Common Council Chamber August 7 1854

The Council met at two O'clock P M. Present the President and all the Councilmen

The Treasurers monthly report was received and on motion was referred to the Mayor and City Clerk for examination

The following accounts were allowed

364 J M Kemper 365 R Weeks 366 Henry Tibbe 367 H Louis 368 Michel Morris 369 Michel O'Conell 370 William Louney 371 Maurice O'Connell 372 John Keleher 373 John Keleher 374 John Shehey 375 Edmund Coner 376 Patrick Sullivan 377 Jacob Sprow 378 John Wright	10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 1	Lumber Labor "" "" "" "" ""	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	19.50 1.87 28.75 13.75 13.75 19.37 5 62 7 3.75 3.75 3.75 23.75 23.75	
379 Michael Morris	19	11	-		\$206.75

The following report was received

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis
The undersigned, Committee to whom was referred the
selection of a School Lot east of the Court House, respectfully report that they have made diligent enquiry in regard
to locality and price of Lots; and find insuperable difficulties in purchasing in consequence of the extraordinary
value placed upon the Lots that are in Market, therefore
they would recommend to the Council to suspend the further
consideration of the resolution to some further period and depend upon renting a house or by some other mode the
Council may provide for the accommodation of the surplus
scholars for the present year - and would ask to be discharged from the Committee

H Seibert W H Karns L Dunlap

On motion of Mr Nelson Said report was concurred in and the Committee discharged



The following report was received

To the Common Council of Indianapolis
Gentlemen the Committee to whom was referred the Profile
for the grade of New York Street between West & Blake Streets
ask leave to report that it is inexpedient to establish the
grade as shown on the said profile a the present time

John L Avery)
W H Karns) Committe
C W Gowan)

Mr Pitts moved That said report be laid on the Table Which motion prevailed

A petition was received signed by 175 citzens asking the Council to organize immediately; a sufficient Police force and Night watch for the City

On motion said resolution was laid on the table

Mr Graydon offered the following resolution

Resolved That the Marshall is hereby directed to organize immediately, under the direction of the Council a Special Police force or Night watch - Said watch to consist of 14 men, and to serve during such time as the Mayor may direct, or until an ordinance can be passed organizing a permanent watch

Adopted by the following vote
Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs Boaz, Colley,
Graydon, Gowan, Karns, Pitts & Truxsess 8
In the Negative Messrs Avery, Dunlap, Keeley & Nelson 4

Mr Karns moved That said petition be taken from the table and be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report an ordinance defining the duties and organizing a police force

Which motion prevailed

Mr Pitts offered the following resolution

Resolved That the City Engineer is hereby authorized to make out plan and specification and an estimate for the erection of a bridge across the arm of the Central Canal on West Street, and report at the next meeting

Adopted by the following vote
Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs Avery,
Boaz, Colley, Dunlap, Gowan, Jones, Karns, Keeley, Maguire,
Nelson, Pitts, Seibert & Truxsess 13
In the Negative - Mr Graydon 1

Mr Dunlap offered the following resolution

Resolved That the Street Commissioner be directed to repair the bridge across Pogues Run on South Street with as little delay as possible

Adopted by the following vote
Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs Avery,
Boaz, Colley, Dunlap, Graydon, Gowan, Jones, Karns, Keeley,
Maguire, Nelson, Pitts, Seibert & Truxsess. 14
In the Negative - None

Mr Seibert offered the following resolution

Resolved That five hundred dollars be appropriated for the purpose of building a Market House on South Street between Delaware and New Jersey Street and that the City Engineer draw a plan and make an estimate for the same

Adopted by the following Vote
Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs Avery,
Boaz, Colley, Dunlap, Gowan, Jones, Karns, Keeley, Maguire,
Nelson, Pitts, Seibert & Truxsess 13
In the Negative - None

Mr Nelson offered the following resolution

Resolved That the Council allow Charles Mayer the priviledge of grading and gravelling his side walk on the South Side of North Street at his expense under the supervision of the City Engineer

Adoped by the following Vote.

Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs Avery,
Boaz, Colley, Dunlap, Graydon, Gowan, Jones, Karns, Maguire,
Nelson, Pitts, Seibert & Truxsess 13

In the Negative - None

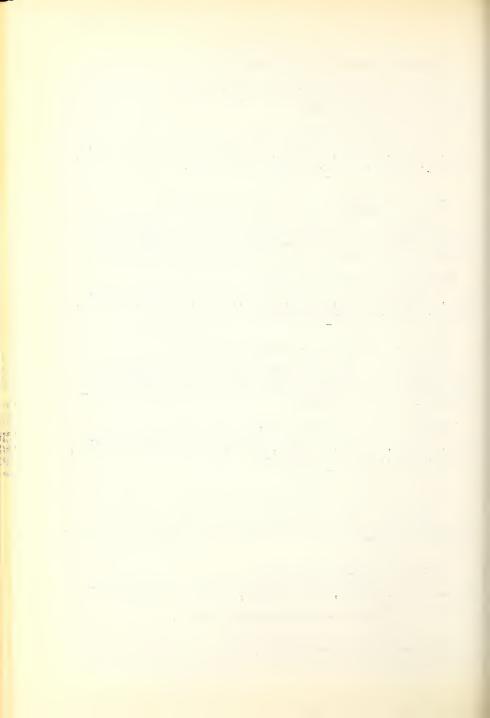
Mr Boaz offered the following resolution

