

Council Chamber
September 3rd 1855

The Council met at 2 O'Clock P.M.. The Mayor and all members present except Mr.Goode.

The Treasurers monthly report was presented, and on Motion referred to the Mayor and Clerk for examination.

The Street Commissioners report was presented, concurred in and the following Accounts allowed

To Peter Morarty	for work	1 day at \$1.25	\$1.25
" James Dugan(Duncan)	"	4 days "	5.00
" James O'Connell	"	9-3/4 "	12.20
" Michel O'Connell	"	8 1/2 "	10.31
" Thomas O'Conner	"	3 1/2 "	4.37
" John Ferriter	"	5 "	6.25
" James (Harris)Heyse	"	10 "	12.50
" Fred (Wishmire)Brinkmire	"	7 "	8.75
" Charles Nutmire	"	10 "	12.50
" Muirson & Hight	Stone		5.00
" Hugh Slaven	for work	12 days with team at \$2.50	30.00
" " "	" "	12 days at \$1.25	15.00
" Pady Morarty	" "	12 "	15.00
" James Griffen	" "	10 "	12.50
" Frank Morris	" diging sinks at 40¢ a foot		8.90
" Christ Wysong	" gravel \$13 paid Frank Morris		20.00
" A.Graydon & Son	" Nails,Picks,Twine &c		57.86
			<u>\$217.29</u>

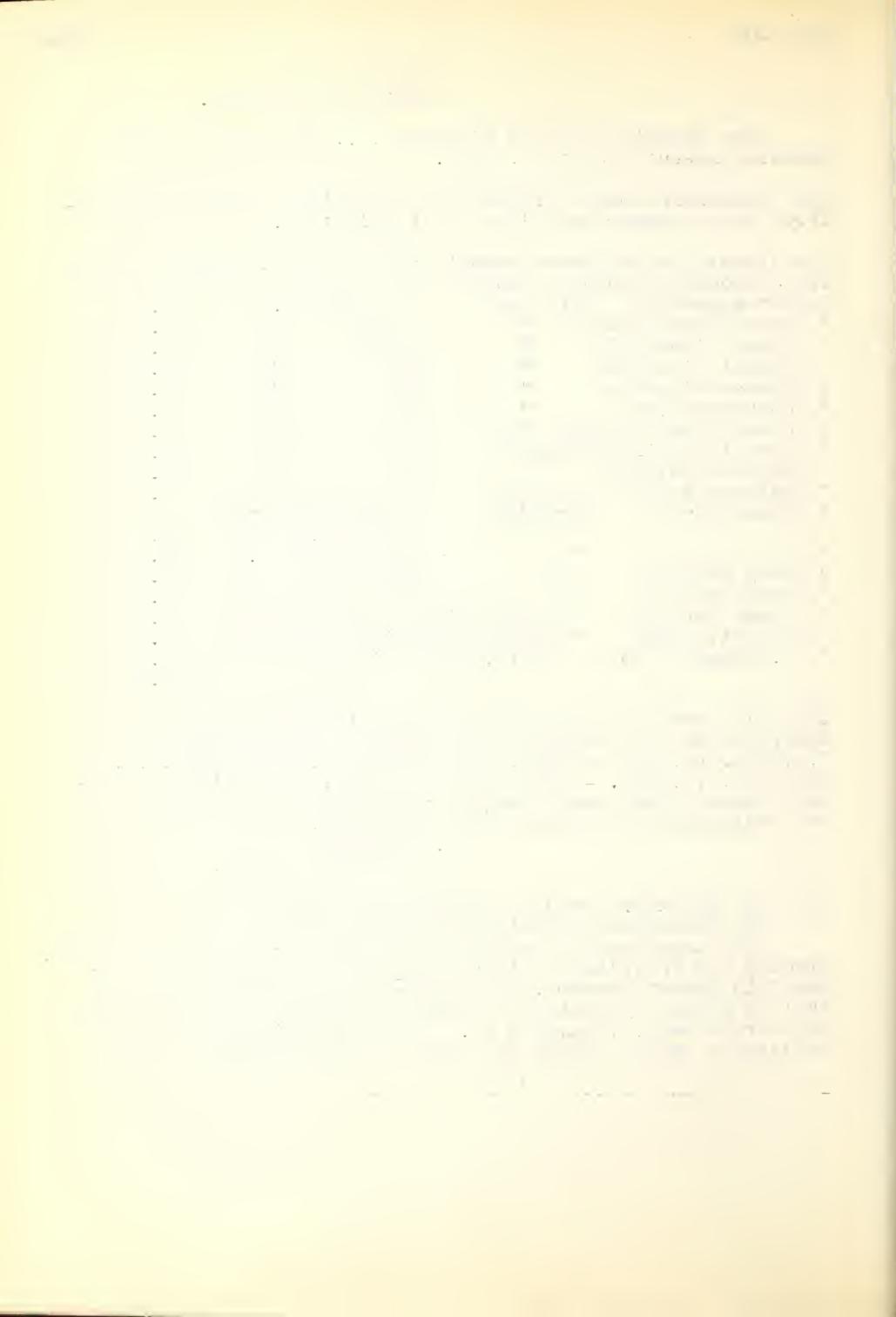
The alley running from Indiana Avenue to Illinois Street in Square No 34 is a nuisance, the owners of the property are J.A.McKernan, John Doughty, James Tomlinson, Charles Ray, L.R. Brownell, J.P.Pope. - Smith has a hog pen. The gutter on Illinois Street from Washington to Market Street on the East side is a nuisance and requires some attention.

