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Council Chamber May 14th 1859

Pursuent to adjournment the Council met this Evening at 8 Oclock P.M. Present his Honor the Mayor and all the Councilmen.

After due organization of said Council the Mayor by common consent read his Annual Message which was heard attentively and with general satisfaction. The minutes of the previous Council were read and approved.

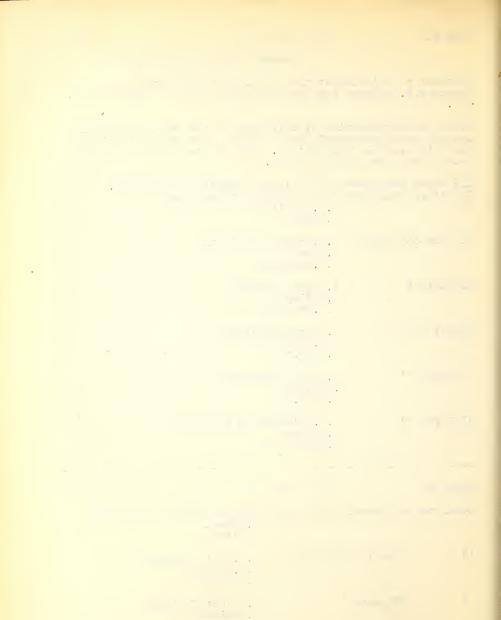
- The Mayor announced the following Standing Committees. Judiciary Committee Jacob Vandegrift Chairman I.R.English E.Locke
- Finance Committee T.P.Haughey Chairman S.McNabb I.R.English
- Accounts E.Locke Chairman H.Tilley T.P.Haughey
- Education " A.Metzger Chairman S.C.Richman S.Sebert
- Bridges S.McNabb Chairman E.Kuhlman T.Cottrell
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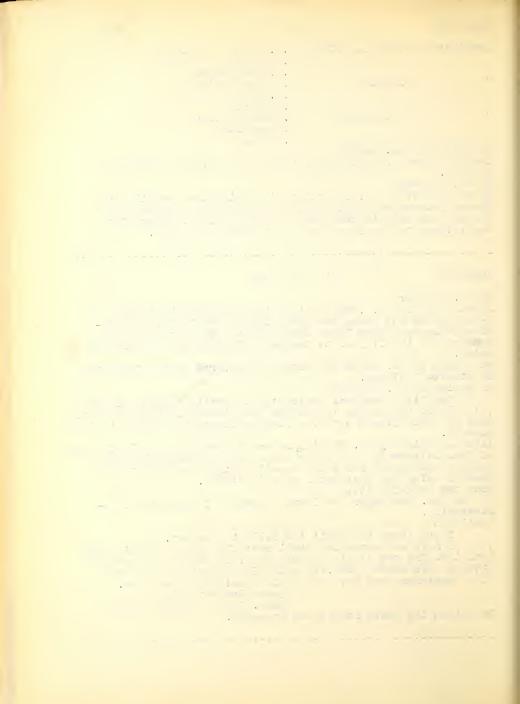
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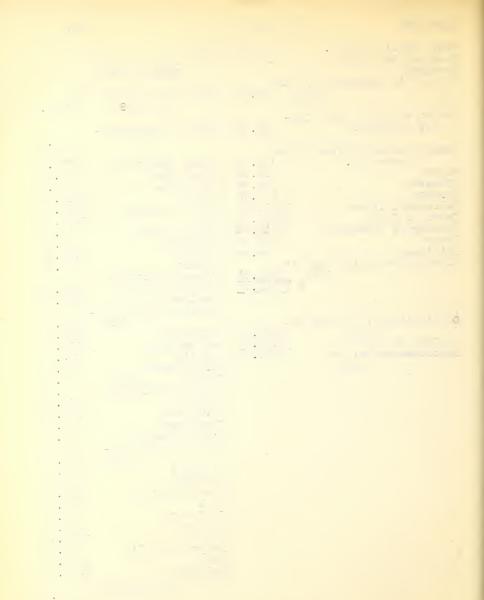
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Page 620 May 14th 1859 556 Committee on Fire Department J.K.English Chairman C. Richman G.W.Geisendorff Hospital 8 H.Tilley Chairman J.S.Pratt E.Kuhlman E.Locke Chairman 11 Gas Lights J.Vandegrift A.Wallace On Motion by Mr.Haughey The old order of business by which the previous worked was adopted. By Mr. Richman A petition from Patrick Mariaty informing the Council that Thomas Feretee was taking dirt from Louisana & Bates Street for his own private use which by motion of Mr. Vandegrift was refered to the Committee on Streets and Alleys. May 14th 1859 Page 621 By Mr. Metzger A Petition from R.J.Gatling and others asking the Council to have a ditch cut along the East side of the Madison and In-dianapolis Rail Road Track from McCarty Street to the South Boundary of the City or to the most elegible Out Lot for the water. On motion by Mr. Locke the above was refered to the Committee on Streets & Alleys. On motion by Mr. Cottrell The City Clerk was instructed to retain the sum of Seven (7) dollars and twelve (12) cents due Michael Callehan for work done on Noble Street out of a final estimate to be made to James Russell. Also on Motion by Mr. English he was instructed to hold the sum of Four dollars (4) and fifty cents (50) for Michell Hart a laborer who worked for said Russell on the same Street Said Russell being the contractor on said Street. From the Market Master To the Hon. the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis. Gentlemen I beg leave to submit the following report. I have collected for stall rent for the year ending May 10th 1859 The sum of Six hundred and forty eight dollars and seventy five cents (\$648.75) which I have paid over to the City Treasurer, and have taken his receipt for the same. Yours Respectfully Chas. John Market Master On Motion the above report was accepted.

