

Called meeting of the City Council
Austin Texas Nov 13 1887.
Horn W A Mayor Mayor Presiding

Roll call present Aldermen Metz Kinney Schubert
Brueggerhoff Radkey Guppertz Platt and Wilson
Absent alderman Morrell
a fine of one dollar was entered against
alderman Morrell for non attendance at this
meeting

Call of the Council read which was for
the consideration of the returns of the City Election
and general Business

Reading of the minutes of Oct 23, Oct 31
and Nov 6th 1887 postponed

Alderman Kinney moved that the Mayor
appoint a committee of three aldermen. To canvass
the return of the late City Election motion adopted

The Mayor appointed the following as the committee
aldermen Kinney Brueggerhoff and Schubert

alderman Metz moved that the committee be authorized
to open the box from ward no 1. so that they could
get the return from said ward motion adopted,

The return of Election being found alderman Metz
moved to reconsider the motion to open 1 ward box
motion adopted

The committee appointed to canvass the election
returns reported as follows,

Austin Tex November 13 1887.

To the President of the City Council
Sir

The undersigned committee appointed
to canvass the vote of the late City Election beg.
leave to report that we find from the Certificates
the following result

For Marshal John Plisk 809 John Kelly 608 R Platt 211
J Sublet 197. C R Oberwieser 88 Rly v. N Gammel 63
Frank Barton 1.

For school Trustees. R M. Dearing 1203
Walter Lips 1134. J M Litten 891 H. C. Still 421
Dukes 459 Jas Hall 222. For H. Stewart 205
H R Kinney 42.

For levying the school Tax 446. against 765
 For alderman of the third ward Lewis Palus 42
 J. W. Lawrence 89.

Showing John P. Kirk duly elected City Marshal
 J. W. Lawrence alderman of the third ward
 and R. M. Ruesarington Walter Lips and J. M. Litten
 as School Trustees and the school Tax defeated

Very Respectfully
 (Signed) H. B. Kinney
 William Bruggenroff
 J. Schubert

On motion the report of the Committee was adopted

Alderman Radkey moved that the Mayor
 administer the oath of office to J. W. Lawrence
 as alderman of the City of Austin from the 3
 ward motion adopted J. W. Lawrence came
 forward and was sworn in by the Mayor as
 alderman of the City of Austin

Alderman Radkey moved that the Mayor
 administer the oath of office to Mr. J. P. Kirk
 City Marshal motion adopted. Mr. J. P. Kirk
 came forward and was sworn in by the Mayor
 as City Marshal of the City of Austin.

Mr. J. P. Kirk presented his official bond as
 City Marshal of the City of Austin signed by Mr.
 J. P. Kirk as principal Peter Smith and C. West
 as sureties. On motion of Alderman Kuppertz
 the bond of Mr. Kirk as City Marshal was accepted
 and approved by the City Council

The following report was received from the
 Finance Committee and adopted by the Council

The undersigned Committee to whom was
 referred the annual reports of the assessor and
 Collector and Treasurer of the City of Austin
 beg leave to report that we have examined the
 official reports referred to comparing them with
 the books kept by the respective officers and that
 we find the reports correct and recommend their
 adoption Both reports are full and complete the
 report of the City Treasurer deserves special
 commendation for the thoroughness of its

details and the excellent for in which it is
presented (signed)

H B Kinney

Wm Bruggerhoff

R Raakey

Finance Committee

The following is the annual report of the Mayor
Mayor Office

Austin Texas Oct 31st 1882.

To the Honorable Board of Aldermen
City of Austin

Gentlemen

In compliance with the City Charter
I have the honor to submit herewith my annual
report

From the best data I am able to obtain I
find ~~on~~ that on the 31st day of October 1881 there
was an indebtedness outstanding as follows

Interest bearing bonds	\$100,000.00
<u>Floating debt</u>	\$360,954.6
10% warrants	\$700.00
6% warrants	\$360,954.6
Non interest warrants	\$1,749.94
<u>Out standing claims unpaid</u>	\$56,787.9
<u>Floating debt</u>	\$441,53.69

By reference to the City Treasurers report I find
under head of Credits Back Debts,

<u>Paid 10% warrants</u>	\$700.00
<u>6% warrants</u>	\$9685.07
<u>Non Interest warrants</u>	\$1,749.94
<u>Total warrants paid</u>	\$22,114.96
Leaving unpaid as	\$56,787.9

per Treasurers report.