I.B.Fitler,
Street Commissioner.

The City Engineers report presented and Concured in

To the Common Council of Indianapolis,

The Committee and myself to whom was refered the bids for grading and graveling Meridian Street, have awarded the contract to Robert Johnson. The contract for building the Stone Wall on Pogues Run between Virginia Avenue and Alabama Street is awarded to I.B.Stumph & Co. I have advertised for bids for building a Bridge across the canal on New York Street also



for grading and graveling East Street from Washington to North Street and have received the bids which are herewith presented.

A.B. Condit, City Engineer

Bids for grading and graveling East Street are as follows

John Bisbing for grading	14¢	per cubic yard,	graveling	30¢	pit 60¢	Rive
Robert Harbison	"	"	"	"	"	35 "
Jeremiah Shea	"	"	"	"	"	25 "
Lowman & Ferriter	"	"	"	"	"	45 " 65¢ "
James P. Ralston	"	"	"	"	"	36 " 75 "
Ephram C. Croas	"	"	"	"	"	25 " 68 "
and fill the gravel pit at	14¢	"	"	"	"	

On Motion awarded to the lowest responsible bidder.

Bid for building the bridge across the Canal on New York Street by King & Kennedy was \$370.00 and on Motion of Mr. Jones was laid on the table.

The Sextons report for August was presented, and concured in

The whole number of interments	59
From the Country	<u>12</u>
" " City	47

Interments of persons under 1 year	24
" " " from 1 to 10 years	16
" " " " 10 to 20 "	3
" " " over 20 "	16

Diseases.

From Summer complaint	12	
" Congestive chills	8	
" Consumption	6	
" Inflammation of the		
bowels	4	
" " brain	3	
" Dropsy	2	
" Cancer	1	John Moffett, Sexton

The Sexton also presented a communication, in which he stated that the burying grounds were in a bad condition.

Mr. Jones moved that the communication be received & that a Committee of three with the City Engineer be appointed to examine and regulate the burying grounds.

Prevailed

Messrs Jones, Keely and Mansur Committee.



Mr. Jones presented the following report of the Captain of the Watch.

