	1
	<u>16</u>
Infants	19
	<u>35</u>

Adults 9

Under two years 26

John Moffitt Sexton



C.W.Purcele Chief Fire Engineer reported that the Apparatus belonging to the Fire Companys in good servicable order at present.

Mr Dunlap Chairman of the Judiciary Committee presented the following Ordinance.

An Ordinance in relation to the Salary of the City Attorney.
 Sec.1 Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis. That the City Attorney shall receive for his services the annual salary of (three hundred and fifty dollars) to be paid quarterly as other salaries are paid.
 Sec.2 This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after the first day of May A.D.1855.

Mr.Dunlap moved to fill up the blank with five hundred.

Did not prevail.

Mr.Reid moved four hundred

Did not prevail

Mr.Sulgrove move three hundred and fifty

Which prevailed.

And on Motion the rules were suspended and read the third time and Ordained by the following vote

Affirmative Messrs Boaz,Beck,Delzell,Dunlap,Douglass,Fuqua,Graydon,Goode,Jones,Keeley,Mansur,Reid and Sulgrove
 Negative None.

Also presented the following Ordinance

An Ordinance regulating the pay of the members of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis.

Sec.1 Be it Ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, That from and after the first day of May 1855, each member of the Common Council shall receive for his service as such councilman dollars for every meeting of the Common Council that he may attend, to be paid quarterly as other salaries are paid.

Sec.2. All Ordinances heretofore passed regulating the compensation of councilmen are hereby repealed.

Sec.3. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Mr.Dunlap moved that the blank be filled with two dollars.

Did not prevail.

Mr.Jones moved it be filled with three dollars

Did not prevail.

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Mr.Graydon moved that it be laid on the table.
 Prevailed.



Also an Ordinance to establish a police force in the City of Indianapolis prescribing its duties and repealing all ordinances heretofore passed on that subject.

On Motion the rules were suspended and read the third time, but was not Ordained by the following vote.

Affirmative Messrs Delzell, Dunlap, Keeley and Reid

Negative Messrs Boaz, Beck, Douglass, Fuqua, Graydon, Goode, Jones, Mansur and Sulgrove.

Mr. Delzell presented the following report from the City Attorney To the Common Council

The undersigned to whom was referred the account of Abram Bird, has had the same under consideration, and is of the opinion that the Council should refund the amount paid by said Bird to the City Treasurer on sale of Masonic Hall property, with 6 per cent interest thereon from the date of such payment. But he thinks that the Council are not bound to pay the charge made by Bird for attorneys fees. The undersigned is not aware of the time Bird paid the said money to the treasurer, nor the amount paid by him, but supposes the books of the Treasurer will show the amount. Mr. Shortridge, late treasurer who made the sale and received the money, informed me and also testified on the trial that the money was not paid by Bird until some considerable time after the sale was made. Perhaps it would be better for the Chairman of the Committee on Accounts to consult Mr. Shortridge and ascertain the exact amount, and the precise date when the same was paid to him by said Bird. The amount paid will be taxed up with the taxes since assessed against said Masonic Hall property.

Respectfully submitted,

Concured in

N. B. Taylor, City Attorney

Mr. Sulgrove moved that the clerk be instructed to issue warrents to said Abram Bird for the ammount paid by him on the Masonic Hall Property with interest.

Prevailed	Principal	\$342.99
	Interest	26.30
	Total	<u>369.29</u>

Mr. Reid presented the following report.

The Committee on changing the Street in the seventh ward Report, that they have exammed the proposed change and consider it advisable to have the change made. The following statement in reference to the matter by the President of the Indiana Central R.R.Co. is herewith submitted.

J. B. E. Reid)
 Samuel Beck (Committee
 William Boaz)



Office Indiana Central Railway Co.
Indianapolis August 2nd 1855

If the City Council of the City of Indianapolis will pass an ordinance to vacate Maryland Street from Noble Street east to the Corporation line The Indiana Central Railway Company will convey or cause to be conveyed to said City for a Street thirty feet in width off of the South end of the Lots fronting on Maryland Street between those points if the property holders on the South of said lots will convey an additional thirty feet in width so as to make a new street between Noble Street and the corporation line East. And said Company will also grade said new Street what is called a surface grade. It is understood that none of the property holders whose property will front on such new street wish any other kind of a grade on the same. If however the Council decline to vacate the Street for the supposed want of power to do so if they will pass an Ordinance relieving the Company from liability for occupying it and from any supposed liability to construct a street along side of it between Noble Street and the corporate line the Company will accept such ordinance in lieu of one vacating such street and will perform on their part the same as if the Ordinance vacated the Street.

