

City Council Chamber  
May 7th 1852

Council met pursuant to adjournment. Present Messrs. Buchanan, Filter, Greer, Pitts, Delzell & Culley, President. Minutes of preceeding meeting read and approved.

Mr. Delzell of 1st Ward presented the following petition:

"The undersigned petitioner would respectfully represent to the honorable, the members of the City Council of Indianapolis, that he is the proprietor of a lot in Square No. Situated between New Jersey Street and Alabama street and North and Wood streets, that said lots front on New Jersey street and extends to the alley that his dwelling house is on the Street and School house on or near the alley, that there are in the alley several low places and mudholes near said school house, which renders access to it difficult and inconvenient, that in said alley, in said Square there is sufficient earth in a high situation to fill said mudhole; therefore, your petitioner respectfully asks leave of your honorable council to permit him to remove said earth from the elevated portion of the alley and level the same, filling said mudholes thereby.

Signed: John W. Dorsey"

The prayer of the petition be granted provided that there may be dirt to spare and work done under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

On motion, by Mr. Greer of 6th Ward, it was Ordered That the City Engineer be directed to give grade stakes for sidewalks along Kentucky Avenue and Illinois street in front of Square No ; and that the Street Commissioner be directed to notify the property holders owning property in said Square fronting said Kentucky Avenue and Illinois Street to grade & pave or gravel the sidewalks, according to said grade marks, immediately.

Mr. Buchanan of 7th Ward presented the following petition:

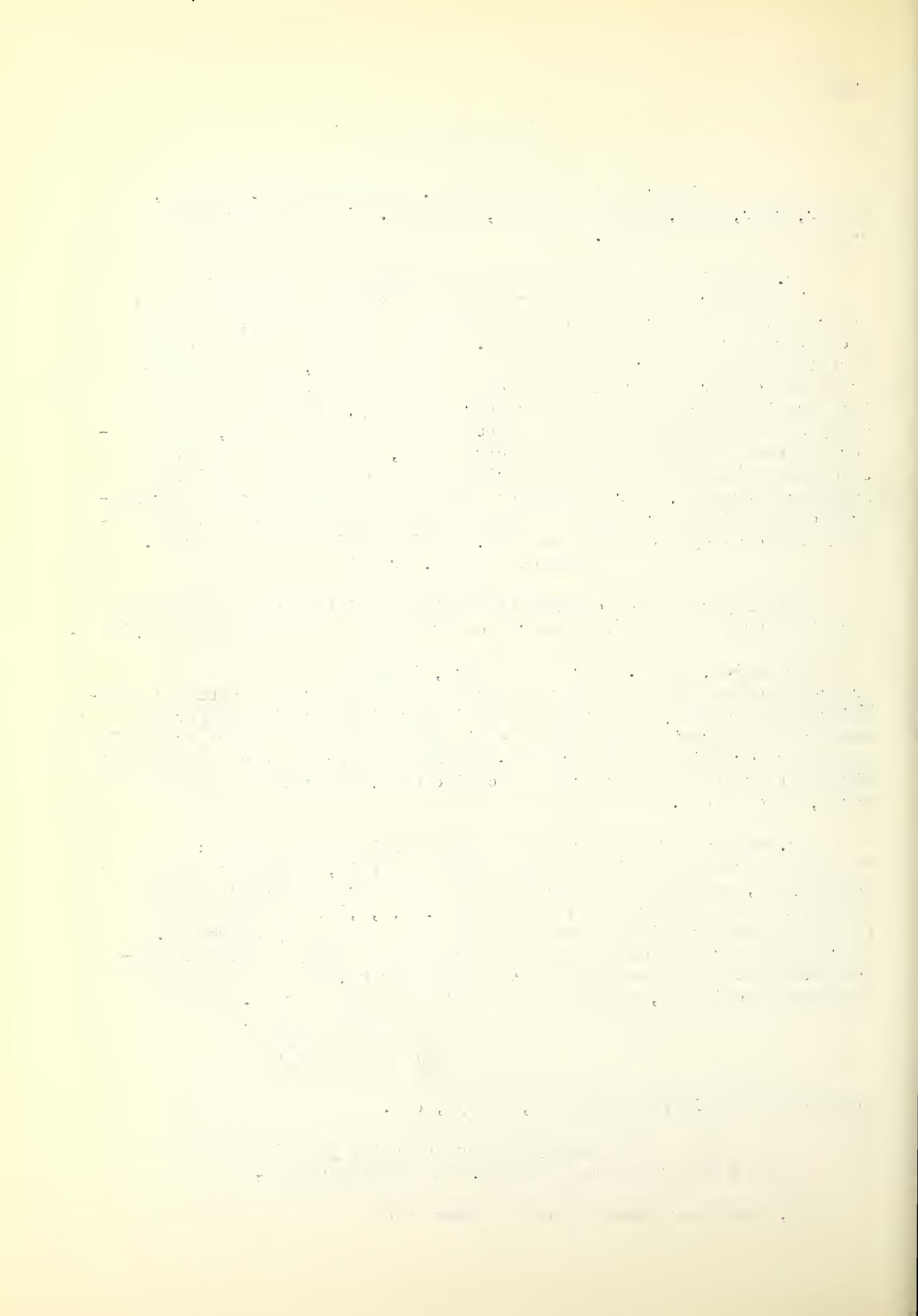
"To the honorable the City Council of Indianapolis, The undersigned your petitioners, respectfully represent to your honors that there is no sidewalk along the North side of Lots Nos. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12 containing about 630 feet fronting on Washington street in the city aforesaid. Your petitioners therefore request your honorable body to have a sidewalk laid out along the North side of said street, that they may improve the same immediately, as they wish to plant out some trees.

