

On Motion
Adjourned.

Caleb Scudder
Mayor

Attest:
Daniel B. Culley
City Clerk -

Common Council Chamber
Monday, October 3d 1853.

Council met. Present, Messrs. Bradshaw, Carlisle, Dunlap, Delzell, Edwards, Karns, Maguire Nelson, Newcomb, Pitts, & Strickland - Councilmen, & Caleb Scudder Mayor.

Minutes of preceeding meeting read and approved.

The following request was presented:

To C. Scudder Mayor, & Common Council of Indianapolis:
As I shall be absent from the city for a term of week I respectfully request the Council to confirm the appointment of Chas. Woodward, City Clerk, pro Tempore. Said appointment to continue during my absence.

Daniel B. Culley.

The appointment was confirmed on motion.

The Treasurer's monthly report was read and approved.

Several accounts were presented, and referred to the committee on accounts.

1304 Allowed, John L. Dunlop, Jr. for first quarter's rent for C. C. Chamber \$45.00

Mr Dunlap offered for adoption the folling ordinance:

Be it ordained by the Common Council of the city of Indianapolis That an ordinance entitled "an ordinance relative to livery Stables" passed 19th September, A.D. 1853, be and is hereby repealed.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Messrs. Carlisle, Dunlap, Delzell, Edwards, Karns, Nelson Pitts, & Strickland - 8.

Noes: Messrs: Bradshaw & Newcomb. 2

Mr. Delzell from the committee on Streets and alleys presented the following report:

On examining the reports of the Council I find that an ordinance fixing the terms on which the Union Track could be made was reported to the Council but the minutes do not show

that it was adopted, or that a vote was taken on it. So far as the records are concerned I find nothing tending to show that any contract was entered into or arrangement made. There is a report of a committee appointed to confer with the different Railroad Companies, relative to the Union Track, in which, they speak of the Companies not having complied with the agreement, but they are silent as to what, and where that agreement is.

Samuel Delzell, Chmn.

On Motion,

The report was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

The following report from the Civil Engineer was read:

The Civil Engineer respectfully reports to the City Council that builders were advertised to give in sealed proposals to him for erecting the Engine House in the first ward, but no proposals have been received. The further action of the Council in this matter is therefore necessary.

The undersigned would suggest that the grade of Washington Street and the National Road, between West Street and White River Bridge, and of the sidewalk on the North side thereof, as staked off, and in conformity to the grade of said Washington Street and National Road, be established by the Council; & that the grade of Meridian street between North street and the Donation line, and of Market and Ohio Streets, between East and Noble Streets of which profiles are herewith submitted, be also, established by the Council.

In accordance with the order of your honorable body, a plan, estimate and specification for a bridge across the canal on North Street are herewith submitted.

Indianapolis, October 3d 1853. James Wood, Civil Engineer.

Mr. Dunlap moved that the Civil Engineer be directed to readvertise.

Which motion did not prevail.

Mr Delzell moved that the brick work for said engine house be awarded Wm Woods for \$7 per thousand.

Which motion prevailed.

On Motion, the Company were authorized to procure the wood work done at an expense not to exceed the sum already appropriated for said engine house.

The Civil Engineer reported a plan, and specification of a bridge across the canal, the estimated cost of which is \$370.

Mr. Maguire moved that the engineer receive proposals for the building of a bridge on North Street

Mr. Edwards moved that Maryland & South Streets be added.

Which motion prevailed.

The original motion as amended was adopted.

Mr Newcomb presented the following petition:

To the Common Council of Indianapolis:

The undersigned colored residents of said city respectfully represent that the old school house on the West side of the canal near Indiana Avenue is, and has been for some time unoccupied, and as the subscribers are debarred the privilege of sending their children to the public schools. They ask that they may be allowed the use of said house for the term of One year for the purpose of using the same as a school house for colored children and religious purposes on Sabbath and other days. The Subscribers will, if this privilege be granted, put and keep said house in suitable repair
Augustus Turner, Thomas Burhood, Samuel Goff, M.G. Brittain, Wm Douglass, Wm H. Momley, R.M. Gibbs.