The City Clerk book shows
warrants issued for out standing claims
Old warrants unpaid Oct 31st 1882

\$56,787.9

\$22,114.96

The total current expenses as per City Clerk report is as follows

Cemetery	41779	
Charity	170105	
Sanitary	137800	
Police	764950	
Hydrants & Sanitation	478175	
Market House	94001	
Feeding City Poultry	120445	
Miscellaneous	107515	
Salaries & Commissions	686308	
Hospital	39880	
Smallpox	733568	
Printing Stationery & Postage	99648	
Fire Department	465877	
Sticks & Bridges	188307	
Pauper Account	6500	
Street Lamps	<u>117366</u>	
<u>Total</u>		<u>\$3647144</u>

It will be observed there was paid on account of small Pox

\$733568

which deducted leave

\$3413576

had we not been visited by this fearful disease

From the Assessors and Collectors books

I find the assessed valuation of

all property for the year 1887. 5257.837

" " " 1881 4907.597

an increase of

350.240

For the last year over the preceding one this shows a steady growth in the value of City property creditable to the enterprise of the citizens

I respectfully call your attention to the report of the Chief of the Fire Department Mr August Giller which show on account of loss of only \$8.00 from April 1st 1887 which can be attributed mainly to the efficiency of that Department, when we take into consideration the embarrassed condition of the City Financially and the necessarily small amount allowed the Fire Department I feel that they desert the highest praise for the noble sacrifice each and every one has made towards protecting the property of our citizens as well as the kindly spirit they have shown in

the reduction of the expenses in that department

The question of a permanent Hospital is one of growing importance to the City and I trust that the Tax assessed of one per cent for that purpose will soon be available

The death ratio as per the City Reports report showing 766 deaths during the year the year shows our city to be remarkably healthy and should commend it as a health resort. The influx of strangers seen daily upon our streets and at our hotels and boarding houses shows its healthfulness is becoming known and appreciated

I must avail my self of this opportunity to congratulate you upon the Financial showing as per the accompanying Reports this has been accomplished by rigid economy demanded by our Charter and expected by the inhabitants of our city. No warrant has passed from my hands with out the money in the Treasury to pay the same consequently the owner has received the full face without discount. No debt of this administration remains unpaid

The bonds of the City are held at 140 as against 115 twelve months ago and old warrants are held at par as against a discount then

I trust we may be able during the next twelve months to liquidate the balance of the floating debt and commence improvements of a permanent character which are sadly needed

Very Respectfully,

W. A. Taylor

Mayor

Annual Report of the City Treasurer for the Fiscal year commencing Oct 31st 1887 and ending Oct 31 1888

Debits

Balance on hand Oct 30 th 1887		5597.16
Received from the Assessor and Collector of Ad Valorem Tax	51659.24	
" " Licenses	11813.30	
" " General Fund	5941.60	
" " Market	7024.50	71116.64
<u>Total receipts</u>	<u>71116.64</u>	<u>76713.80</u>

CreditsBack debt

Paid 10% Warrant Washington Fire Co	70000	
" 6% " "	1968507	
" Non interest warrants for back claims	177894	
" " " issued by Mayor Wheeler	1.00	7711496

Interest

Paid Interest on 10% Bonds	939500	
" " " " 6% " "	54000	
" " " " 6% Warrants	111695	
" " " " 10% " "	4413	1109608

Current Expenses

Non Interest warrants for current expenses	3743501	
<u>Total Expenditures</u>	7064605	

Balance on hand 6067.75

at credit of Back debt account	49879	
" " " Market Fund	53571	
" " " Hospital "	52734	
" " " Current Expenses account	471140	606775
		<u>7671380</u>

