Monday Feby 18th 1856

The Branch met pursuant to Adjournment

Present John F McSilton Esqr Pres't and all the members except Mr Pennington absent

Mr Wright presented the petition of Dr Stevenson asking payment of his bill which was read and referred to the committee on claims

A message was received from the 2d Branch in relation to a change in the City Charter which was read

On motion of Mr Mullen the rules were suspended and the resolution read a second time by special order and adopted

A message was received from the 2d Branch bearing the report of the Judges & clerks of election held in ~~Sept~~ 1855 which was read and laid on the table

An ordinance was received from the 2d Branch entitled an Ordinance to close spring street

On Motion of Mr Keith the rules were suspended and the ordinance was read a second time by special order and passed

Mr Boyd offered the following resolution which was read and adopted

Resolved by the 1st Branch City Council that the water Commissioners be requested to examine immediately all the fire plugs in the city and have all the plugs put in good and efficient order with as little delay as possible

The following message was received from the Mayor and read,

Mayors Office City Hall
Baltimore Feby 18th 1856

To the Honorable
The members of the 1st Branch City Council

Gentlemen
I have approved of the following ordinance and resolutions emanating from you viz

Supplement to the supplementary ordinance No 5 Approved Feby 6. 1855

Resolution relative to building a bridge across the Patapsco River

Resolution granting extra pay to Judges & clerks of Elections

Resolution in Favour of Frederick Grotts.

Resolution in fav of Maryland Volunteers

Respectfully
Samuel Hinks Mayor

Mr Boyd from the committee on claims submitted the following reports which were read and laid on the table

The Joint committee on claims to whom was referred the petition of John Satterfield asking compensation for expenses incurred in consequence of injuries received while in the discharge of his duty as city watchman beg leave to offer the following resolution

J H B Boyd
Aug M Price
J N Hynes
First Branch

J E B Heintze
E C Thomas
John Hilbert
Second Branch