John S. Newman, President.

Mr. Beck moved

That the Judiciary Committee be instructed to draft an Ordinance in relation to the matter.
Prevailed.

Mr. Beck presented the following Petition

To the Honorable the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis.

The undersigned citizens of the City of Indianapolis, county of Marion and State of Indiana and owners of the number of feet of the property in Out Lot No 23 in said City annexed to our respective names fronting on Delaware Street, respectfully request your Honorable body to cause the side walk fronting said Out Lot on said Delaware Street to be graded and graveled according to the Laws in such case provided, and also to cause a proper side ditch to be made along the same.

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Names of property owners in Out Lot No 23

Robert B. Duncan	88 ft.	John Kelshaw	44
Christian Harmening	22	Ellis L. Aker	22
Lon Wurstburry	22	John McCollum	88
William Resling	22		



The prayer granted and the Civil Engineer instructed to set grade stakes and advertise for bids for the same.

Mr. Graydon presented the following petition

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Ind.

We the undersigned request that you grant the right of way to the Lafayette and Indianapolis R.R.Co. for a switch on the East side of their Road, and to cross Market Street and the first alley South also the first alley North of said Market Street. Herewith we hand you separate grants to the right of way by the owners of Lots bordering on said Rail Road where said switch is wanted.

Edwards & Copeland	owners of Lot 11 in Block 52
Hasselman & Vinton	" " " 9 " " 49
I.M.W.Langedale	" " " 10 " " 49

Praying you may grant our Petition we remain

August 1st 1855

Respectively your

Hasselman & Vinton

Pray of the petition granted.

Mr. Reid presented the following.

To the Honorable City Council of Indianapolis

We the undersigned owners of two thirds of the property on New Jersey Street between Virginia Avenue and South Street, would petition your honorable body to have the same graded.

Richard O'Neal	40 ft	J.L.Reynolds	116
J.B.E.Reid	40	Mrs.Mary Cannon	100
D.S.Toon	40	T.S.Wilson	33½
N.H.Turner	40	J.M.Kemper	101
George W.Drum	40	W.H.Carle	33½

The prayer of the petition granted and the Civil Engineer instructed to set the grade stakes and advertise for bids on the same.

The following accounts presented and referred to the Committee on Accounts.

To Allen Wilson for extra lumber on bridge over Pogues Run	\$31.15
" Stewart & Bowen for Books & Stationary	12.12
" Delzell & Tyler " Books	54.60
" W.H.Karns " additional improvements on W.I.Engine House	10.50
" Indianapolis Gas Light & Coke Co. for	455.14
Referred to the Committee & City Engineer	

The following accounts presented and allowed

To C.G.Berry for Printing	\$12.25
" McCord & Wheatly for blocks to E & W Market House	13.00
" A.C.Grooms for Books & Stationary	13.00
" A.Turner for School Tax paid 1853	<u>15.30</u> \$53.25

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In addition, the document highlights the need for regular audits and reviews. By conducting periodic checks, any discrepancies or errors can be identified and corrected promptly. This helps to ensure the integrity and reliability of the financial data being recorded.

Furthermore, the document stresses the importance of transparency and accountability. All transactions should be recorded in a clear and concise manner, making it easy for anyone reviewing the records to understand the details. This level of openness is essential for building trust and maintaining the credibility of the organization.

Finally, the document concludes by reiterating the significance of proper record-keeping. It serves as a foundation for sound financial management and decision-making. By adhering to these principles, organizations can ensure that their financial records are accurate, complete, and reliable.

Captain of the Watch Report

W.J.H.Robinson	Served	35 days	\$52.50
F. Wright	"	29½ "	44.25
H. Davis	"	35 "	52.50
T. Atkinson	"	33 "	49.50
D. Dearinger	"	35 "	52.50
D. Anderson	"	35 "	52.50
A. Taff	"	29 "	43.50
A. S. Dale	"	34 "	51.00
B. Lobaugh	"	35 "	52.50
D. Hay	"	35 "	52.50
W. McClain	"	33½ "	50.25
R. Pratt	"	34 "	51.00
H. Adams	"	28 "	42.00
George Owings	"	35 "	52.50
J.M. Vanblaricum	"	30 "	<u>52.50</u> \$751.50

Arrests to August 6th 1855

For Intoxication	17
" Disturbing the Peace	5
" Gaming	3
" Vice & Immorality	<u>13</u>
	<u>38</u>

I.M. Vanblaricum Captain of Watch

On Motion the Clirch was instructed to issue warrents for the above service.