School Fund

Rec'd Certificate from State Board of Education	527600	
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Paid Certificate of Credit to B C Ludlow
Treasurer Austin Public Schools

527600	
527600	527600

Very Respectfully
J W Howard
City Treasurer

Report of the assessor and Collector for the Fiscal
Year ending October 31 1882

To Income of Ad Valorem Taxes	1882	610043
" " " " " "	1881	42768.58
" " " " " "	1880	282294
" " " " " "	1879	27686
" " " " " "	1878	29810
" " " " " "	1877	12325
" " " " " "	1876	4000
" " " " Back Taxes		22908

To income from Licenses	11813 80
" " " Market House	10881 65
" " " Cemetery	662 00
" " " Mayors Court	3861 00
" " " Ground Rent	579 15
" " " Dog Tax	27 25
" " " Miscellaneous	484 05
<u>Total</u>	<u>76116 64</u>

Miscellaneous embraces the following

Receipts from Stock Pound	1113 00
" from interest on Tax property redeemed	1033 00
" " as costs on tax deeds for recording	385 00
" " one horse sold as picked up stock	11 00
" " W. Erwin Water privileges	90 00
" " Sale of small pox effects	108 45
" " Sale of one Copy of City Code	2 00
" " City Marshal feed as prisoners	165 00
	<u>484 05</u>

Credits

By City Treasurers Receipts No 808 to and 877 \$71116.64

Report of the City assessor and Collector for the year ending Oct 31st 1882.

To income from Ad Valorem Tax for 1882	6100 43
" " " " " " " 1881	3649 00
" " " " " " " 1880	376 60
" " " " " " " 1879	86 00
" " " " " " " 1878	95 00
" " " " " " " 1877	65 00
" " " Back Taxes	42 45
" " " Licenses	6140 15
" " " Market House	166 80
" " " Cemetery	290 00
" " " Mayors Court	1532 00
" " " Ground Rent	57 50
" " " Dog Tax	27 25
" " " Miscellaneous	126 50
<u>Total</u>	<u>18500 68</u>

Credits

By receipt of City Treasurer No 857 to and 877 18500 68

Report of Taxes Collected by the assessor and
Collection for public schools for the Qr ending
Oct 31st. 1882

To Income from school Tax for the year 1882	983 89
" " " " " " " " 1881	865 85
Total	1849 74

Credits

By Treasurers Receipt N ^o 13 to and 17	1849 74
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Respectfully submitted

Fred Stenzing

City assessor and Collector

Austin Texas Oct 31st 1882

Report of the City Clerk for the Qr ending
Oct 31st. 1882. Warrants

For.	Amount \$
Cemetery	1154 99
Fire Department	2438 11
Hydrants	1741 50
Hospital	398 80
Interest on old warrants	519 60
Miscellaneous	170 60
Feeding City Prisoners	371 40
Market house	193 57
Police	1809 00
Sanitary	567 75
Streets and bridges	551 68
Salaries of Commissioners	2049 70
Stationary Printing & Postage	238 70
Small pay	181 75
	<u>\$11327 65</u>

The following is the Report of the Chief
of the Austin Fire Department
Execution office

Austin Fire Department

November 1st 1882

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen
of the City of Austin
Gentlemen

In compliance with article 184 of the Ordinances
of the City of Austin it become my duty to
furnish you a report of the Condition and operations

of the Fire Department and therefore I herewith respectfully submit the following

The active force of the department consists at present of Chief Engineer one assistant Chief Engineer and one recorder four Foremen and one hundred and forty one firemen

We have four hostlers and one engineer one hostler to each Truck (2 Trucks) and one to each hose carriage (2 hose Carriages) The Engineer having in charge ~~both~~ the two steam Engines The apparatus in service consist of two third class Sigsby Engines with hose Carriages and two Trucks. The company stationed in the northern part of the City have also a hose carriage in connection with their truck all apparatus being conveyed to fires by horses

