Council Chamber June 4th 1855

The Council met at 2 0'Clock P.M. present the Mayor and all the Councilmen except Messrs Goode & Sulgrove

City Treasurer monthly report was received and on motion refered to the Mayor and Clerk for examination.

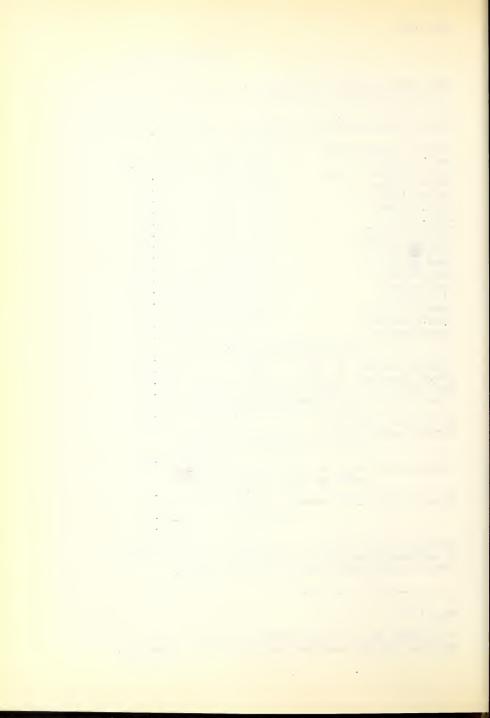
Street Commissioners report received, accepted and allowed days work per day \$1.25 May 4th 1855 8 3/4 # \$10.93 Philip Socks for 8 3/4 11 Chris Colman 10.93 69 5.00 1.87 Henry Stump 1 1/2 " Mich.OConnal 13.75 11 " Patk.Marty Timothy Haley 12 7 " 11 8.75 9.68 Patrick OHerron 7 3/4 11 John Kelley 10.00 8 # Fred Brinkmire 5 1/2 " 6.8**7** 8.75 Hugh Slaven 7 1 Tom Keenan 10.00 8 Tim Murphy 5 1/2 " Thomas O'Brien 6.87 10.00 Chas. Nutmire James Duncan 5.50 Hugh Slaven horses & Waggon at \$2.50 per 13.75 day for 51 days work Anthony Lawman 51 do Jacob Anderson 51 do do 13.75 13.75 do Webb & Fletcher 1875 ft lumber at 1.25 23.40 Frank Morris digging well at cistern New Jersey street 18 ft. 40¢ 7.40 1.00 Circle for the same Mathew Smock repairing pumps at the cistern and at 6th ward School House Mathew Smock one pump 23 ft long at cisterns on New Jersey street at 40¢ Edward Wilson for removeing brick from Old well 6.00 \$226,90

Alabama Street South of Pogues Run needs repairing as it is in a bad condition, caused from digging for gravel, to fill in front of the market house on South Street.

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The bridge on on Illinois Street crossing Pogues Run needs repairing, as but one side can be used for traveling.

J B.Fitler



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City Engineers report received & laid over for further inspection.

Indianapolis June 4th 1855

To the City Council,

Sirs My predicessor Mr. Wood upon retiring from office transfered to me the following property belonging to the City of Indianapolis viz; one old level (not fit for use) Two City Maps (Muncells & Sullivans) some existing contracts for building cisterns, bridges, and grading alleys not yet completed. The profiles of the grades of the Streets between East and West North and South Streets as established by the city Council March 3d 1842, and grades of Georgia St between East and Noble Streets established by the City Council July 24, 1854. Of the grades of the other Streets, I flnd no record in accordance with your instructions. At your last meeting I proceeded to set the grade stakes on Delaware Street from South Street to the crossing of the Madison Road but I found that no grade of that street had ever been established, and it will be necessary to have a profile of the Street and have it acted upon by the Council before setting the stakes. It will also be necessary to establish the grades of the Streets crossing this, at the same time, as it will not do to establish the grades of one street independent of the others and particularly in this case there being a R R track 4 feet high in the street West, and quite a hill two squares East. In connection with this subject I will state, that the proceeding Council and engineer have postponed or neglected to establish the grades outside of the old town plat, until it has become almost a matter of necessity that it should be attended to. Persons are establishing the foundations of houses, filling up streets &c independent of each other and without any system or regularity. There should be a regular system of drainage for each portion of the City for carrying of the water, and grades established to correspond thereto. In reference to the order for me to receive bids for the building of a cistern, at the corner of Maryland and Mississippi Streets, I find by reference to a contract between the former Council and Mr. Scofield, to build seven cisterns that this is one of the number I herewith present you an estimate of the cost of the proposed gutter on North side of Washington Street between Penn & Delaware Streets. Also the plans and estimate for eight street crossings on Washington Street with flagging and bolders. Also plans and estimate for sewer on West side of Illinois streets from North side of Washington street to Pogue's Run on South Street, agreeable to the resolution adopted at the last meeting of the Board.