Charles Kocher,  
John Carlisle  
John Tenyke"

Referred to Committee on Streets, alleys, etc.

Mr of Ward presented the following petition:  
To the Honorable the city Council of Indianapolis.

We, the undersigned property holders and



citizens of Indianapolis and living on and adjacent to Wood street in said city are desirous of having said street opened as it will be an accomodation to the undersigned and the citizens of said city generally. The portion of said street which we wish opened lies between Alabama and Delaware Streets in Square No.38 in Frazee's addition to said city and in duty bound your petitioner will ever pray, etc."

Signed George Deitz and thirty two others

Referred to committee on Streets and alleys with instructions to obtain opinion of the City Attorney and to report at next meeting .

Mr.Delzell of 1 Ward offered for adoption the following resolution, "Resolved, That the Committee on the Fire Department be required to inquire as to the expediency of relocating the Engine Houses containing the Fire Engines, that said Engine may be rendered more immediately available in cases of fire, and that they can report their action on the matter at the next regular meeting."

Which was not adopted. Whereupon Mr.Delzell offered the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the Committee on the Fire Department inquire whether the fire company in charge of the "Good Intent Engine" is still organized and in a condition to render service in case of fire in the City, and report at the next regular meeting". Adopted by consent.

Mr.Fitler of 6th Ward, offered for adoption, the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Street proceed to repair the Bridge over Pogue's Run on Meridian Street; also the bridge on the diaganal street running from Morris' Mill to Pennsylvania st." Adopted.

Mr.Pitts of 4th Ward, offered the following resolution: (616)

"Resolved, That Jacob Miller be allowed twenty-five dollars as extra compensation for services as Market Master for last ~~year~~ 1/2 year.

Adopted by the following vote ayes, Messrs Delzell, Buchanan, Greer, Fitler, Pitts & Culley.

Mr.Pitts of 4th ward offered for adoption the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to procure 3000 feet (face measure) of oak plank, squared & edged and 12 feet long for use of Bridges; also 50 pieces Oak scantling 5x6, 12 feet long; also 600 ft. 3x4 oak scantling 12 ft long". Adopted.