The petition was granted by the following vote:

Ayes: Messrs. Bradshaw, Dunlap, Delzell, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, Newcomb, 7
Noes: Messrs. Nelson, Pitts, & Strickland. 3

Mr. Maguire presented the following report of the proceedings of individuals on Meridian Streets:

At a meeting of the property owners of the northern portion of Meridian Street, held on the twenty-second of September, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That, whereas, the citizens residing on Meridian Street, North of North Street, are dissatisfied with the grade established by the City Engineer, as one highly and unnecessarily injurious to their property, they respectfully request the Common Council to cause a survey of said street, within the limits specified, to be made by some other competent engineer, with instruction to report thereon as soon as practicable.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolution, attested by its officers, be presented in behalf of this meeting, by the Secretary to the Common Council at its regular session next ensuing.

E.W.H.Ellis, President.

C.C. Campbell, Sec'y.

Mr. Maguire offered for adoption the following resolution:

Whereas, The citizens residing on each side of Meridian Street between North Street and the Donation line complain that they are greatly injured by the grade of the Streets as established by the Civil Engineer; and, whereas, this Council is willing to relieve them as far as possible without doing injury to any other street; therefore:

Resolved, That the City Engineer be requested to make a reexamination and resurvey of that part of Meridian street North of North street, and reduce the grade as much as possible compatible with the proper drainage of that part of the city and that he give such instructions to the contractor as will enable him to conform to the alterations he shall make in the grade. And the grade so fixed by the Engineer shall be the grade of said street. Mr. Pitts moved to lay it on the table, which did not prevail.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes Messrs. Bradshaw, Carlisle, Dunlap, Delzell, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, Nelson, Newcomb. 9

Noes: Messrs. Pitts & Strickland. 2

Mr. Newcomb moved that when the Council adjourn, it adjourn to meet again on Monday evening at 7 o'clock.

Which Motion prevailed.

Mr. Bradshaw offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Engineer be directed to make an estimate of a bridge to be placed over Pogues Run in East Street, also, for repair of bridge on New Jersey Street and report at our next meeting.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Messrs. Bradshaw, Dunlap, Delzell, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, Nelson, Newcomb, Pitts & Strickland, 10

Noes:- None

Mr. G W Pitts offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Clerk be required to pay to Michael Shea the amount according to the City Engineers estimate of the work done by Shea on sidewalk on Washington Street west of the Canal, deducting the amounts paid by any of the property holders, and the said Shea, acquitted from any further compliance of the contract made between the city & Shea.

Which was not adopted, by the following vote:

Ayes: Messrs. Edwards, Nelson, Pitts, & Strickland. 4

Noes: Messrs. Carlisle, Dunlap, Delzell, Karns & Maguire - 6.

Mr. Dunlap offered the following:

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to fill the well on the corner of Delaware and Maryland Streets, which is dry & useless.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Messrs. Bradshaw, Carlisle, Dunlap, Delzell, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, Nelson, Newcomb, Pitts or Strickland. - 11

Mr Strickland offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Western Liberties Fire Company be requested to procure their engine house ceiled and otherwise repaired so as to keep their engine & hose from freezing during the coming winter.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Messrs. Bradshaw, Carlisle, Dunlap, Edwrads, Karns, Maguire, Nelson, Pitts & Strickland. --- 9

Mr. Maguire offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be and is hereby instructed to cause the drain on the East side of Illinois street between Market & Washington streets to be repaired immediately so that the water may flow off and not continue as is now, and has been for weeks, a stagnant pool calculated to engender disease:

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Messrs. Bradshaw, Carlisle, Dunlap, Edwards, Karns, Maguire, Nelson, Pitts & Strickland - 9

Noes: None.

Adjourned to meet Monday evening October the 10th

Attest:)
 D. B. Culley)
 City Clerk.)

Caleb Scudder
 Mayor.