Respectfully submitted, A.B.Condit, City Engineer



Contracts furnished and accepted:
The Bridge across the Cenal on Georgia st. is finished by the contractor Mr.Wilson, according to his contract.

A.B.Condit

We the undersigned committee on cisterns have examined the cisterns built by Mr.Schofield and find the following finished according to contract viz; 1 on corner of Pennsylvania and Market Streets, 1 on corner of Washington & Pennsylvania Streets, and 1 on corner of Louisiana and New Jersey Streets.

A.B.Condit)
Daniel Keeley(Commit
Samuel Beck)
A.W.Fuqua (

Estimate of Sewer on Illinois Street with out gutter \$1922.35 do do including gutter ower sewer 3082.35

Estimate of S crossings on Washington St.with cast iron bridge 516.00

Ditto with stepping stones in gutter instead of bridges 284.00

Estimate of Street gutter on Washington St between 165.00

Penn & Del st 165.00
A.B.Conditt,
City Engineer

Mr.Reed moved that the contract for a bridge across Pogues Run on New Jersey Street be accepted, and the City Engineers report be refered to the committee on cisterns. Prevailed

Chief Fire Engineers report was received and concured in Indianapolis June 4th 1855

Gentlemen the apparatus belonging to the different companies is in good servicible order at present. The cisterns are full except one at Lynches School house this cistern is not perfect. There is four new cisterns, the Committee examined them, on them I cannot report. Recommend Shults for four of the old cisterns the Committee on Cisterns examined one of them they know the advantages and disadvantages of the shutes. Recommend the completion of the yard back of the Victory Engine house, at present it is of no use to them.

Charles Purcell Fire Engineer



Andrew Little age 43 Desease Cholera May 19 26 20 Sarah J. Davis Consumption 11 22 Sarah Dale 30 Ħ " Inflamatory rheumatism 11 Elizabath Griffith 28 Ħ 23 Rachael Wishmire " 3 Consumption Patrick Sullivan " 33 Ireland " 24 42 " " Lung fever Ħ Catharine Farrell" 26 30 Infant child of Mr. & Mrs. Borgheaner Timothy Murphy " 5 months " 30 decline Rays ground Lot No 257 & 258 Weslet Brown age 18 months Desease Inflamation of the 9 Wary Jamery " 40 Consumption 24 Peaks ground Lots Nos. 154, 173, 141, 107 Julia M Gilmore age 18 months desease inflimation of the brain

20 Infant child of Mr & Mrs Anderson

" 21 " taken from Weavers valt name not known

24 Wm A Ryle age 18 months desease bilous feaver

" 26 Infant child of Mr & Mrs Williams

It will be seen from the above that the interments from the 9th to the 31st of May inclusive are 24 in 23 days, 4 of these were taken from the valt of Messrs Weever & Williams and 2 from the country, leaving deaths within the City limits 18 in 23 days.

John Moffitt

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Mr. Dunlap chairman of the Judiciary Committee presented the fol-

lowing Ordinance

An Ordinance to amend the 17th section of an ordinance, entitled, "An ordinance for the regulation and government of the City of Indianapolis," passed May 30th 1848.