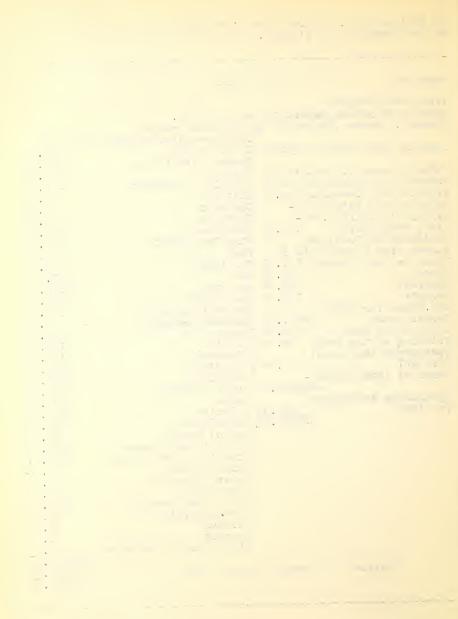


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On Motion by Mr. Cottrell The above Report was refered to the Committee on Finance. Page 623 May 14th 1859 From the Treasurer Treasurers Annual Report to May 1st 1859. James W. Jameson, Treasurer in a/c with Treasury Disbursements, Warranrs Received Recipts from Sundry sources Bills Payable 1010.00 Books & Stationary 707.22 Total amounts of Recipts and Bridges 5170.26 Orders Outstanding Received Building & Grounds from former Treasurer 985.09 Cisterns 535.00 40.00 Balance paid into Treas-ury by King, Kirlin, Kno-dle & Vandegrift 709.92 Elections Estimates on Lousiana Fire Department Street from Terre Haute & Fuel 21.99 314.90 146.00 314.90 146.00 10232.62 24.15 Union Railway Company 197.31 Furniture 16.20 4771.92 95.70 Gas Fines Fines Licences 352.67 Hospital 183.55 Incidentals 3923.80 139.22 977.91 Markets Del. Taxes for 1857 & Interest on Orders former years 15417.82 Licences Refunded Cash on the same 100.00 Lumber Printing on the same 49.94 Markets 4.75 4.75 196.00 Treasurers AssessmentNuisancesfor 185710.28 PercentageTaxes of 1858 Collect-Printing Nuisances 163.26 163.26 2129.42 1260.99 288.05 ed40963.27 Pumps & Wells Treasurers Assessment Rents for 1858 102.78 Salaries Salaries999.75Salaries5962.07School Fund1542.04School Houses93.84Specific Allowances1233.51Street Improvement &c8052.17Street Lamps20.27 999.75 for 1858 59168.33 School Fund Taxes Refunded Town Clock 18.25 62.50 Watch Compensation 4882.20 Fire Apparatus 20.00 43.55 Fireman Repairs 37.00 Street Script redeemed 6.00 \$56442.48 Balance in Treasury May 1st 1859 2725.85 59168.33