Washington No 1 have purchased a new hose carriage at a cost of nine hundred and fifty dollars (\$950.⁰⁰) one horse at three hundred and one set of improved fire harness at a cost of one hundred and twenty seven (\$127.⁰⁰) dollars being the amount of one thousand three hundred and seventy seven (\$1377.⁰⁰) dollars said amount being paid out of the Companies fund

Colorado Company have purchased a horse at three hundred and fifty (\$350.⁰⁰) dollars also one set of improved fire harness at a cost of one hundred and twenty seven (\$127.⁰⁰) dollars also improvement on hose carriage in the neighborhood of one hundred (\$100.⁰⁰) dollars being the amount of five hundred and seventy seven dollars paid out of the company fund. The carriage of this company being city property. I would respectfully suggest that when the City is better financially situated that the amount paid for improvements be refunded to the Company

The horses of the Truck companies are also Truck Company property. Truck no 4. which has been dispensed with is in the hands of the Fire Company of the City Council

During the past we have experienced long delays in communicating the alarm from the northern part of the City to the alarm bell but this delay will soon be remedied as the company in that

part of the City has now a large bell on the ground which will soon be erected. Cost of bell and tower with drying apparatus will cost in the neighborhood of two hundred and sixty five dollars. Thanks to your honorable body for the fifty dollars appropriated towards the fire bell. The balance will be paid by the Company having been raised by subscription from the Citizens.

Total no of Fires from the 1st day of April 1881 to this Nov 1882 was five and the loss occasioned thereby \$75,000. Insurance \$3000.

Actual expenses of the department at present per month three hundred and ten dollars \$310.00.

There being a vacancy on the Board of Fire Commissioners on the part of the City through the resignation of alderman Cook I would respectfully ask that an other be appointed. With our trucks and Engines in best of repair I have no suggestion to make for improvement. Thanking you for the assistance you have rendered this department

I remain Gentlemen

Yours Respectfully

A. Gillen

Chief Engineer

Seattle Fire Department

Attest Charles Hofheinz

Recorder Auditor Fire Dept.

The report of the Chief of the Fire Department having been examined by the Fire Committee recommend its adoption

Wm Bruggerhoff

R. Radkey

Fire Committee

The report of the Chief of the Fire Dept and the Fire committee were adopted

Report of the City sexton for the year ending Nov 1 1882

From Nov 1 1881 to Nov 1 1882

Total deaths 799. white 182 Colored 108 Mexican 3 China 1 Male 107 Female 137 Still born 51
Age from birth to 5 172 for 5 to 10, 75. from 10 to 20, 75
from 20 to 30 34 of twenty two the age not given
from 30 to 40 24 over 40 1.

Foreigners German and switzers 19 France 1

Italian 1 England Ireland Scotland & Sweden

Norwegian Deers, & Mexican & Chinese skins,
brought here from outside the City & Co. Paupers & Co
buried from the City and County.

Mortality 19 to the 10000 of the City of Austin
by a population of 14000 which I believe it is now
Respectfully

E. L. Kidder

City Sexton

The yearly report of the City Sexton was adopted

The Finance Committee reported as follows on
the petition of Officer Bennett

Hon W A Sayler Mayor of Austin

The undersigned Committee recommend that
the within petition be granted because other
petitions of a like character have heretofore been
granted but we desire to express the opinion
that in the present financial condition of the
City Government such payment should no
longer be made and we recommend the passage
of an ordinance to that effect.

Signed H B Kinney

Wm Bruggenhoff

R. A. Kelley

Finance Committee

Report of the City Physician for the month of
Oct 1884.

Hon Mayor and City Council of City of Austin
Gentlemen

During the month of Oct 1884

I made to patients not in hospital thirty prescriptions
Eighty seven visits were made including daily visits
to the hospital and usual cases of minor
surgery

At date of my last report there was seven
cases on hand in hospital During the month
under consideration eight cases entered two
died eight were dismissed and five remain
under treatment

Respectfully Submitted

J. Cummings M.D.
City Physician

Austin Texas Oct 31st 1884

The Charity committee ^{recommended} that the report of the City Physician be received and adopted
Report received adopted and ordered filed

Report of the Police Committee

We the undersigned Police Committee to whom was referred the report of the City Marshal was referred to recommend that the same be received and adopted

W B Smith
R Black.

