Council Chamber
Indianapolis Feb 3rd 1851

The Council Met, and the following named Members were present, Messrs Landis, Helselgessen, Eckert, Louden, McOuat, Rooker and Mr Cully President.

The minutes of the last meetings were read and adopted.

The Treasurers Report was read and approved of by the Council.

The Secretary made his quarterly report for the third quarter which was Read and ordered to be filed.

The Street Commissioner made his Report which was read, and the following Claims specified therein

(345 & 6)	Allowed,	George Harnengen	for	Labor	\$11.25
(350)	11 11	Henry Stumpf	11	91	7.00
(332)	11 11	Charles Borcherding	11	11	3.50
(330)	11 11	G. & C Youngerman	11	11	18.50
(370)	11 11	Charles Hute	11	11	1.00
(351 & 2)	11 11	William Cayler	11	11	7.50
(353)	11 11	John Harman	11	11	8.75
(331)	11 11	G & C. Youngerman	11	11	8.75
(410)	11 11	David Pigg	11	11	3.00
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Signed G. Youngerman S. Comm.

The following accounts were severally presented and allowed.

(357)	Allowed.	Hasselman Vinton & Co for Labor on wells	\$10.00
(329)	11 11	George Low for repairing wagon for Hook	
		& Ladder Co	2.25
(395)	11 11	Ross & Ray for Stationary	5.30
(354)	11 11	A. A. Louden for Nails Line & Sement	2,50
(355)	11 11	Ellis & Spann for Printing	3.50
(326.7 & 8) " "	E. Cotting for digging well	33.37
(345 & 6)	11 11	Pogue & Bowden	9.00
(341.&2)	11 11	Benjamin Rupright	6.00
(333)	11 11	George Youngerman	1.25
(403)	11 11	H. Bacon for draft & Specifications for	
		seats in Sc Houses	2.00
(347)	11 11	Benjamin Pillbean for Removing Nuicenses	11.62
(402 & 5)	11 13	Joseph T. Roberts for extra Services	14.00

The Committee on Claims made the followin Report.

The Committee to whom was refered the Claim of Doctor Quele for extra Services in making out the Tax Duplicate, Report that in consideration of the bungling manner in which the Assessment was made, the recommend the following allowance to be

(336 & 7) made to Joshua Soule viz

\$30.00

The Committee on the Fire Department made the following Report,
That they have had the Marion and Hose repaired and the cost thereof
is as pr Bills accompanying this Report, amounting to the sum of \$24.

viz

((386) William Hannaman for Oils	\$1.50
((339 & 40) G. W. & T Buchanan	6.00
((338) Thomas Buchanan for mending Hose	10.00
((357) Hasselman Vinton &c	7.00

The following Report from the Committee on School Houses was read and approved of by the Council.

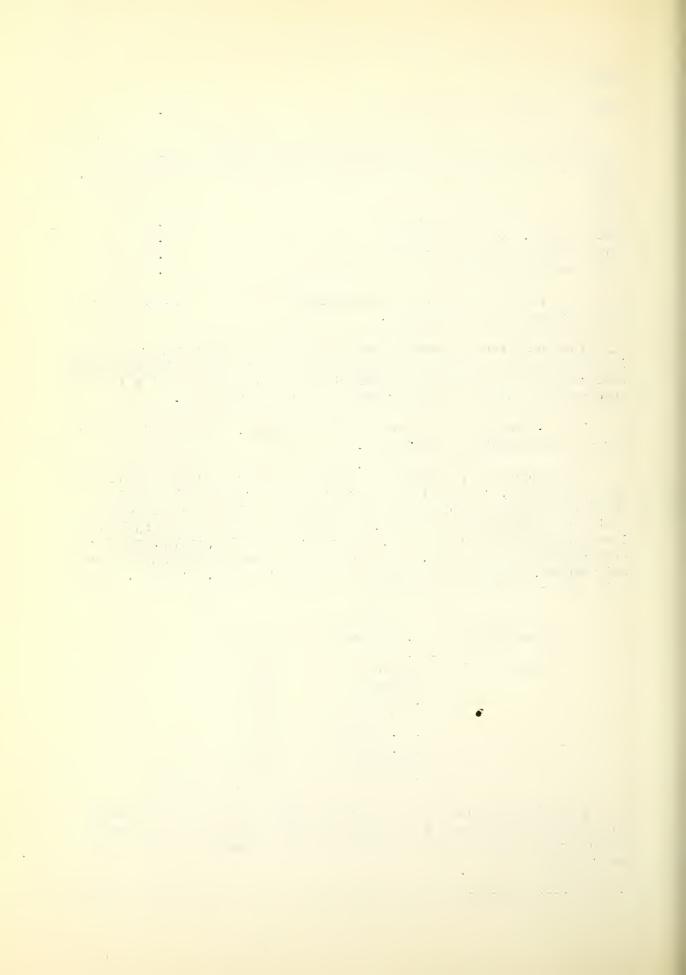
The Committee on School Houses appointed to contract for the seating and desking the several Public School Houses in the City of Indianapolis; Report that they have contracted with Lockwood & Gentle for the same at the rate of One Dollar and fifty cents each seat.