Page 624 Treasurers Report Continued \$65569.95 Total Amount of Taxes for 1858 Total Collections " " " 40963.27 \$24606.68 Delinquent Tax for 1857 and former years 18169.34 15417.82 2751.52 Collections \$27358.20 Total Delinguent May 1st 1859 All of which is Respectively Submitted. Indianapolis May 1st 1859 James M.Jamison City Treasurer On motion By Mr. Vandegrift The above report was refered to the Committee on Finance. From the Street Commissioner Indianapolis May 14th 1859 To the Hon. the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indiana polis. The undersigned Street Commissioner Respectfully Submits the following report. To Jerry Shea For hauling gravel & filling with 2

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 31.50

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 Robert Greenfield filling gutter west of the Canal on Washington Street(2999)22.00 Walker & King" Oak Plank (3002)James Branan" 1½ days Labor @ 1.50 (3000) 34.62 2.25 John A.Colestock" Making 10 Fuel Boxes (2998) Thomas Feriter Hauling & filling (3009) 4.00 43.75 194.87 Henry Colestock Street Com.

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On Motion By Mr. Vandegrift. The above report was received and the amounts allowed and Clerk was ordered to draw Orders on the Treasurer for the amt named to each person.

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From the Civil Engineer The Civil Engineer Respectfull reports to the City Council. Ist The City's portion of the third estimate allowed James Russell for grading and graveling Noble Street between Market and South Streets, amounts to \$19.29

On Motion By Mr. Vandegrift The above amt was allowed and the Clerk was ordered to draw an order on the Treasurer for the amount in favor of said Russell.

2nd The Council at their meeting on 23rd April last instructed the Civil Engineer to make an estimate of the cost per lineal foot for the construction of a 36 inch Brick Sewer on East Street South of South Street. It will cost One dollar and twenty cents per lineal foot and the length of it being 230 feet, will amount to, \$276.00

3rd The Civil Engineer was instructed by the Council on 23rd April to make a Profile of Benton Street between Harrison Street and the Indianapolis & Cincinnat Rail Road. And also a profile of Huron Street between Virginia Avenue and Noble Street and to report the same to the meeting of the Council this evening but having had a considerable amount of work to perform Since that meeting, he has not been able to prepare the profiles but will do so as soon as possible.

4th The Contract and Security Bond of Jeremiah Shea for grading and graveling Michigan Street and Side walks between California and Blackford Streets are herewith presented for approval.

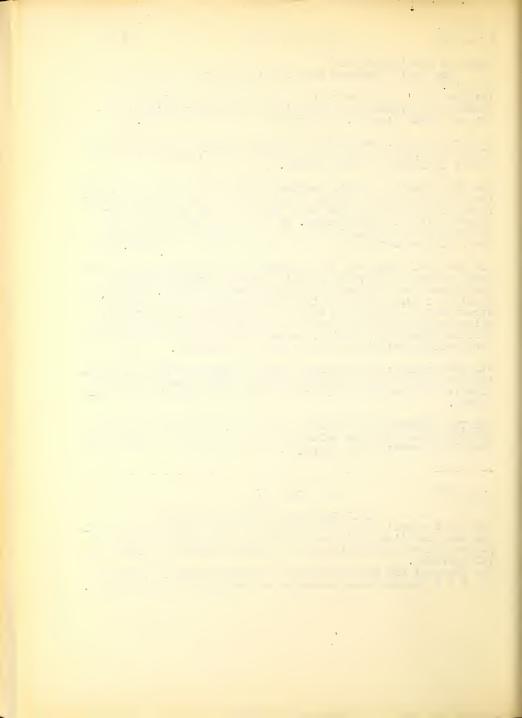
5th The contract and Security Bond of A.Stewart for grading and graveling the Side walk on the West side of Michigan Road are also presented for approval.

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Civil Engineers Report continued 6th The contract and Security Bond of W & R Johnson for grading and graveling Meridian Street and Side walks between Pogues Run and the South Side of McCarty Street are submitted for approval.

The contract and Security Bonds of Jeremiah Shea, A.Stewart and W & R Johnson were presented and approved by the Council.