Number of days served by the Watch		
W. J. H. Robison	served 28 days	\$42.00
Samuel Lafever	" 24 "	36.00
Haldin Davis	" 27 "	40.50
T. Atkinson	" 15 "	22.50
D. Derringer	" 28 "	42.00
I. I. Colley	" 18 "	27.00
A. Taft	" 27 "	40.50
A. S. Dale	" 16 "	24.00
Amos Scott	" 12 "	18.00
David Hay	" 27 "	40.50
William McClain	" 27 "	40.50
R. Pratt	" 27 "	40.50
H. Adams	" 26 "	39.00
George Owings	" 28 "	42.00
I. M. Vanblaricum	" 24 "	<u>42.00</u> \$537.00

Number of Arrests.

For Intoxication	21
" Gaming	4
" Disturbing the peace	4
" Larceny	<u>1</u>
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I. M. Vanblaricum Capt of the
Watch

On Motion of Mr. Jones the Clerk was instructed to issue warrants for said serviss

Mr. Dunlap presented the following report

Indianapolis September 3rd 1855

To the Common Council,

The undersigned Committee of the City Hospital beg leave to make the following report. That they have put under contract the South wing of the building so far as to secure its inclosure this Autum, to compotent and responsible persons, and at the lowest rates. The excavations is now nearly completed which was taken at 17 cents per cubic yard. Murrson & Hiatt furnish the stone, and finish the work complete for the sum of \$2,200, in cash Oliver W. Johnson has taken the contract for furnishing the Brick and material, and putting it up in the wall for \$7 per thousand. Enos & Kirtz furnish the lumber and do the carpenter work for the

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sum of \$1,180 in cash, which is respectfully submitted.

L. Dunlap)
James Sulgrove (Building Committee
Daniel Keely)

Mr. Dunlap offered the following,

Resolved,

That the contracts and agreements made by the Committee on the Hospital building be and is hereby confirmed by the Council.

Adopted by the following vote

Ayes Messrs Boaz, Beck, Delzell, Dunlap, Douglass, Fuqua, Graydon, Horn, Jones, Keely, Mansur, Reid and Sulgrove

Noes None.

Mr. Graydon presented the following,

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis;

The undersigned would respectfully represent to your Honorable body that on or about the 25th day of August 1855 the undersigned had taken measures to detect certain individuals, to-wit: James Gibson and Edward Holland, who were suspected of dealing in counterfeit or bogus money in said City, and if possible ascertain if such suspicion was well grounded, and that on or about said 25th day of August, aforesaid Robert L. Jamison, then and there being deputy Marshall of said City of Indianapolis, and now being such deputy Marshall did go to said Holland & Gibson and state to them that he was their particular friend, and if they had any bogus or counterfeit money to put it out of the way because the undersigned were going to search said Hollands house. The undersigned conceives such conduct in a sworn officer of the City highly improper, and calculated to render useless all efforts to detect and bring offenders to Justice; he therefore charges that the said Robert L. Jamison, in the matter aforesaid has been and is guilty of a breach of his duty, and of improper and unofficerlike conduct, and asks that this charge be investigated. All which they verily believe.

A. Hitchcock

I. J. Colley

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of September 1855.

Witness my hand and national seal.

(Seal)

N. B. Taylor

Mr. Graydon moved that a committee of three be appointed to investigate the charge against Robert L. Jamison.

Prevailed

Messrs Graydon, Beck & Delzell.

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Mr. Delzell moved

That Mr. Robert Johnson be authorized to make a gravel walk in front of the School House Lot on Vermont Street.

Prevailed.

Mr. Graydon presented the following Petition

To the Honorable the City Council of the City of Indianapolis

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The undersigned persons owners of the lots in Blocks 17 & 24 which front on Vermont Street between Pennsylvania & Delaware Streets, respectfully represent, that they wish to grade said Vermont Street between said Pennsylvania and Delaware Streets, and ask that the City Engineer be directed to place grade stakes on said Streets, in accordance with the City Grades, for that purpose.

James C. Yohu 195 feet
 Judith Brown 195 "
 Ann Wiseman 195 "
 David McDonald 163 "

The Motion granted and referred to the City Engineer.