Report of City Marshal Ben Thompson. to the 13 day of Oct 1882. Fines 460⁰⁰ Cash 771⁰⁰
Worked out fines 1885⁰⁰

Report of John Chunneville ^{City Marshal} from Oct 24 to Oct 31 1882
Fines in Mayor's court 105⁰⁰ Cash from fines 210⁵⁰
Fines worked out 44⁵⁰ collected fine previous to Nov 24th 1882. 95⁰⁰

Report of the City Marshal as market master for the month of Oct 1882. amount collected from rent of vegetable stalls \$71²⁰

To the Hon Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Austin

The undersigned member of the special committee to whom was referred the ordinance granting to rail road Companies the privilege of erecting a union depot Building on that portion of Cypress street lying between Congress Avenue and Colorado Street

would most respectfully dissent from the majority report for the following reasons

I am clearly of the opinion that we have no authority to grant the privilege and I think Art 6. of our act to incorporate the City of Austin approved Dec. the 27. A.D. 1889, Mariban B Laman President of the Republic of Texas ought to in my opinion settle that question. it reads as follows Be it further enacted provided however that this act shall not be construed to give to the Mayor and City Council any power or authority to alter occupy or change in any way manner the ways squares

streets roads or alleys, as laid down and surveyed according to the plan of the City made under the superintendence of Edwin Waller agent of the Government nor to interfere in any way with the roads streets squares or lots which may be laid off within the precincts of the City selected to locate the seat of Government

In further support of the proposition which I maintain I will quote the language of Judge Tracy of the Supreme Court of New York. He says while the Legislature may regulate the use of a street it has we think no power to authorize a structure thereon which is subversive of and repugnant to the use of it as a street as an open public street

The Court further held that streets were a trust to the City which the City was bound faithfully to administer that is as I understand it the right to improve or beautify for the convenience of travel but not to dispose of abstract or destroy sell or lease any part thereof

The ordinance does not sufficiently describe the building either in its dimensions or locality or the material to be used in construction and it is in direct conflict with an Ordinance passed Sept 4th 1885 which requires them to specify the kind of material to be used in the construction of all buildings before permission can be granted. In fact the interest of the City is not guaranteed in any particular except to publish and keep in repair the railing for the purpose of a sidewalk

I believe it contrary to public policy to grant the Ordinance it would set a precedent that would be dangerous to follow other corporations or individuals would be asking for similar or other privileges and it would tend to impede legislation create endless confusion. The ultimate would be endless litigation, and I therefore recommend that the Ordinance do not pass

Respectfully
R Platt

The report of Mr Platt was received and ordered filed

Alderman Brueggerhoff reported verbally for the special committee on the right away to the Capital ground stating that the Committee were not ready to report and asked for further time. Further time granted to the Committee.

Alderman Metz moved that alderman Lawrence be placed on all the standing Committee that alderman Cook was formerly a member of. Motion adopted.

Alderman Kinney offered an ordinance regulating the pay of aldermen which was read. Alderman Kuppertz moved to refer the Ordinance to the Ordinance Committee. Alderman Kinney moved to lay the motion of alderman Kuppertz on the table. Motion carried by the following vote: yeas aldermen Kinney Lawrence Brueggerhoff Radkey nays aldermen Kuppertz, Bloch and Wilson.

Alderman Kinney moved to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second reading. Motion lost by the following vote: yeas Aldermen Kinney Lawrence Schuber Brueggerhoff Radkey nays aldermen Metz Kuppertz Bloch and Wilson.

The ordinance granting Rail Road the right to erect a union Depot building on Cypress Street was referred back to the special committee.

Dec 4 1887
Read and approved December 4 1887

Thomas L. Burnell
City Clerk