The following petition was presented & Read, and on Motion was referred to the Committee on Streets.

The undersigned, owning the following property or Real Estate on Kentucky Avenue, request that an order may be granted authoriseing a completion of the grade on Said Avenue on both sides for two Squares South West of Washington Street, and that the same credits may be allowed us on taxes for the same, in proportion to the cost as has been done on Washington Street, and also that the side walks on each side of said Avenue, along said two Squares may be gravelled, or paved, as may suit the proprietors Individually

Signed			
State Bank by I. M. Ray Cash	121	feet	
I. H. Roll	64	11	
Masonic Hall by Wm Sheets	121	11	
Wm Sheets	92	11	
N. Bolton	83	11	
John Trucksses	38	**	
H. R. Gaston	58	11	
I. T. Rrances	180	11	
James Blake	180	11	
Butler & McOuat	83	11	5 inches

A petition signed by the colored population of this City praying the Council to make them an appropriation for the purpose of fencing in the ground laid off as the burial place for colored persons, after the reading



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of said petition, on Motion it was referred to the Committee on ways and means.

On motion the following Resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That from and after this 3rd day of February A. D. 1851. The Elections for City officers in Wards No 1, 3, 5 & 7 be held in the several Free School Houses in each of said Wards aforesaid in the City of Indianapolis.

Mr Cully presented the following preamble and Resolution for adopt-

Whereas, the Trustees of Roberts Chapple Methodist Episcopal Church have paid the sum of \$18.06 for gravelling Pennsylvania Street in front of said church in pursuance of and order of this Council; and whereas said Church property is not subject to taxation and the trustees could not use the Scrip issued as in ordinary cases, therefore

(362 & 3) Resolved, That the said sum of \$18.06 be allowed to said Trustees in City Orders, after the reading of which, on motion, adopted.

The proposition of Mr Lockwood for lighting the City with Gass, was taken up, and after considerable debate had thereon, was, on motion, refered back to the Committee, and Mr Cully added to said Committee.

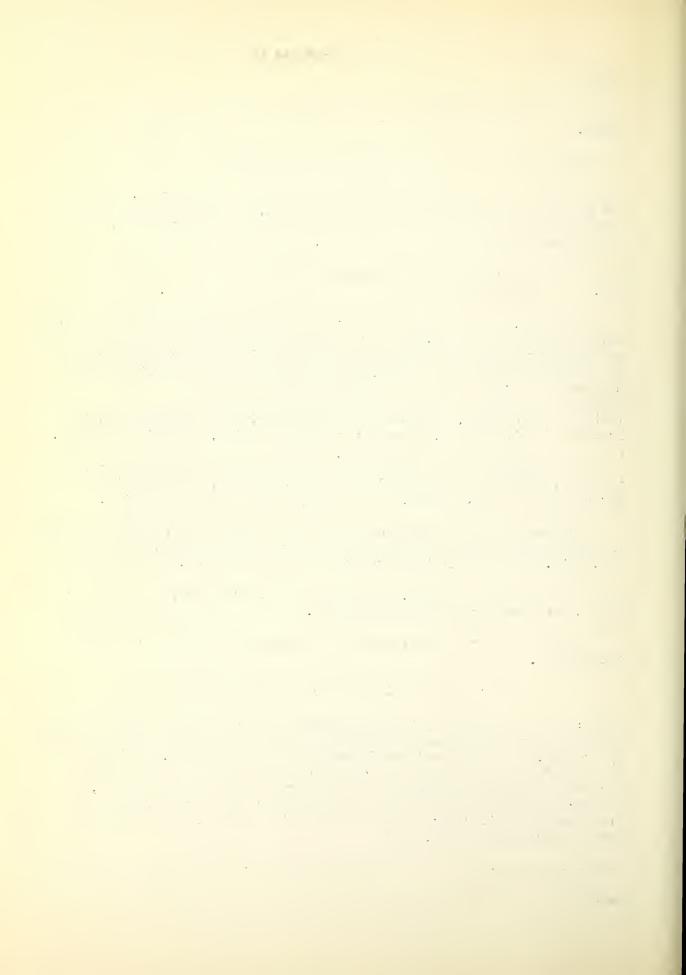
Mr Sheets on behalf of the Masonic Hall Company, asked the privilage of the Council of laying down gas pipes through the Streets and alleys of this City. On motion, it was referred to same committee.

