

City Council Chamber
June 2d 1851

Council met. Present a full Council.
Proceedings of former meeting read and approved.

The Street Commissioner made the following report:

"The undersigned Street Commissioner makes the following report for work and labor performed by the following named persons on the corporation:

(45)	To Pat. Griffith,	To repairing bridge on Maryland Street $\frac{1}{2}$ day	.50	
	"	work done with Engineer in driving Stakes on Del. St. 1 day	1.00	
	"	work done on Illinois Street with City Engineer $1\frac{1}{2}$ day	1.50	
	"	cleaning gutter on Washington Street	.50	
	" do do	on Kentucky Avenue,	.50	4.00

The Same to be charged to Jas Blake.

(50)	To Philip Socks.	To repairing bridge over Pogues Run at the Foundry 1 day	1.00	
	" "	" on Pennsylvania Street	.50	1.50
(41-2-4)	Wm Vail	" advances on grading Kentucky Avenue		80 00
		Jos Butch St. Com"		

* Accounts Presented.-

The Mayor presented a bill, for allowance, of the fees on his docket not collectable in all the city cases amounting to \$50.48

On motion by Mr. Woodward laid on the table & the following resolution adopted.

(46) "Resolved, That the sum of fifty dollars be allowed the Mayor of the City of Indianapolis, toward the rent of the Mayors office during the present year."

A. A. Hammond's account for services rendered professionally presented a bill, for allowance of \$55.00. Referred to the Committee on claims.

(51 & 52)	Allowed.	Socks & Stumph account for $\frac{1}{2}$ days scraping Washington Street	1.00	
(47)	"	Elder & Harkness' bill for printing amounting to	25.50	
(86)	"	Sims A Colley, removing nuisances	1.75	
(87)	"	Lewis McCormack, repairing bridge on Ind. Avenue	1 00	
(48)	"	General Elliott, Gov. Wood's " <u>hospitality</u> " Bill	50 00	

(1)	School Fund Allowed	Edwards & Davenport. for 2d dist.	
		B.B. <u>3.00</u> 3 dist. for sup.fr. EB. <u>2.00</u>	5 00
(2)	"	Wm. L. Wingate, for sundries furnished	
		School dist. No.	12 50
(3)	"	Saml McMillen, for sds " Schools	4.17

Reports of City Officers.

Treasurers Report: General fund		Dr		Cr
May 13	Hospital Notes, in treasury			
		\$113.33	By amt of Treasury	
	Orders from late Treasury	217.73	Orders for cancella-	
	Interest	1.72	tion	352 28
	Cash	69	" " " interest on	
	Received for Exhibition	45 00	Treasury orders	
	Sims A. Colley. City Marshal	122 50	for can.	5 94
	Collected on delinquent list	5 60	In Treasury:	
		\$506 57	Hospital Notes	
			113.33	
			Cash	35.32 148 65
			June 2d 1851	<u>\$506 57</u>

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Treasurers Report School fund		Dr		Cr
May 13	In Treasury	\$217 78	June 2d	In treasury \$220.78
	Delinquent tax collect-			
	ed	3 00		
		<u>\$220 78</u>		<u>\$220.78</u>

Marshal's Reported that he had taken up and sold 137 hogs & pigs amounting to 232 37
 Amount refunded to claimant of hogs 58.50
 Expenses incurred 51.37²
 Am't paid City Treasurer 122.50 \$232.37

Report of Committee on Streets, alleys &c.

"The undersigned committee on Streets, alleys, etc to whom was referred the matter of changing the grade of Pennsylvania Street have thoroughly examined into the same, and came to the following conclusions:

1st. That there appears to be a wish of a majority of the property holders on said Street that the present grade from Market to Ohio Street should be so changed as to make the uniform grade of the street a gradual fall from a point near Michigan Street to Market Street of one foot to the square of 510 feet.

2nd That to grade the Street as above and so change the grade of the cross Streets as to conform to the original plat of the City would cost about \$575.

3d That to grade the Streets as above and make the cross Streets conform to the same by making summit levels in each Street, where the nature of the ground requires it and draining Massachusetts Avenue by

by deepening the gutters without changing the grade will cost about \$200.

Your committee therefore directed the City Engineer to survey and set the gutter stakes upon one side of said Street at a regular grade of one foot fall from a point near Michigan Street to Market Street so that each property holder on said Street might see how his property would be affected by said grade & then if a majority of said property holders on said Street, (reckoning by feet fronting on Pennsylvania Street) petition for said change your committee would recommend that the same be granted and if not the original grade be established.

Respectfully submitted

C. Woodward)
N. Edwards) Committee
Thos. Buchanan)

Accepted; & the following petition read & ordered to be transcribed on the minutes.-

"To the City Council of Indianapolis.

The undersigned residents and owners of property on Pennsylvania Street, ask of you to have grade line of that Street changed to a one foot grade, and made straight & of one line from Michigan to Market Streets or to and from points near each of said Streets, so that said street will carry off its own water, and wherever possible without much change

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in the natural surface.) also the water east & west of it to the alleys.

Very Respectfully

(Signed) John H. Bradley
I. I. Wiseman
I. I. Drum
I. W. Holland

Daniel Yandes
Thos. H. Sharpe, owner
Robert Carran
William A Holliday.

