

August 31st 1858

Adjourned Meeting

Council Chamber August 31st 1858

Council Met 7 1/2 O'clock P.M.

Present his Honour the Mayor, and Councilmen Messrs. Cottrell, Dunlap, Durbin, English, Greenfield Gelesendorff, Locke, Mc Nabb, North, and Vandergrift.

The minutes of previous meetings held June 18th June 24th and July 10th were read and approved, and on motion further reading of the minutes were dispensed with.

By Mr North,

To the President and Members of the Common Council of the city of Indianapolis.

Your Committee to whom was referred the difficulty attending the contract for grading and graveling Louisiana Street between Meridian and Mississippi Street would make and Submit the following report.

The committee find upon examination of the record after the proceedings of the Council An Ordinance requiring the Terre Haute and Richmond Rail Road Company to grade and gravel Said Street aforesaid, we also find that the Said Rail Road Company have ever held themselves in readiness, to perform their part of Said contract, but have not as yet been called upon, or the grade set for the performance of Said work.

The Said Rail Road company parentorially refuse to pay to the present Contractor their proportion of the expense of grading and graveling Said Street according to the present contract with Jeremiah Shee, but are willing to pay for the grading of Said Street, and thirty cents per yard towards graveling, claiming that they the Said Company, can gravel the Street according to the contract for that price

Your Committee have had under consideration the petition of Jeremiah Shee, relative to Said work, and learn from him that he has Subcontracted the graveling of Said Street at a profit of thirty cents per yard and positively refuses to compromise with the city, and release his contract for less than thirty cents per yard, we are also of the opinion from conversation with the Messrs Johnsons, the Subcontractors that they are willing to release Said Shee without Compensation, from the foregoing facts and other circumstances not herein mentioned your Committee are of the Opinion that more than

Two Hundred dollars as a compensation to said Shea for releasing that part of his Contract for graveling the said Street, would be not only unreasonable but an outrage upon the City Treasury.

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Said Shea will receive full pay according to contract for grading said Street and also for grading and graveling the North Sidewalk thereof.

Your Committee would recommend that the City Engineer be directed to tender Jeremiah Shea a City Order on the Treasurer for two Hundred dollars on Condition of said Shea surrendering to the City so much of his contract as relates to graveling said Street, as above stated all of which is respectfully submitted.

J. North, Chairman

On motion of Mr Donley the report was concurred in.

ORDINANCES

Mr Locke introduced the following,

Mr President and Gentlemen of the Common Council
Of the City of Indianapolis,

An Ordinance, appropriating money for the payment of debts, claims against the City of Indianapolis.

Section 1st Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, that the following named persons be allowed the amounts set opposite their names, from any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated as follows:

No	1	David. L. Merryman.	Balance assessors salary	400.00
"	2	Michael O'Connor.	Work in Alameda Street	187.00
"	3	Andrew Curtis	Assistant assessor	400.00
"	4	Levi Comings.	Work on Bridges & Working	26 75
"	5	Toney & Bjorn.	Dry Goods	1 50
Total amount ----				<u>\$ 1275.25</u>

Section 2^d The city clerk is hereby authorized and directed to issue warrants upon the City Treasury, to the persons named, and for the amounts as set specifically in Section first of this Ordinance

On motion of Mr Locke the Ordinance was read a third time

and on motion was read a second time by the title

Mr Cottrell Chairman of the Select Committee on Finance referred the equalization of the assessors tax list, made a report accepting the as returned by the assessors, without alteration. Report Signed by Messrs. Cottrell and Galeschowski.

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On motion by Mr Locke the report was accepted and the Committee discharged.

Mr Vander rift moved that the assessment upon the Palace House be reduced from sixty thousand to fifty thousand which did not prevail

Mr North moved that the assessment upon the improvements on Lots No 8 and 9. in Square no 38 belonging to Elizabeth Bates be reduced from three thousand five hundred to two thousand five hundred which did not prevail

Mr North moved to reduce the assessment upon certain lots belonging to Kneelo and Blake & Co from two thousand five hundred to two thousand which did not prevail.

Mr North moved to reduce the assessment upon the Palace House from twenty thousand to seventeen thousand five hundred which did not prevail

On motion of Mr Greenfield the assessment on the lot belonging to Overfills heirs made in 1867. Lot 8, in Square 66. was reduced from six thousand six hundred to three thousand dollars

And on motion Council adjourned

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John G. Waters
City Clerk

Samuel D. Maxwell
Mayor

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Council Met at 7 oclock P.M. Present his Honor the Mayor and councilmen. Messrs Cottrell, Durham, English, Greenfield, Geiesendorff, Hadley, Locke, McNabb, North and Vandegrift.

The minutes of the meetings held on July 26th, August 14th and August 21st were read and adopted.

REMONSTRANCES

By Mr. North

To the Hon. The city Council of the
City of Indianapolis,

The undersigned owners and occupants of property on the alley, between Meridian and Illinois Street, known as Pearl Street, would most respectfully remonstrate, and protest, against the establishment of hay and weighing Scales on Said alley, or Street, as being an absurdity in itself, and calculated to obstruct and otherwise annoy the occupants and business on Said alley, already cramped for room and Space for the business and travel through said Street now constantly using the same. Your remonstrants would most respectfully Suggest that it is not Competant for the City Council to appropriate the Streets and alleys to private purposes, especially to the annoyance and obstruction of the owners and occupants of any Such Street or alley