Sec 1 Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis that the 17th section of said Ordinance which read as follows: "Sec.17 -Any person or persons, obstructing or hindering the free passage on any Street, alley, side walk or crossing, by placing thereon any building meterials or any waggon, coach or other vehicle, to be repaired, or any animal to be shod, or by hitching or tying any anamel or animals on any sidewalk, shall on vonviction thereof forfeit and pay three dollars; provided that nothing herein contained shall be construed to prohibit the loading or unloading of goods, wares, merchandize, or other things, without unnecessary delay; and provided also, that any person or persons occupying buildings for business purposes, shall have the privilege of using five feet of the cidewalk next to such buildings on any other street for the display of their goods



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wares, or other articles of trade, but noother point of any side walk shall be employed for such purpose" be and the same is ammended to read as follows: Any person or persons, obstructing or hindering the free passage of any street, alley, side walk, or crossing, by placing thereon any building materials or any waggon, coach or other vehicle to be repaired, or any animal to be shod, or by placing thereon any boxes, barrels, furniture or other materials of any description whatsoever, or by hitching or tring any animal on any side walk, shall on conviction thereof forfeit and pay three dollars; provided, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to prohibit the loading or unloading of goods, weres, merchandize, or other thing without unnecessary delay; and provided also, that no person or persons occupying buildings for business purposes, shall have the privilege of useing five feet of the side walk next to such buildings on Washington Street and four feet of the sidewalk next to such buildings on any other street for the display of their goods, wares, or other articles of trade, but no other part of any sidewalk shall be employed for such purpose, and Provided that this ordinance shall not be so construed as to affect fruit stands, provided the same do not obstruct the passage of persons on and along the sidewalks of the streets of said city.

Sec. 2 This ordinance shall take effect and be inforce from and after its publication as required by law.

Was Ordered by the following vote,

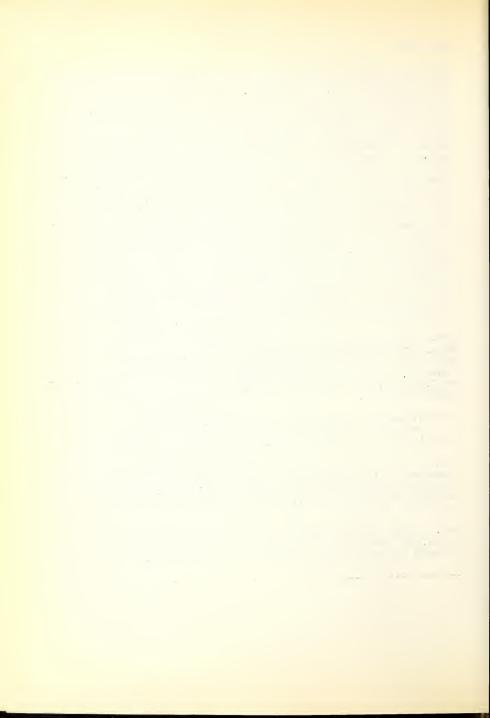
Those who voted in the affirmative are, Messrs Boaz, Beck, Delzell, Dunlap, Douglass, Fuqua, Horn, Jones, Keeley, Mansur & Reed Negative, None.

The following Ordinance was presented.

An Ordinance to establish an additional public market in the City of Indianapolis, and to regulate the same.

Sec.l Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, that there shall be and hereby is established, in the city of Indianapolis, an additional public market house, situated on South Street, between Delaware and Alabama Streets, and to be called the "South Market".

Sec. 2 The stated markets, shall be held in the said market house, on Monday and Thursday of each week, and no market shall be held in said market house on any other days.



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Sec. 3 Said market shall be opened at day light in the morning, from the first day of Way to the first day of October; and from the first day of October to the thirtleth day of April in each year at fifteen minutes before noon.

Sec. 4 The Council shall elect a market master for said South Market who shall be entitled to such reasonable compensation for his services as such, as said Council may hereafter fix upon.

Sec. 5 Said Market shall be governed by and conducted according to the rules and regulations prescribed in an Ordinance, entitled "An Ordinance in regulation to public markets". ordained and established the 11th day of November 1851. And any person or persons who may violate any of the provisions, rules, and regulations of the said Ordinance, at the said market house, during market hours, shall be subject to the penalties, in the said Ordinance established. And it is hereby made the duty of the market master to report to the mayor, without delay, all violations of the rules or regulations of the said ordinance of November 11th 1851.

Sec. 6 This Ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage and publication, as required by law.