Mr. Mansur presented the following resignation.

The City Council of Indianapolis will please accept this as my resignation of the appointment of Watchman of the third Ward and much oblige.

David Anderson

August 6th 1855

Accepted

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Mr. Sulgrove offered the following Resolved

That the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis hartily approve the efficient and prompt action of our City Watch in repelling the assault made upon them on the night of the 30th of July, and we hereby pledge ourselves to sustain them in the discharge of their duties and in the preservation of the peace and good morals of the City.

Adopted by the following vote.

Affirmative Messrs Boaz, Douglass, Fuqua, Graydon, Goode, Jones, Mansur and Sulgrove.

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Negative Messrs Delzell, Dunlap, Keeley and Reid 4

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Mr. Keeley offered the following

Resolved

That the Common Council permit the property holders on Noble Street between New York and Vermont Streets to take the dirt off of the high part to fill a mud hole on the low part of said Street.

Adopted by the following vote.

Ayes. Messrs Boaz, Beck, Delzell, Dunlap, Douglass, Fuqua, Graydon, Goode, Jones, Keeley, Mansur, Reid and Sulgrove.
Noes, None.

Mr. Delzell offered the following

Resolved,

That the Street Commissioners be directed to have the gutter on the West side of New Jersey Street, between Market and Washington Streets, cleaned out so that the water may pass off.
Adopted by the following vote.

Ayes, Messrs Boaz, Beck, Delzell, Dunlap, Douglass, Fuqua, Graydon, Goode, Jones, Keeley, Mansur, Reed and Sulgrove.
Noes, None.

Mr. Reed offered the following

Resolved,

That the Civil Engineer be directed to advertize for bids and put under contract to the lowest responsible bidder, the stone wall on Pogues Run from Virginia Avenue to Alabama Street.

Adopted by the following vote

Ayes Messrs Boaz, Beck, Delzell, Dunlap, Douglass, Goode, Keeley, Mansur and Reid. 9
Noes Messrs Fuqua, Graydon, and Sulgrove. 3

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Mr. Boaz offered the following

Resolved,

That the Street Commissioner be directed to make a wagon track through the mud hole in Delaware Street between Merrill and McCarty Streets sufficient for wagons to pass.

Adopted by the following vote.

Ayes Messrs Boaz, Beck, Delzell, Dunlap, Douglass, Fuqua, Graydon, Goode, Jones, Keeley, Mansur, Reid and Sulgrove.
Noes, None.

Mr. Beck offered the following

Resolved

That John McCollum be permitted to take the dirt off the side walk on South Street in front of John Monteeths property for the use of the side walk on Delaware Street..

Adopted by the following vote.

Received of the Treasurer of the State of New York

the sum of Five Hundred Dollars

for the purchase of land

for the use of the State

in the County of Albany

for the purpose of

erecting a building

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Ayes, Messrs Boaz, Beck, Delzell, Dunlap, Douglass, Fuqua, Graydon, Goode, Jones, Keeley, Mansur, Reid and Sulgrove.
Noes, None.

Mr. Reid offered the following
Resolved

That the Civil Engineer be directed to set the stakes for the grade of the side walk on South side of South Street between Delaware and Alabama Streets.

Adopted by the following vote

Ayes, Messrs Boaz, Beck, Delzell, Dunlap, Douglass, Fuqua, Graydon, Goode, Jones, Keeley, Mansur, Reid and Sulgrove.
Noes, None.

Mr. Delzell offered the following
Resolved

That the Street Commissioner notify the Union Track Company to make a culvert under the Union Track at the crossing of Market Street, so that the water may pass off.

Adopted by the following vote;

Ayes, Messrs Boaz, Beck, Delzell, Dunlap, Douglass, Fuqua, Graydon, Goode, Jones, Keeley, Mansur, Reid and Sulgrove.
Noes, None.

Mr. Good offered the following

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to repair the grade and gravel the Alley North of Washington Street between Meridian and Pennsylvania Streets immediately.