7th The Orde of last meeting of the Council to advertise for Sealed proposals to be received on the 14th of Way for the Lumber Brick and other material in the Market house on South Street, the Civil Engineer was not aware of such order having passed till it was too late for advertising. The Council will please renew the order for proposals to be given in at at the next regular meeting.

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On motion by Mr. Cottrell the Civil Engineer was instructed to advertise for proposals to be received at the next regular meeting of the Council.

8th A Profile of New Jersey Street, between South and Merrill Street is herewith Submited for approval of the Council. On motion by Mr. Cottrell the profile named above was approved.

9th Advertisement haveing been made for various Street improvements in the City, the proposals which have been received for executing the work are herewith Submited to the Council.

The following bids we:	re then Opened and rea	d to the	Council.
For grading and grave	ling St. Clair Street	and Side	walks, be
tween Illinois and Ter	nnessee Street with co	arse pit	gravel.
Pat Moriaty, Security	Deloss Root, Gradeing	, 20 gra	veling 40d
C. Danmeyer "	F. Danmeyer "	23	45
Jerre Shea "	Philip Woerner "	17	" 23
Jas P. Catterson"	Thomas McLamrock"	17	" 28

For grading and graveling West Street, between Washington

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and Kentuckey Avenue ar	d Sidewalks coarse river	gravel
E. C. Croas Security	P. H. Jameson grading	16 graveling 70
W & R Johnson "	George W. Pitts "	16 " 75
M. L. Coyner	J. Smither "	18 " 58
C. Danmeyer	F. Danmeyer "	30 " 85
Thomas Feriter	T. A. Morris "	25 " 90
H. I. Stanridge	I. H. Foley "	16 " 75
Jerre Shea	P. Woerner "	17 " 73

For gradeing and graveling McCarty Street, between Deleware and New Jersey Streets with Screened river gravel and for grading and graveling Sidewalk with coarse Pit gravel. Ferrmon Way grading 18, graveling \$112 and also gravel Sidewalk of Said Street with coarse pit gravel 85% No Security named.

Chas. B. Robinson gradeing 20¢ graveling 110¢ Sidewalks at 85¢ per yard.

For gradeing and graveling Alabama Street and west sidewalk, between South and McCarty Street Screened river gravel Chas. B. Robinson no Security gradeing 22¢ graveling 115¢ Ferrman Way " " 22¢ " 115¢

For building fence around Hospital grounds James Farmer and John W. Farmon Security James Catterson & J. Klingensmith at the Sum of 32 cents per lineal foot. J. D. Tomlinson Security Aaron Clem & Bro for Picket fence 43 cents and for tight board fence 35 cents per lineal foot.

For digging well on Hospital ground Mathias Kantman Security W. Decker Well digger \$1.00 per foot depth.

For erecting a wooden bridge across the waste way of the Cen-
tral Canal, on the first alley running East and West North of
Washington Street.J.D.TomlinsonSecurity Aaron Clem & Bro.\$301.11Spicer & Jones" Wm Hadley195.00Jas. H.Kennedy" Jas. Kirlin220.00A.GreenfieldR.Johnson300.00

On Motion the bids were referred to the Committee on Streets

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and alley and Civil Engineer to report to Council the lowest responsible bidders, and the Civil Engineer was instructed to advertise for proposals to be received for building a picket fence five feet high, Pickets to be one inche thick and base board one foot wide.

10th Haveing formerly reported to the Council an Estimate for a ditch from the Ravine on Donation Street to Pleasant Run on the route of the old Shelbyville Road measuring 6045 cubic yards of excavation at 16 cents per yard, amounted to \$967.00 A Survey and profile for a ditch from Virginia Avenue to Pleasant Run, on the route through Mr. Birkenmayers farm, have lately been made by the Civil Engineer, the excavation of which measures 4950 cubic yards and adding 2440 cubic yards of excavation rorth of Virginia avenue, makes in all 7400 cubic yards at 16 cents amounts to \$1124.00.

On motion this part of the report was laid on the table.

llth John Kelliher to whom the contract was awarded for grading and graveling North Sidewalk of Washington Street, between East and Noble Streets, has failed to come forward to Sign his contract and give Security.