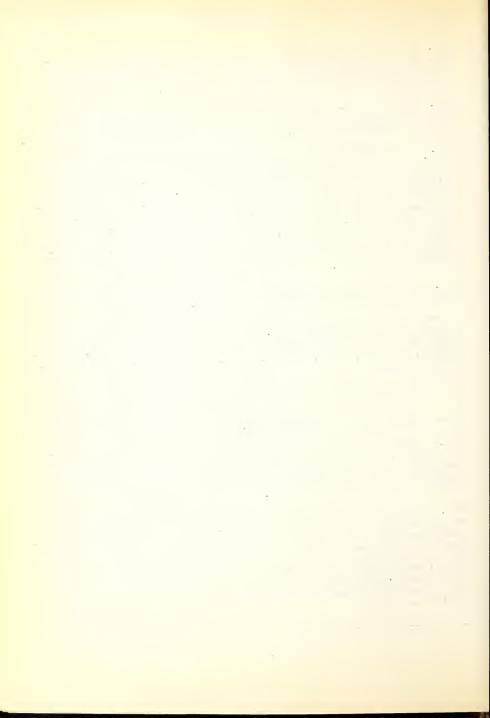
On motion the rules were suspended and said Ordinance was ordined by the following vote;
Those who voted in the Affermative are Messrs Boaz, Beck, Delzell, Dunlap, Douglass, Fuqua, Graydon, Horne, Jones, Keeley, Mansur & Reed.
Negative None

The following Ordinance was presented

An Ordinance to regulate the running of Locomotives and cars in the City of Indianapolis.

Sec. 1 Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, that it shall not be lawful for any Rail Road company to run any Locomotives or care over any of the rail road tracks, within the corporate limits of said city at a faster rate than four miles per hour.

Sec. 2 Each & every Railroad Company running locomotives & cars on & over any of the Railroad tracks, within the corporate limits of said City shall if coming into said City, on approaching the corporate limits thereof, commence ringing the bell attached to the Locomotive, and continue ringing the same, until such Locomotive or Locomotive and cars arrive at the point of distination; And when going out of said City, shall ring said bell from the instant of departure until past the corporation limits of said



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City, and when running any Locomotive or Locomotives and cars, from one point to another in said City, shall ring said bell, during the whole time such locomotive or Locomotives and cars, is or are, in motion.

- Sec. 3 It shall not be lawful for any Rail Road Company to leave any Locomotive or cars standing in any street or alley within the corporate limits of said City; nor shall any such Company stop or leave any locomotive or car standing at or so near to the cossing of any street or alley within the corporate limits of said City, as to hinder or endanger the free and safe passage of teams and persons, or at or so near to the cossings of any such street or alley as to prevent, hinder or delay, the passage of funeral or other processions, or to make it unsafe and hazardous for funeral or other processions to pass along any such street or alley, or on or along the crossing of any such street or alley.
- Sec. 4 It shall not be lawful for the whistle of any Locomotive to be blown within the corporation limits of said City, while such Locomotive is stationary or in motion, except in case of absolute necessity or where the rules and regulations of the company are imperative.
- Sec. 5 Any Rail Road Company violating the provisions of the first and section of this ordinance, by its several agents or employees, shall be fined the sum of twenty dollars for every such offense; and any such company violating the provisions of the third and fourth section of this Ordinance, by its servents, agents or employees, shall be fined the sum of fifty dollars for every such offence.

Sec. 6 This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication, as required by law.

On Motion the rules were suspended and the Ordinance was ordained by the following vote
Affermative, Messrs Boaz, Beck, Delzell, Dunlap, Douglass, Fuqua,
Graydon, Horne, Jones, Keeley, Mansur and Reed
Negative, None

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The following Report from the committee on Finance.

The committee on Finance to whom was referred the petition of the Widows and Orphans Society of this City, praying an appropriation of two thousand collars to ade in the erection of a building for the use of said Society, have had the same under consideration and after due deliberation have come to the conclusion, that objects of the Society and the high character of