A. Graydon
S. Henderson
I. K. Sharpe
Jas. Yandes
Mr D Yandes
H. Passett
Wm H. Churchman

E. A. Hall.
I. S. Pratt

R. G. Graydon
L. S. Nowell
R. R. Underhill."

The **prayer** of the petitioners was granted, and the following orders adopted.

"Ordered. That the grade line of Pennsylvania Street from Market Street northwardly be changed and fixed at an ascending grade from said Market Street northwardly of one foot to each square (or in 510 feet) and so continue until until said last named grade line shall strike and meet the line of descending grade now existing and fixed south of or near to Michigan Street: and that the same shall be and is hereby established as and for the grade of said Pennsylvania Street.

And be it further ordered That the Street Commissioner do immediately proceed to open and grade the drains and gutters, upon the whole length of said street from Market to Michigan Streets and also to grade said Street and sides thereof ready for graveling from Ohio to Michigan Street.

And be it further ordered, That the amount necessary to grade said Street be assessed against the property holders along said Street as

directed by ordinance; and that the City Engineer be directed to set the stakes and make a report of the estimated expense as soon as possible."

The Select committee to whom was referred the subject of filling the lot around the School House in the Seventh Ward have examined the premises and are of opinion said lot ought to be filled, and have had an estimate made and the grade stakes set by the City Engineer, which estimate accompanies this report. We have also ascertained that dirt can be had from the side-walk west of the School house and ten or fifteen dollars paid for taking it away we therefore recommend to the City Council that they authorize the Street Commissioner to let the same to the lowest responsible bidder immediately

Respectfully etc

T. Buchanan)

C. Woodward (Com.

N. Edwards) "

Concurred in.

City Engineers Report:

"The following resolution was passed by the City Council, May 22, 1851 viz: "That the City Engineer report to the Council whether it is desirable and practicable to change the course of the water on each side of Washington Street, from Illinois Street to the Canal; and what has, if any, been done under an order of the Council directing a change in the grade of the gutter on said Washington Street between the points aforesaid."

The undersigned respectfully reports to the Council that the order passed on the 24th ultimo, directing him to fix the grade of the gutter on Washington Street from Illinois Street west so as to drain the water from the west side of Illinois street to the Canal.

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and set the stakes for the same," was not officially notified him till the 21st instant and therefore nothing had been done by him in relation to fixing the grades of the gutters or setting the side stakes.

From actual leveling Illinois street is 5 inches lower than it is at the west end of the Macadamizing near the South West end of the State House Square. The distance between those points is 870 feet; and calculating the inclination of the gutters at the same rate as that of Illinois Street between Michigan and Market Streets, the gutters would require to be 14 inches lower at the west end of the macadamizing than at Illinois Street; and if the gutters were constructed nine inches lower than Washington Street at Illinois Street, they would be 28 inches lower than Washington Street at west end of macadamizing. If the gutters on Washington street between the points aforesaid were graded with the inclination East as at present the gutters at west end of Macadamizing would be nine inches, and at Illinois Street 18 inches below Washington Street.

Washington Street falls $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches from the west end of the macadamizing to Tennessee Street, and from that to Illinois Street it falls $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches. If the summit level of the gutters was at Tennessee Street; and if the gutters at that point were constructed 9 inches below the centre of Washington Street, at Illinois Street they would be $12\frac{1}{2}$ inches, and at the west end of the macadamizing $16\frac{1}{2}$ inches below Washington Street.

The undersigned is of opinion that the gutters on Washington Street should be constructed so as to drain the water east to Illinois Street and west to the Canal from Tennessee Street. In coming to this conclusion he has not omitted to take into consideration the advantages of dispensing with a gutter across Kentucky Avenue at its junction with Washington Street, and of conveying the entire drainage to the canal so very desirable for diminishing the quantity of water running down the west side of Illinois Street.

May 29, 1851

James Wood, City Engineer"

Whereupon the following resolution was offered by Mr. Culley and adopted.

Resolved, That the order adopted by the Council April 24th 1851 changing the grade of side gutters on Washington Street west from Illinois Street to the Canal be and the same is hereby rescinded, and the grade fixed by the City Engineer by his report dated May 29, 1851, be and the same is hereby adopted as the grade of the gutters on Washington Street between the points aforesaid: therefore

Ordered, That the City Engineer be directed to set the grade stakes for the gutters (as contemplated in the foregoing Resolution, and that the Street Commissioner be directed to open the same.

Be it further ordered that the City Engineer be directed to set grade stakes for gutters on Kentucky Avenue from Illinois to Tennessee Streets and that the street Commissioner open the same".

A communication was received from J. T. Roberts, late Secretary, laid on the table, and the secretary & President directed to settle with him.

Page 306 Resolutions presented & adopted

By Mr. Woodward,

"Resolved That the city Marshal be directed to see that license is procured for exhibition in every instance where money is charged for admission to the same."

By Mr. Culley;

"Resolved, That a sum not exceeding fifty dollars be appropriated to each ward to be expended by the Street Commissioner in draining water, repairing ditches, & filling at mudholes, under the directions of the Councilmen of each ward; and that the Street Commissioner report his doing under this resolution at the next regular meeting."

By Mr. Buchanan:

"Resolved, That the fire companies of this city be requested jointly to furnish the City Council, within two months, with a report of the number of feet of new hose wanted, and the amount of incidental expenses likely to accrue during the coming year, and that will come within the limits of the extra tax voted at the late election"

The Secretary made a report to be published as soon as perfected.

Adjourned.

Attest D. B. Culley Secy.

David V. Culley Prest