Mr. Graydon presented the following communication
 To the members of the City Council

Gentlemen, I would like to know if the unoccupied rear portion of the lot, on which the Marion Engine House is being built can be bought and if so the price asked.

Respectfully

J. M. Kitchen

Mr. Graydon moved,

That a committee of two be appointed to examine the lot and set the price.

Prevailed

Messrs Graydon and Horne committee.

The following accounts were presented and referred to the committee on Accounts.

To J. Davis & Co for cistern, tubes, lids, rings & stelpes	\$507.40
" L. Comegys for putting safe in Odd Fellows Hall	70.00
" C. G. Berry " Printing	43.75

Mr. Sulgrove moved

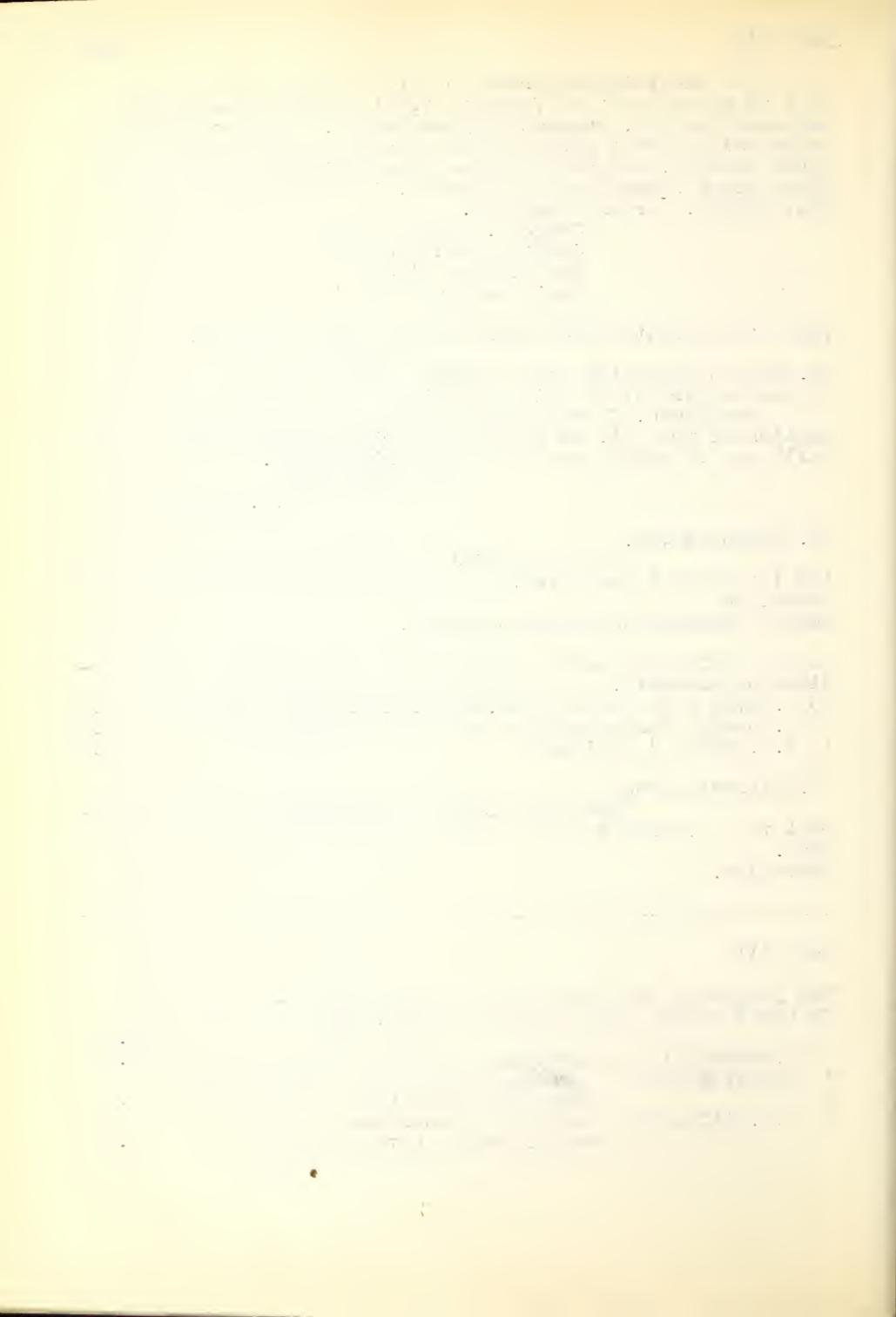
That the Clerk be instructed to issue a warrant to C. G. Berry for his account if the Committee find it correct.