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those connected with it give it strong claims to the favorable attention of the Council. They do not consider that it is the duty of the Council to regard every solicitation for assistance to benevolent projects, for such a principal would divert the funds of the City from their legitimate objects however good might be the object to wich they were diverted, nor do they base these recommendation in regard to this petition upon such a principal. But aside from the benevolent character of this society, it has claims upon the city which cannot be disregarded. Its design is to provide maintainance and assistance for destitute widows and children, and fully enable to execute it, the Society would releiv the City of a portion at least of the evils of professional beggerism and the depravity that unfortunately so often accompanies it, children who might otherwise be left to become vagabonds and thieves, may be by the assistance of this society, removed from the perils incident to their destitute conditions and prevent from burdening the City with the trouble of guarding against their depredations. In all cities, one of the most prominent and troublesome evils is the number of poor or depraved children driven by want to provide the means of sustenance by vice and crime. No inconsiderable portion of a citys expenses are devoted to the suppression of it. The efforts of this society aim directly to obviate that necessity by taking charge of such children, providing them with such assistance as they may need and placing them in the way of earning an honest livelihood. A System directed to this end with sufficient meens to be carried out fully and thoroughly would be of incalcuable benefit to us even but particily executed its good fruits would be constant and palpable. The society intrusted with its execution would therefore be a most important auxiliary to the police of the City, operating together through a prevention than a correction of one source of evel. It is for these reasons the opinion of the Committee that the Council should, so far as consistent with the conditions of the treasury and the probable demand

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upon it during this year for necessary improvements, make an appropriation in accordance with the prayer of said petitioners, they think however, after mature consideration, that they would not be justified in recommending an appropriation of the whole sum requested, here even of any part of it immediately. But they think that One thousand dollars might be appropriated to be paid one half in six months and the other half in twelve months, without seriously emberressing the City Treasury, and



they recommend the Council to make such an appropriation. They think however that prudence requires that some security should be given for the proper desposition of the money and that inasmuch as the ground upon which the appropriation is asked and recommend is that of adding the City police in an important object, that the Council should be allowed some power in the management of the institution to be added by it, and that such securities and power to particepate by a proper officer in the management of the institution should be made a condition of such appropriation.

James Sulgrove)

H.J.Horn (Comt J.B.E.Reed)

Mr. Fuqua moved that the report be received and laid on the table. Prevailed.

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The following accounts allowed,
To John S. Watts for rent on Lot 12 where O.K. House 1s $45.00
                                               5.50
 Michael Chary for Labor
  R.O'Neal
                                               5.00
  John W.Kemper
                                               6.25
                                               5.00
   Murphy
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                                               2.50
 Wm Looney
                                               2.00
 John Donnchue
 Michael Connel
                                               2.00
 Michael Curran
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                                               2,50
                                               2.00
 R. Weeks
  Walker & Vandegrift 580 ft Oak sills
                                               7.25
 James Kirlin for groceries by Willis
4.75
                                              2.50
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                                              1.50
" George W.Pitts
                                               2.25
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The following report was received and concured in



John Shaw for Loud solicitation for passengers at U Station American Fred R.Kayler " German 11 John Matler Edward Dupree " American Intoxication Peter Carroll " 11 п Jeremish Swail# Wm. Miller George W Maxwell " Improper language at U Station Mullen " Intoxication David Leach assalt & batery June 4th 1855 George W. Pitts Marshall

The following report was received

Amount of time served	by each	Watchman	
W.J.H.Robinson	served	27를	days
Francis I.Wright	11	26	H
Halvin Davis	Ħ	271	11
Thomas Atkinson	11	28]	11
David Dearinger	Ħ	27불	11
David Anderson	17	28	Н
Aaron Taff	11	261	91
A.S.Dale	17	18	11
B.F.Lobaugh	91	27	98
David B. Hay	19	28	88
Wm. McClain	11	26 1	Н
Robert Pratt	11	28	Ħ
Hubbard Adams	Ħ	27	n
George Owings	11	28	11
J.M. Vanblarican	11	20	Ħ

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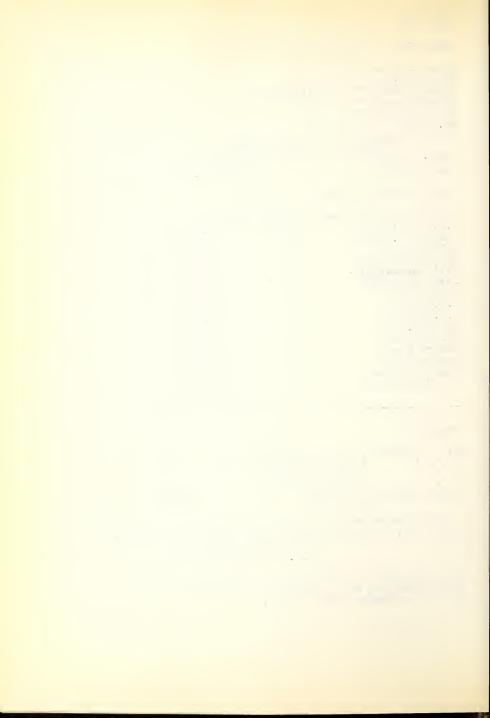
Eo "	01 H	Arrests	11	or intoxication disturbing the Pease fast driving	42 5 1
17	11	11		stealing horse	1
Who	ole	number	of	arrests	49

I would recommend the Council to allow two dollars to David Anderson for 8 days services as captain in my absence.