Allowed Relief Fire Company Rent of Engine House 1/4 year \$20.00(617)

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Page 382 Mr.Pitts of 4th Ward offered the following resolution for adoption:

"Resolved That the Committee on the Fire Department be authorized to order three hundred ft of hose in addition to the 900 feet already ordered to be paid out of the fire tax fund as soon as available" Adopted.



On motion by Mr.Delzell of 1st Ward

"The Secretary be authorized to draw an order on Town Clock for an amount sufficient to pay judgments outstanding against the city on the Justices & Circuit Court Dockets. Which was adopted by the following vote. Ayes, Messrs Delzell, Buchanan, Fidler, Greer & Culley 5  
Nays Mr.Pitts 1.

Mr.Pitts of 4th Ward offered for adoption the following resolution:  
"Resolved, That the City Engineer be required to give the grade of school house lot in the Sixth Ward and an estimate of the amount of the grading of the same; also give the foundation grade for the school houses in the 2d. & 4th Wards." Adopted.

Mr.Buchanan of 7th Ward offered for adoption the following resolution:  
"Resolved, That no Councilman be authorized to order any work in his own Ward without the consent of the proper committee, and that no such bill will be allowed." Adopted.

On motion of Mr.Buchanan of 7th Ward, The Council proceeded to the election of "A Chief of the Fire Department" which resulted in the unanimous selection of Joseph Little.

On motion of Mr.Delzell of 1 Ward  
"The Secretary was authorized, upon the reception of the hose ordered, to draw on City Treasury Fire Tax Fund for the amt to pay freight and bill".

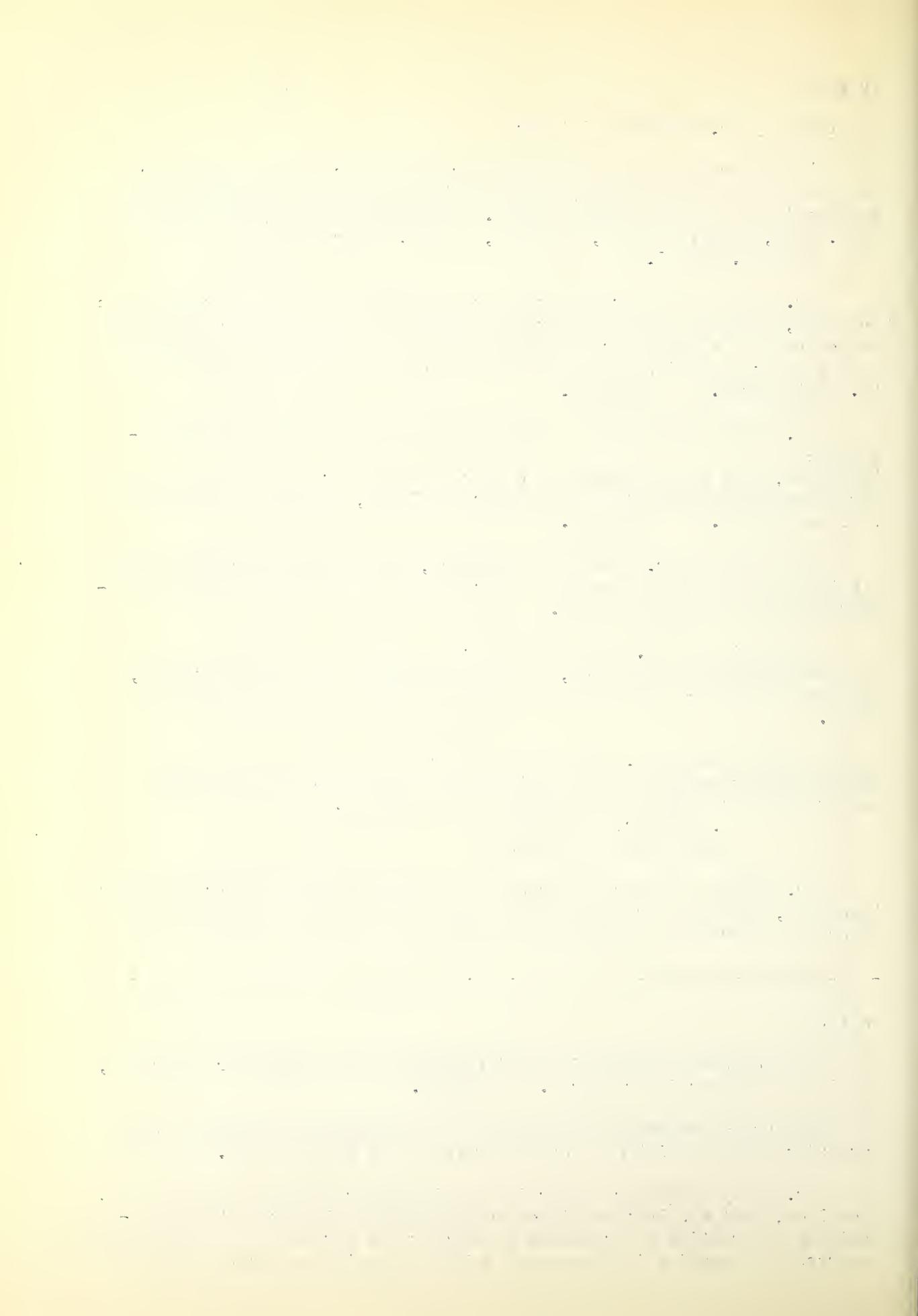
On motion by Mr.Delzell of 1st Ward  
The Council proceeded to the election of a City Attorney and a Weigh Master; which resulted in the following selections:  
A.G.Porter, City Attorney  
Adam Haugh Weigh Master