On motion this part of the report was referred to the Committee on Streets and alleys to report the next lowest responsible bidder. James Wood Indianapolis May 14th 1859 Civil Engineer

By Mr. Wallace

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis

Gentlemen.

The undersigned petitioner asks your honorable body to grant him an estimate for work done by P.K.Farrell on North Street as Said Farrell has deceased and I have advanced One Hundred dollars to pay Said Farrell's hands. Indianapolis May 14th 1859 Calvin A.Elliott

Mr. Wallace moved that the Civil Engineer be instructed to give C.A.Elliott an estimate on Said work which Motion was not adopted. Mr. Cottrell moved that that the petition be laid on the table which motion was adopted.

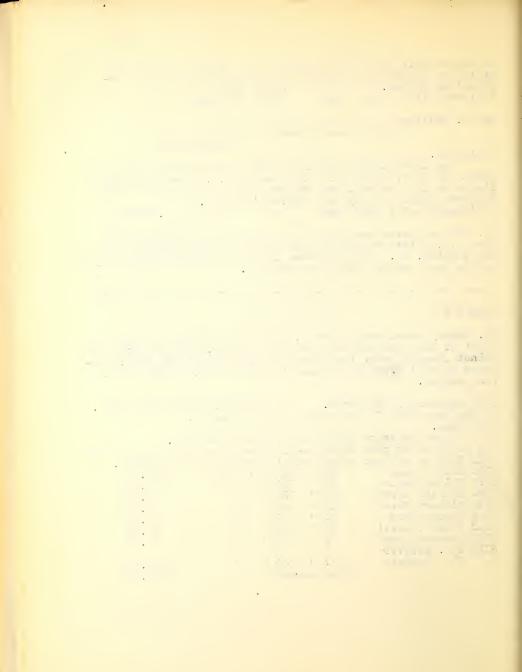
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Mr. Hughey Moved that James A.Curtis be allowed to grade in front of his property on Fort Wayne Avenue, between North and Walhut Street, under the direction of the Civil Engineer provided he will finish the Same in Sixty days, which motion was adopted.

From Captain of the Watch. Indianapolis May 14th 1859. To the Honorable The Mayor and Common Council. Gentlemen.

I beg leave to	Submit the following report.
The Night watch have	Served as follows, from April 9th to May
14th 1859 as follows	to wit Nights Served are as follows.
3016 Thomas Amos	35 at 150 per Night \$52.50
3060 Halden Davis	35 1 150 1 1 52.50
3023 Charles Carter	35 150 52.50
3048 Richard Ware	35 1 150 1 1 52.50
3054 George Ross	35 150 150 52.50
3043 John S.Russell	35 1 150 1 52.50
3029 Hubbard Adams	35 150 1 150 52.50
3014 Sam. Lefever	
Captain	35 150 61.25
Cup table	Total Amount \$428.75



	Number of Arrests	
For	Intoxication	11
-	Assault & Battery	12
8	Prostitution	9
11	Riot	2
	Total	$\frac{2}{34}$

 Whole number of arrests last year
 560

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 Barrests over last year by Police
 262

The above is correct.

Yours Respectfully Samuel Lafever Captain

On motion by Mr.Wallace the above report was recieved and the Clerk was ordered to issue orders on the Treasurer for the a-mounts.

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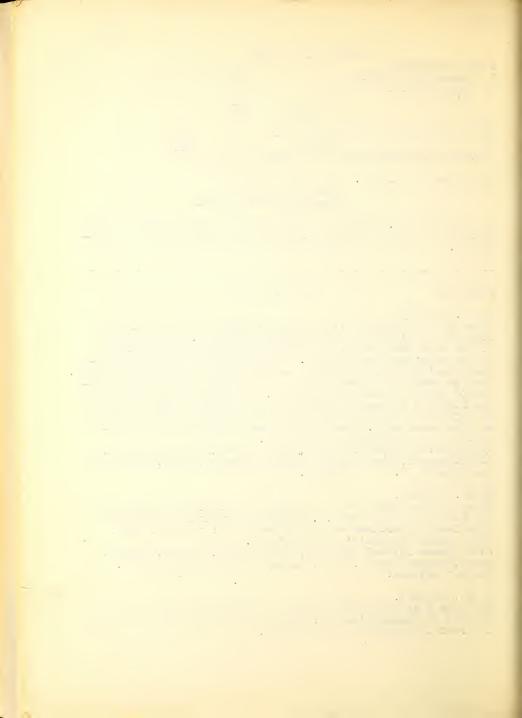
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By Mr. Haughey