Respectfully submitted

J.M. Vanvlarican Capt of Watch

On motion the two dollars for eight days services was allowed to David Anderson and the Clerk was instructed to issue warrents for the services above stated.



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Mr. Jones presented an Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance amendatory of an Ordinance entitled an Ordinace relative to nuisances and other offencess against the police of the City of Indianapolis passed April 20th, 1852.

Which was read the first and second times and laid on the table.

Mr. Douglass presented the following,

An Ordinance to restrain Hogs and swine from running at Sec. 1 Be it ordained by the City Council of Indianapolis, that from and after the let day of July next, it shall be unlawful for hogs and swine of any description to run at large within the corporation limits of said City.

Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Delzell offered the following

Resolved that the street commissioner be directed to clean out all the gutters on streets that have been graded (at the expense of the City,) and fill up all holes on graded streets. Adopted by the following vote Affermative Boze, Beck, Delzell, Dunlap, Douglass, Fuqua, Horne, Jones,

Keeley, Mansur & Reed

Negative None

Mr. Keeley offered the following Resolved

That the street commissioner be and he is hereby requested to have the distern on the corner of Meridian and Ohio Streets repaired and put in condition to hold water

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Adopted by the following vote, Affermative were Messrs Boaz, Beck, Delzell, Dunlap, Douglass, Fuqua, Horn, Keeley, Mansur, and Reed Negative None

Mr. Keeley offered the following Resolved

That Street Commissioners be authorized by the Common Council to have the pumps at all the cisterns to have iron handles and pins, also iron straps and hooks on the same. Adopted by the following vote Affermative were Messrs Boze, Beck, Delzell, Dunlap, Douglass, Fucus, Graydon, Horne, Keeley, Mansur and Reed Negative, None

Mr. Boaz offered the following Resolved

That the Civil Engineer be directed to set the grade stakes on the West side of Meridian Street, from Washington



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Street to the Union Depot.
Adopted by the following vote
Affermative were Messrs Boaz, Beck, Delzell, Dunlap, Douglass, Fuqua,
Graydon, Horne, Jones, Keeley, Mansur, and Reed
Negative None

Mr. Beck offered the following Resolved,

That the City Engineer receive bids and put under contract to the lowest bidder the gutter, grading and graveling on North side of Washington Street from Pennsylvania to Delaware Adopted by the following vote
Affermative were Messrs Boaz, Beck, Delzell, Dunlap, Douglass, Fuqua,

Graydon, Horn, Jones, Keeley, Mansur, & Reed.

Mr.Jones offered the following Resolved

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to employ hands to Labor on the Streets that reside in the ward that the work is to be done in so far as it is possible to get them. Which was not Adopted by the following vote, Affermative were Messrs Douglass, Fuqua, Jones and Mansur Negative, Messrs Delzell, Dunlap, Graydon, Horn, Keeley & Reed

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Mr. Douglass offered the following Resolved

That the City Engineer be instructed to ascertain the cost of building an Office in the City Graveyard for the accommodation of the Sexton. The building to be 16 by 18 feet one story high, and report the same to the next meeting of the City Council.

Adopted by the following vote.
Affermative Messrs Boaz, Delzell, Dunlap, Douglass, Fuqua, Graydon, Horn, Jones, Keeley, Mansur and Reed
Negative, None

Mr. Reed moved that a committee be appointed to locate a cistern in the 7th ward Prevailed

The following were appointed Messrs Reed, Beck & Jones.

Mr. Mansur offered the following Resolved

That the Judiciary committee be instructed to forme an Ordinance so that the Stalls of the Market can be leased for the term of three years.

Adapted by the following vote.

Adstred by the Tollowing vote.

Affermative Messrs Beck, Delzell, Dunlap, Douglass, Fuqua, Graydon, Horn, Jones, Keeley, Mansur, and Reed.