Prevailed.

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The following accounts presented and allowed.

To Lewis Bishop for removing 13 Hogs, Cats & dogs at 25¢ a head	\$3.25
" H. Vandegrift for freight & expenses paid on safe	88.00
" Jeremiah Shea " grading & graveling crossings in the Alley in lot 63	29.36
" J. B. Fidler for grading the crossings of alley & back of School Lot in Sqr. 17	10.72



Mr. Jones presented the following

Resolved,

That the City Council confirm the appointment of Robert Barbee as watchman at the Athenium appointed by J.M. Commons Lassee of the Columbian Hall.

Adopted by the following votes:

Ayes. Messrs Boaz, Delzell, Douglass, Fuqua, Graydon, Horn, Jones, Keely, Mansur and Reid.

Noes Messrs Beck, Dunlap and Sulgrove.

Mr. Graydon presented the following

Resolved,

That the Judiciary Committee be requested to report as soon as practicable an ordinance regulating the weighing, selling and inspection of coal.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes. Messrs Boaz, Beck, Delzell, Dunlap, Douglass, Fuqua, Graydon, Horn, Jones, Keely, Mansur, Reid and Sulgrove.

Noes. None.

Mr. Delzell presented the following

Resolved

That the City Clerk be directed to notify the Commissioner to proceed to open Alabama Street through Block No 174 and assess the damages to the property holders on said block.

Adopted by the following vote.

Ayes Messrs Boaz, Beck, Delzell, Dunlap, Douglass, Fuqua, Graydon, Horn, Jones, Keely, Mansur, Reid and Sulgrove

Noes, None.

Mr. Jones presented the following

Resolved, That the City Marshall be directed to remove the nuisance in the alley West of the Baptist Church, and on the South side of Maryland Street between the canal and West Street, also the Slaughter house on Kentucky Avenue.

Adopted by the following vote.

Ayes Messrs Boaz, Beck, Delzell, Dunlap, Douglass, Fuqua, Graydon, Horn, Jones, Keely, Mansur, Reid and Sulgrove

Noes None.

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Mr. Jones presented the following resignation.