Mr.Culley of 2d Ward offered the following resolution for adoption:  
"Resolved, That the Marshal be authorized if in his opinion the public interest requires it to appoint an assistant

to be allowed such compensation as the Council shall hereafter determine, in view of the service rendered." Adopted.

The Marshal announced the appointment of Benjamin Pilbean as Deputy Marshall; which appointment was confirmed by the City Council.

Mr.Culley of 2d Ward offered the following resolution for adoption:  
"Resolved, That a select committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of drafting an ordinance to empower the Marshal and his associates to arrest and confine in the common jail all suspicious persons found



passing about in the city after ten o'clock P.M. Adopted.

The President appointed Messrs Greer, Pitts and Delzell said committee.

Mr. Buchanan of the 7th Ward moved that a committee of three be appointed to draft an ordinance amendatory of an ordinance entitled "An ordinance in relation to the occupation of Louisiana Street by the L & U.M.R.R. Company." which motion carried and Messrs Buchanan, Fidler and Greer were appointed said committee.

Mr. Culley of 2d Ward offered the resolution as follows for adoption: "Resolved That the committee on building public School houses in Wards No. 2, 4, & 6 be empowered to employ some suitable person to superintend the construction of the houses in said Wards; provided his compensation shall not exceed one hundred dollars". Adopted.

On motion, Adjourned to meet on Friday evening next.

David V. Culley, President City Council

Attest, Daniel B. Culley, Secy.

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Council met pursuant to adjournment. Present a full Council. Minutes of preceding meeting read and approved.

The Marshal announced the appointment of Thomas Smith, Jr. as Deputy Marshall in the stead of Benjamin Pelbean, who declined serving. Said appointment was confirmed.

Mr. Loudon from 3d. Ward offered the following resolution: "Resolved, That the Sexton of the Public Grave Yard be instructed to have the fence around said grave yard put in good repair and present bill to the City Council."

Which was so amended as to make it the duty of the Committee on Ways and Means to have said work done, and then it was adopted.

Mr. Delzell of 1 Ward, offered the following resolution: "Resolved, That the committee on Public Wells, Cisterns etc. be authorized to have wells dug and each furnished with a good pump for every City School lot, not at present supplied; said wells to be located at the inter edge of pavement in front of said School lots". Which was adopted.