CITY OF RICHMOND

The Board of Aldermen of the City of
Richmond, held their regular meeting on
Tuesday, the 15th instant, and proceeded to
the order of business by electing H. D. Par¬
son, as per Chamberlain's list of officers.

The Aldermen present:—

H. D. Parson, President.

The Alderman present:—

J. W. H. McLaughlin, Clerk.

The Alderman absent:—


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Your Committee now submit, for the consideration of your Honorable body, the following report, which is accompanied by a statement of the circumstances connected with the matter, and which is founded on the most careful investigation, and the most mature deliberation.

Your Committee respectfully report to the City Council, and respectfully request that the same be referred to the Committee on Public Works for their consideration.

The present state of the city is such as to render it necessary that the question of providing a proper supply of water be at once regarded. The water supply of the city is inadequate and insufficient, and the public health and convenience are seriously endangered.

Your Committee have carefully considered the matter, and have arrived at the conclusion that the only safe and permanent solution of the problem is the construction of a reservoir and the laying of a water-pipe from the reservoir to the points of greatest demand.

Your Committee respectfully ask leave to submit the following plan for the construction of the reservoir, which is calculated to serve the needs of the city for many years to come.

The reservoir shall be constructed of stone, and shall be located at a point where the water-level is highest. The water-pipe shall be of cast iron, and shall be laid in the most direct line to the points of greatest demand.

The cost of the reservoir and water-pipe shall be estimated at $100,000, and your Committee recommend that the necessary funds be appropriated for this purpose.

Your Committee further recommend that a water-engine be purchased, and that a proper system of waterworks be established, in order to distribute the water to the various parts of the city.

Your Committee believe that the benefits to be derived from the construction of the reservoir and the laying of the water-pipe will far exceed the cost, and accordingly, they recommend that the plan be adopted and the work be commenced without delay.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. White, Chairman.

Your Committee.

May 10, 1852.