Resolved That the Street Commissioner be directed to fill the mud hole in South Street, west of the Madison Depot, by making a track through the centre sufficiently wide for wagons to cross

Adopted by the following Vote
Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs Avery,
Boaz, Colley, Dunlap, Gowan Jones, Keeley, Pitts, Seibert
& Truxsess 10

In the Negative - Messrs Graydon, Karns, & Nelson 3

The following report was received
The undersigned respectfully report to the Council that
the Cistern on South Street near the Madison & Indianapolis



Depot erected by William Wood, holds water good, and therefore recommend to the Council to order payment of the balance
due to said Wood for building said Cistern
Indianapolis August 7 1854

James Wood, Civil Engineer
William Hughey, Street Commissioner.

Mr Maguire moved That a warrant be drawn on the Treasury for the amount due Mr Wood for building said Cistern

Which motion prevailed

The following communication received

City Council of Indianapolis
In consequence of a protracted illness, I have been,
and shall likely be detained from my post for some time to
come; and in view of the pressing necessity for prompt and
active services, which I cannot at present perform - I
therefore here tender my resignation, as one of the School
Trustees

In taking leave of the Board, permit me to state, that no honor has ever been conferred that I more highly esteemed, and no service have I ever performed with more pleasure — and I feel truly gratified for the kind co-operation, and countenance of the Board. Premiums of \$17,50 were offered at the Feby examination of the primary department of the Several Schools, which I intended to have paid from my own funds, But as that amount was drawn from the Treasury — please let it be considered, if satisfactory to the board as a full compensation for my services as trustee

Proctorsvill Vt Aug 2nd 1854 Very respy yrs
Calvin Fletcher

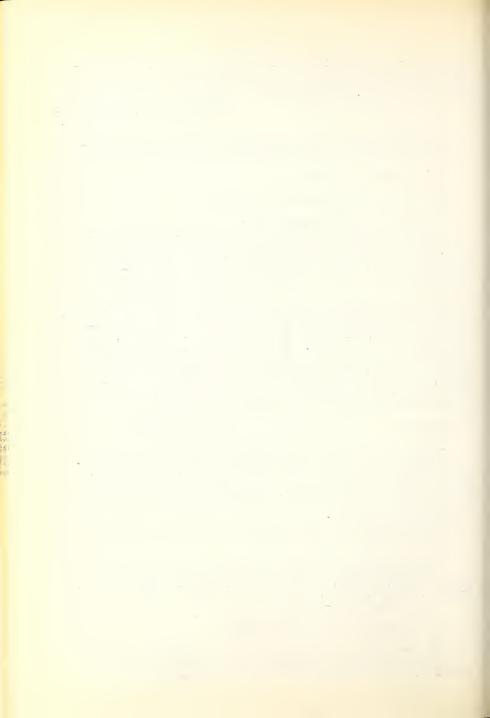
Mr Maguire offered the following resolution
Resolved, That the resignation of Calvin Fletcher Esq.
as a member of the Board of School Trustees, be accepted, and
that the Members of the Common Council hereby tender to him
their thanks for the ability, fidelity, and zeal with which
he has discharged the duties of School Trustee during his
continuance in office.

Resolved That a copy of this resolution be furnished to Mr Fletcher by the City Clerk

Adopted by the following vote
Those who voted in the Affirmative are Messrs Avery,
Boaz, Colley, Dunlap, Graydon, Gowan, Jones, Karns, Keeley,
Maguire, Nelson, Pitts, Seibert & Truxsess
In the Negative - None

The following report was received

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis
The undersigned in answer to the inquiry of the City
Assessor, "Am I authorized to take the assessments of



Persons coming into this City after the first day of January 1854" is of opinion that the City Assessor is authorized to assess a poll tax against every male inhabitant of the City, liable to such tax, residing in the City when the enlistment is made; and that every person residing in the City when the enlistment is made, is liable to the payment of taxes on all personal and real estate owned by him on the first day of January of the year in which the enlistment is made

Respectfully Submitted N B Taylor City Attorney

On motion of Mr. Pitts said report was concurred in

The following account was allowed

380 Weaver & Williams for Coffin, attendance
and digging grave for John Sturgeon

\$14.00

Mr Colley offered the following resolution
Resolved That the Judiciary Committee be instructed
to amend the Ordinance on the Subject of Salaries so as to
allow Councilmen two dollars for each meeting of the Council
they attend, to take effect from and after the 1st of May
1854

Adopted by the following Vote
Those who voted in the Affirmative are Messrs Avery,
Boaz, Colley, Dunlap, Graydon, Gowan, Jones, Karns, Keeley,
& Maguire 10

In the Negative Messrs Nelson, Pitts & Truxsess 3

Mr Maguire moved That Caleb Scudder be recommended to the Board of Trustees as a suitable person to take the census of the children in this City

Which motion prevailed

Mr Karns moved That the Council proceed to the election of School Trustee

Which motion prevailed

William Sheets was elected School Trustee on the first ballot.