Resolved That So much of the Mayors message that refers to finance be referred to the finance Committee. That so much of the Same that refers to Streets be referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys. That So much as refers to public buildings be referred to the Committee on Public Buildings. That So much of the Same that refers to the Skeen debt be referred to the Judiciary Committee. That So much as refers to gas Light be referred to the Committee on gas. That So much as refers to the Fire department be referred to the Committee on Fire Department. That the balance of the Message be referred to a Committee of the Whole. Ayes Messrs Cottrell, English, Geiesendorff, Haughey, Kuhlman, Locke, Metzger, McNabb, Pratt, Richmann, Siebert, Tilly, Vandegrift and Wallace 11. Adopted.

By Mr. Wallace. Resolved That there be and hereby is appropriated the Sum of One Hundred dollars to D.L.Merryman as additional Compensation for his Services as city assessor for the year 1858. Ayes Messrs Vandegrift and Wallace 2. Noes Messrs Cottrell,English,Geiesendorff,Haughey,Kuhlman, Locke,Metzgar,McNabb,Pratt,Richmann,Siebert & Tilley 12. Was not adopted.

By Mr. Wallace. Resolved That the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis recieve in Compensation for their Services it being for their interest to legislate for the City.



On Motion by Mr. English the above resolution was refferred to the finance committee.

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By Mr. McNabb Resolved That a Select Committee be appointed together with the Engineer to ascertain what amount Should be allowed to James Russell for loss of time, and money expended in the change of grade on Noble Street, between Market and South Streets. Ayes Messrs Cottrell, English, Geiesendorff, Haughey, Kuhlman, Locke, Metzger, McNabb, Pratt, Richman, Siebert, Tilly, Vandegrift and Wallace 14. Noes None. Adopted.

His Honor Mayor Maxwell appointed as the above Committee Mc-Nabb, Cottrell and Wallace.

Mr. Gelesendorff Moved that the Chief Fire Engineer be instructed to have the paterns that are used for cisterns Castings made lighter for the new cisterns now building which motion was adopted.

Mr. English moved that the Street Commissioner be directed to notify the Union Rail Road Company, to build culverts under their track for the gutters of Noble Street, which motion was adopted.

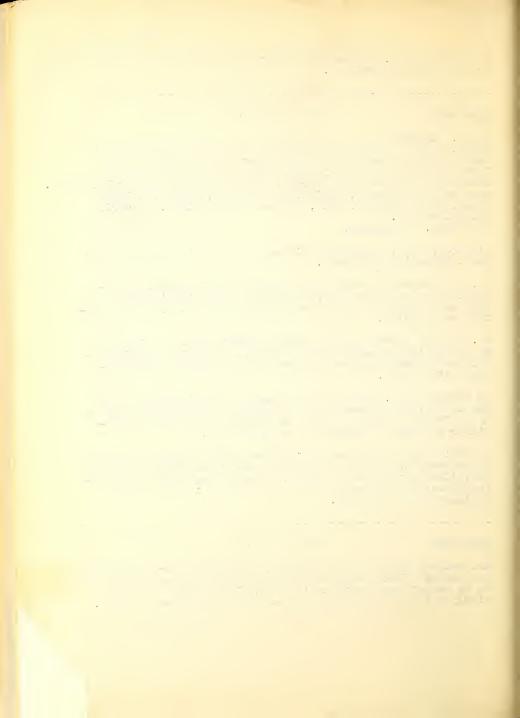
On motion by Mr. Wallace Levi Comeygs was allowed to grade and boulder the Sidewalk and gutters in front of his property on Deleware Street, under the direction of the City Engineer the Same to completed in Sixty days.

On motion by Mr. Richman James Russell was permited to take in or about 75 yards of gravel out of Benton Street to finish graveling part of Noble Street, between Washington and Maryland Street, provided Said Russell fill up the hole where he takes out the gravel.

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Mr. Haughey Moved that a Standing committee on arrearages and unfinished public improvements be appointed whose duties Shall be to report each month to the Council the amount prospectively due on existing Contracts, which motion was adopted.