Negative, Boaz



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Mr. Mansur offered the following.
Resolved

That it shall be the duty of the Marshal to see that the tumblers used in the Council Chamber are in such order that a whiteman can drink out of them.

Adopted by consent

Mr.Graydon presented the assessment roll of the City Assessor for the present year, showing the ammount of assessment to be \$6,822,815.

Mr.Dunlap moved that the Council meet on the 20th day of June for the purpose of hearing and deciding all complaints of the assessment, and that the clerk give notice of the same. Prevailed.

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Mr. Dunlap moved that the Council proceed to the election of Clirk for the South Market. Prevailed.

J.B. Fitler was elected Clerk of the South Market.

Mr. Dunlap offered the following Resolved

That that the Market Master at the South Market be allowed one hundred and fifty dollars per annum, payable quarterly as other officers.

Adopted by the following vote.
Affermative, Messrs Boaz, Beck, Delzell, Dunlap, Douglass, Fuqua, Graydon, Horn, Jones, Keeley, Mansur and Reed
Negative, None.

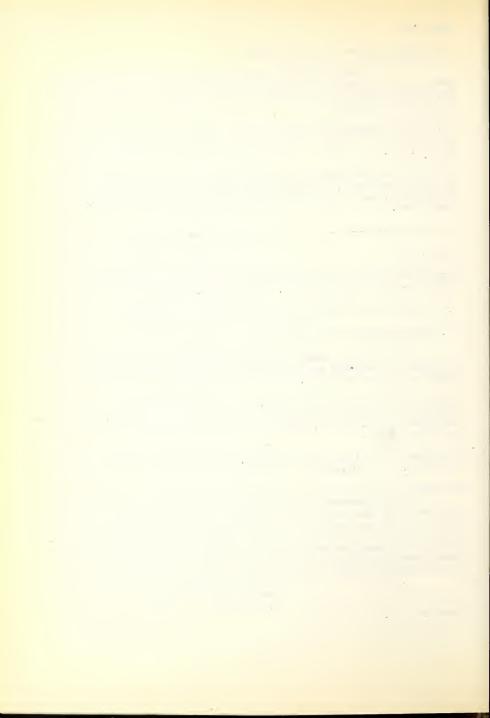
Mr. Jones moved that one half J.A. McNeels taxes for last year be refunded. Prevailed 8.05

Mr. Mansur presented the following petition.

To the Honorable City Council of the City of Indianapolis Gentlemen we the undersigned owners of property on the South side of Michigan street between Illinois and Tennessee Streets being desirous of having our side walk graded and graveled according to your Ordinance on the subject of making side walks would respectifully represent our property as follows and ask your honorable body to have the same done at our expense.

Cornelius King 97 ft 6 in Jacob Vandegrift 70 "
E.Colestock 110 "

Concured in.



Mr. Mansur moved that the City Engineer be instructed to let out the work to the lowest bidder. Prevailed

Mr. Horne presented a petition from Robert Harbison, praying the Council to allow him an ammount sufficient to reimburse him for the loss sustained in a contract for graveling the East Market Lot. Laid on the table.

Mr. Keeley moved that the account of Mr. Schofield be referred to the Committee on cisterns.

Prevailed

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Mr. Horn offered the following Resolved,

That the City Engineer advertise for bids for constructing eight crossings on Washington Street with cast Iron Bridge according to the plan presented, where the street is guttered and the walks are paved, and that two of the crossings be at Meridian Street and three East and three West.

Adopted by the following vote

Adopted by the 10110wing wage Affermative Messrs Boaz, Beck, Dunlap, Douglass, Fuqua, Graydon, Horn, Jones, Mansur and Reed

Negative Delzell and Keeley.

Mr. Jones moved that the City Engineer be authorized to take the bid offered for the construction of the distant or the corner of Mississippi and Maryland Streets.

Prevailed.

On Motion the Council Adjourned.

Attest

Alfred Stevens City Clerk James McCready Mayor

Bid of Cyrus Obets of the cistern on the corner of Maryland and Mississippi Streets.

I propose to build a cistern to be located on the corner of Maryland and Mississippi Street with cement and sand except to turn the arch for which lime and sand will be used, all to be completed in workman like manner at the rate of 65 cents per barrel.

Respectly

Cyrus Obets

May 29th 1855