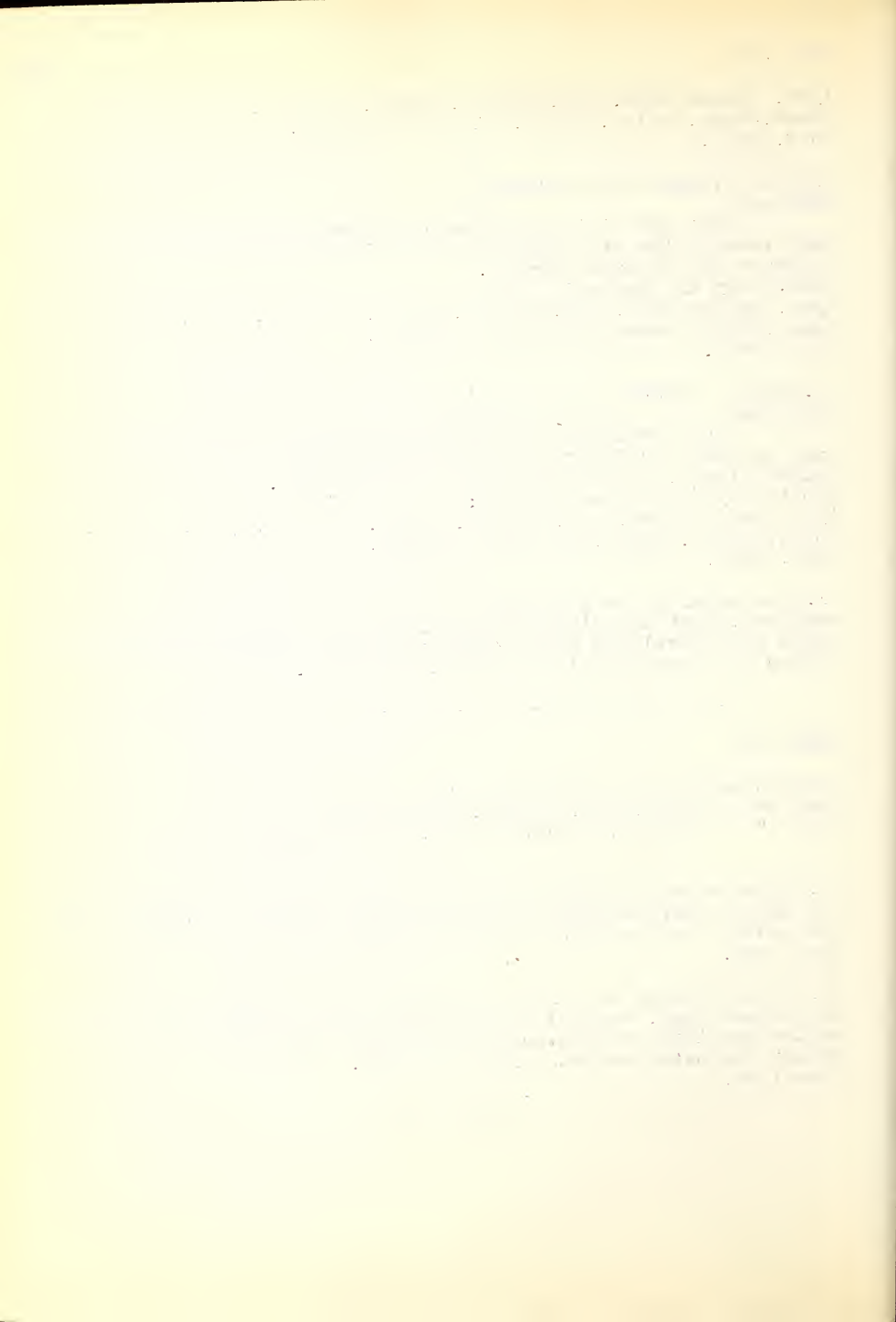
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Not adopted by the following vote

Ayes Messrs	Boaz, Beck, Delzell, Graydon and Goode	5
Noes "	Dunlap, Douglass, Fuqua, Keeley, Mansur, Reid and Sulgrove	7

Mr. Sulgrove stated that it was deemed inexpedient to borrow from the School Fund the money to pay for the Hospital property, that the amount for the hose would be as much as should be taken from that fund.

Mr. Dunlap thought one should be paid from the money borrowed of the school fund, as well as the other, and moved that the Chairman of the Committee on Finance be authorized to borrow a sufficient amount for both payments from said Fund.
Prevailed.



Mr. Reid moved

That a committee with the City Attorney be appointed to examin the matter of opening Alabama Street through Out Lot No 174.

Prevailed

And Messrs Delzell, Reid and Jones Committee.

Mr. Boaz moved

That all persons be permitted to sell at the South Market House free.

Prevailed.

Mr. Jones moved

That the Council go into the election of a Watchman for the Third Ward, in place of David Anderson resigned.

Prevailed

And Joseph Colley was elected by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Graydon moved

That the City Engineer set the stakes for the engine house of the Maxon Fire Companys on the City lot.

Prevailed.

On Motion the Council adjourned.

James McCready Mayor.

Attest: Alfred Stephens City Clerk.