On motion by Mr. McNabb, the City Engineer was directed to advertise for the building of Six wells to furnish water for the new Cisterns now under contract.

By Mr. Locke,

Resolved, That the Civil Engineer give Martin L. Coyner a final estimate on Tennessee Street when Such work Shall have been done to the Satisfaction of the Engineer and the clerk is instructed to issue the necessary Orders for the cities portion on the Certificate of the Civil Engineer. (Paid) Ayes Messrs Cottrell, English, Geiesderff, Haughey, Kuhlman, Locke, Metzger, McNabb, Pratt, Richman, Siebert, Tilly, Vandegrift and Wallace 14.

Noes None. Adopted.

On motion by Mr. Geiesendorff, the marshall was directed to reopen the Alley in the rear of the property formerly owned by Asher Cox West of the Carlisle House.

On motion by Mr.Wallace the Cheif Fire Engineer was directed to have old Hook and Ladder Wagon and Ladders taken care of, as they are exposed to the weather, being of more Service than the new one.

On motion by Mr. Geiesendorff, That the marshall be and he is hereby instructed to notify the owners or Superintendant of the canal to remove the dead animals out of the Canal.

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On motion by Mr. Cottrell the Civil Engineer be instructed to notify the Union Rail Way Company to have a Stone wall built on Deleware Street, in Order to prevent the earth from cave-ing into Pogues Run.

On Motion by Mr. Cottrell the Civil Engineer was directed to give Michael O.Conner an estimate for gradeing Michigan Street, between Deleware Street and New Jersey Street, when the work is done to his Satisfaction.

On Motion by Mr. Cottrell The Civil Engineer was instructed to report a profile for Alabama Street, between Merrill and McCarty Streets.

On motion by Mr. Cottrell, The City Treasurer was directed to enforce the Collection of the delinquent list.

On motion by Mr. Cottrell, That the Civil Engineer be instructed to give V.C.Hanna the proper grade stakes at the South West

corner of Deleware and Maryland Street, and that V.C.Hanna be permited to erect a hay Scales on or near Such Corner, provided he Shall place them in Such manner as not to obstruct the Sidewalk or gutters.

By Mr. Cottrell.

Resolved That the Civil Engineer be instructed to change the plan of the Washington Street Bridge across Pogues Run, so that it Shall provide for arched culverts instead of a wooden bridge, provided the contractor will agree to build the Same according to the instruction of the Engineer, provided the cost Shall not exceed the Sum of Fifteen Hundred dollars. Ayes, Messrs Cottrell, English, Gelesendorff, Haughey, Kuhlmann, Locke, Metzger, McNabb, Pratt, Richman, Siebert, Tilley, Vand-

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degrift and Wallace 14. Noes None. Adopted.

On motion by Mr. English the City Marshall was in to notify the owner of the dairy on Square No. 5 to clean the alleys on which Stands his Stables.

On motion by Mr. Richman the vote granting James Russell permission to take in or about 75 yards of gravel out of Benton Street was reconsidered, the vote granting him permission to take the gravel haveing been reconsidered, the question then being put Shall he take the gravel, which was decided in the negative.

By Mr.Cottrell,

An agreement between Jacob Birkenmayer, of the one part and Andrew Stewart and James Caterson on the other, in regard to gravel Said Berkenmayer proposes to Sell them to be used in gradeing and graveling Virginia avenue, which on motion was referred to the Committee on Streets and alleys and the Civil Engineer.

An account was presented by his Honor the Mayor between the city of Indianapolis, and Andrew Wallace, while Said Wallace was acting as chief Fire Engineer, Showing that there was Still due the Said Andrew Wallace the Sum of fifteen dollars and Ninety Six Cents which on motion was referred to the Committee on accounts.

The Bond of James Wood as Civil Engineer, The Bond of John G. Waters as City Clerk, The Bond of Henry Colestock as Street Commissioner, were presented to the Council and approved, also the certificate of election of James Wood with the oath of office endorsed upon the back of the certificate the Bond of James W. Jameson was presented and was referred back for correction.

On motion by Mr. Haughey, the Treasurer was instructed and directed to add the penalty and costs to all taxes remaining unpaid at this time, as provided for in the last amendment to the City Charter.