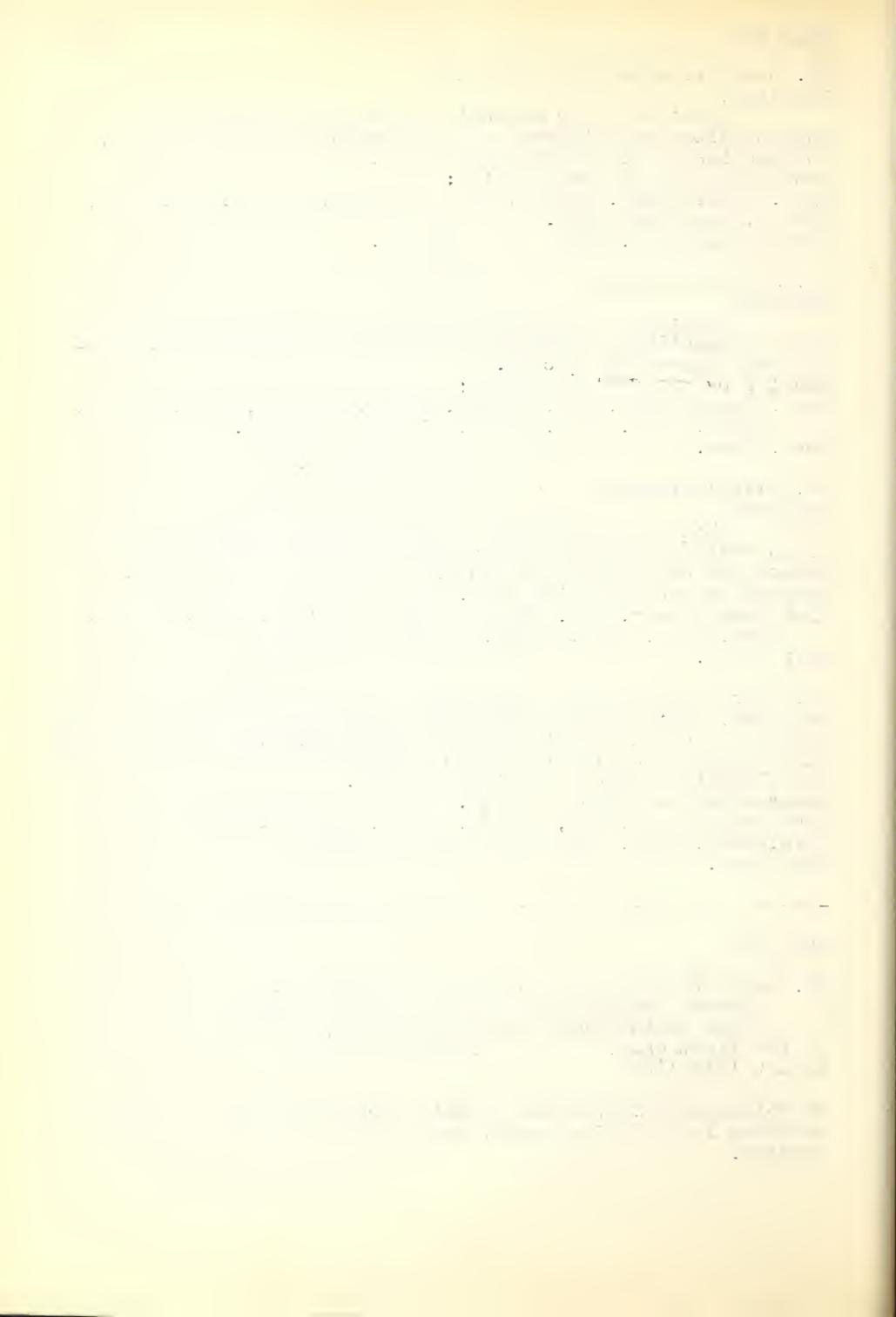
Common Council of the City of Indianapolis

This is to certify that I resign my office as watchman in the first ward.

Francis H. Wright

August 18th 1855

On Motion of Mr. Jones the Council proceeded to the election of watchman for the first ward, And William M. Skelton was duly elected.



Mr.Sulgrove moved

That the Treasurer be instructed to pay A.Turners warrant for Collected tax, out of the School Fund. Prevailed.

Mr.Graydon Moved that the Clerk issue Warrents to the Marion Fire Company for the \$500 appropriated to them heretofore. Prevailed.

Mr.Dunlap moved That the Civil Engineer be directed to set the grade stakes for the gutter on the East side of Meridian between Washington and Louisiana Streets. Prevailed

Mr.Horn moved That Mr.Norwood be allowed to take as much of the gravel at the Bank Cistern, as may be heeded to fill the gutter in front of his property. Prevailed.

Mr.Mansur Moved.That the alley in Square 34 be attended to by the Marshall. Prevailed.

On Motion the Council adjourned.

James McCready Mayor

Attest

Alfred Stephens City Clerk