Mr Pitts moved That the Council proceed to the election of Sexton of the Public Grave Yard

Which motion prevailed

Henry Stumph was elected Sexton of the Public Grave Yard on the first ballot

On motion of Mr Graydon the ordinance in Relation to the



Salaries of City Officers, was taken from the table and the following ordinance entitled -

An Ordinance in relation to the Salaries of City Officers, and providing for the payment of the same

Sec 1 Be it ordained by the Common Council of Indianapolis: That there shall be allowed to the several officers of the City of Indianapolis hereinafter mentioned the following annual salaries, to be paid quarterly, on the first Monday of August, November, January, and May during their continuance in office, that is to say, To the Mayor Six hundred dollars To the Marshall five hundred dollars and four hundred dollars additional for his Deputy while he employs one To the City Clerk Six hundred dollars To the Civil Engineer five hundred dollars To the Street Commissioner four hundred dollars To the Clerk of each Market one hundred and fifty dollars To the Sexton of the Public Grave Yard Seventy five dollars

- Sec 2 No other fees or perquisites shall be paid to any of said officers out of the City Treasury, nor shall the City be liable to the Mayor or Marshall for any fees in Suits before the Mayor in which the City is a party, and the acceptance of the Salary hereby provided said Officers shall operate as a release to the City of any claim for fees in any such cases
- Sec 3 If any Officer of this City shall vacate his Office before the expiration of the term for which he was elected his salary shall cease from the date of such vacancy, and his successor shall draw pay from the date of his induction into Office
- Sec 4 This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the 1st day of May A D 1854, and all other ordinance relative to the salaries of the aforesaid officers shall stand repealed from the day last aforesaid was ordained by the following vote

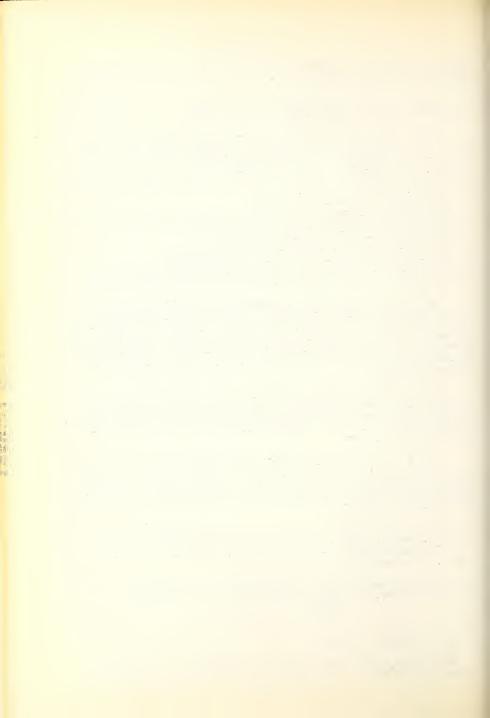
Those who voted in the affirmative are Messrs Boaz, Colley, Graydon, Gowan, Jones, Karns, Keeley & Truxsess In the Negative, - Messrs Avery, Dunlap, Maguire, Nelson, Pitts, & Seibert

Mr Nelson moved That Mr Shortridge be authorized to pay thirty dollars, for rent of this office for Six months (381)

(392)

Which motion prevailed

Mr Keeley moved That the City Attorney be instructed to bring suit against the property holders on Market Street



between East & Noble Streets upon their refusal to pay the amount of the estimate for improving said Street, assessed against them

Which motion prevailed

The doors of the Council Chamber were closed and the Council went into the consideration of establishing a Night watch

Mr Colley moved That the vote on the resolution authorizing the Marshall under the direction of the Council to organize a police force be reconsidered

Which motion prevailed

Mr Graydon re offered said resolution with the following additions, "by inserting 7 in place of 14" and adding, "and to be paid at the rate of dollars per day each

On motion of Mr Dunlap Said Blank was filled with two,

and the following resolution.

Resoved That the Marshall is hereby directed to organize immediately under the direction of the Council, a special police force or Night watch - said watch to consist of 7 men, and to serve during such time as the Mayor may direct, or until an ordinance can be passed organizing a permanent watch, and to be paid at the rate of two dollars per day each

Adopted by the following vote
Those who voted in the Affirmative are Messrs Avery,
Boaz, Colley, Dunlap, Graydon, Gowan, Jones, Karns, Keeley,
Maguire, Nelson, Pitts & Truxsess 13
In the Negative - Mr Seibert 1

Mr Colley moved That the Mayor have the power to appoint a sufficient number of watchmen not exceeding 7 men to serve until the Council meets again

Which motion prevailed

On motion of Mr Seibert the Council adjourned until tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock.

Attest Jas N Sweetser City Clerk James McCready Mayor