On motion of Mr Eckert, the Road Fund was transfered to the General Fund to be made part and parcel thereof.

Mr Cully Reported the following ordinance which was approved of by the Council.

An Ordinance on the Subject of Common Schools

Sec 1: Be it ordained by the City Council of Indianapolis that for the purpose of organizing and sustaining public Schools in the houses recently erected, the City shall be divided into four districts, to conform in boundary as near as may may be to the districts laid off by the Turstees of Common Schools under the General Laws; That is to say, all the donation North of Washington & East of Meridian Streets, shall compose the first district; All of the donation North of Washington and West of Meridian Streets, shall



- compose the 2nd district. All of the donation South of of Washington & West of Meridian Streets, shall compose the 3rd district, And all of the donation South of Washington and East of Meridian Streets shall compose the 4th district.
- Sec 2. That the City Council shall directly after the taking effect of this ordinance and yearly thereafter in the Months of May, appoint three or more competent and discreet persons not exceeding five to each School district who shall be residents of the districts for which they are appointed as superintendants of the Public School,
- Sec 3. That the said supertendants shall have the general control of the school in the district to Which they belong; and shall have power to appoint that here to determine upon their qualifications to dismiss them at pleasure to fix the terms of tuition to limit the number of pupils And to make such by-laws, rules & regulations as they shall deem necessary to promote the object of common school instruction -
- Sec. 4. That Said superentendents may make such arrangements with the trustees of Common Schools in the several districts, as shall enable such trustees to adopt the City School house under the General law of the State, in Which event the said trustees shall be associated With the superentendents hereby appointed, and the school thereafter Conducted, as fare as applicable, according to the general law on that subject.
- Sect 5 That Whenever the Said superintendents in any of the districts shall be unable to sustain a school in whole or in part free, then they shall rent or Otherwise appropriate their house, or may, in their opinion best promote Comon School education using whatever means they may acquire from rents or otherwise for that purpose.
- Sect. 6. Said superentendents shall visit the schools, in their several districts at least once in every month, to see how they are conducted and to examine the buildings, their condition & repair; and so soon as means can be procured they shall cause to lots to be enclosed with neat substantial fences, and the same to be set with a proper number of shade trees.
- Sect. 7. Any person or persons injuring either of said school houses or the appurtenances thereto belonging, shall pay a sum equal to twice the amount of the injury done, at the discretion of the Mayor, to be recovered in an action of debt, for the use of said school.
- Sec 8. The City Council shall from time to time fill such vacancies as may occur in the board of superintendents, in the several districts, by death, resignation, or otherwise; and shall have the power, in their discretion, to make removals in the board of superintendents of the districts and the same to fill at any time.
- Sec 9. The provisions of this ordinance shall in no wise affect the original plan adopted by the Council, for building houses

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and organizing public Schools in each Ward, but the same shall be carried into operation With as little delay as the means applicable to that purpose shall justify.

Ordained and established this 3rd day of February A.D. 1851

Attest

Jos T. Roberts Secty

D. V. Cully President

Approved Feby 5th 1851 Horatio C. Newcomb Mayor

On Motion the Council adjourned to meet again on Monday Evening follown

Attest

Jos T Roberts Secty

D. V. Culley President