Regular Meeting of the City Council
austin Texas August 6th 1883

How ev a Taylor mayor presiding

Roll call present aldermen Metz Kinney Franckuck. Clark and Wilson Lawrance

A fine of one dollar was entered against Lumpkin and Schuber for non attendance at this meeting

Minutes of Council meeting of July 16. 23 & 31 and August 1 and 3 1883 read and approved

A petition was received from H. Hershfield asking the Council to furnish 1 water hyarant for that part of the Cemetery used for a Hebrew burial ground. Referred to the Cemetery Committee

A Petition was received from Citizens east of Shoal creek protesting against the Comkrise Company using East Cypress and Bowie Street and West avenue for rail road track Referred to the Street Committee

a petition was received from the Austin Athletic association asking the Council to grant them the right to moor their bath house or float immediately south of Jones iron foundry on the river and further ask that they may have the right to make a decent to their floting establishment by means of a stair way on the edge of the bank Alderman Kinney moved that the petition be granted on condition that after an examination by the Street committee they are satisfied that no damage will result to the Street or river embankment motion adopted

The following reports for the quarter ending July 31 1883 was received from the City assessor City Treasurer and City Clerk which was referred to the Finance Committee

Report of the assessor and Collector for the Quarter ending July 31 1883.

July 31	To income from ad Valorum tax for the year 1882	$1177.76
" "	" " " " " " 1881	146.15
" "	" " " " " " 1880	118.85
" "	" " " " " " 1879	85.00
" "	" " " " " " 1878	105.00
" "	" " " " " " 1877	120.00
" "	" " " " " " 1876	106.00
" "	" Back Taxes	341.15
" "	" Licenses	1899.65
" "	" Market House	490.40
" "	" Mayors Court	1400.70
" "	" Ground rents	20.00
" "	" Miscellaneous	731.87
	Total	$16439.61

Credits

By Treasurers receipts No 908 to 916 inclusive $16439.61

Respectfully submitted
Fred Sterzing
City assessor and Collector

Austin Tex July 31st 1883

Report of Taxes collected by the assessor and Collector for public schools for the Qr ending July 31 1883

To income from school Tax for 1882		1898.70
" " " " " "	1881	38.70
	Total	1937.00

Credits

By Treasurers receipts No 76, 76, and 77 1937.00

Respectfully submitted
Fred Sterzing
assessor and Collector

Austin July 31 1883

Report of the City Treasurer for the Quarter commencing May 1st and ending July 31st 1883.

Debit

Balance on hand April 30 1883			140737
Received from the assessor and Collector			
on a/c Advalorem Taxes		17749.44	
" " Licenses "		1899 65	
" " General Fund		165757	
" " Cemetery "		14750	
" " Market "		49043	1643761
			30463.33

Credits

Back debt			
Paid 6% interest warrants	706781		
" non " "	3101		
" " " notwithstanding	100		
" " " War Degrees "	75		710.56
Interest account			
Paid Coupons and July 1 on 10% bonds	150.00		
" non interest warrants for interest on 6% "	36989		519.89
Cemetery Fund			
Paid non interest warrants			757.49
Market Fund			
Paid non interest warrants			41746
General Fund			
Paid non interest warrants			1306043
			16.360 83

Balances

Back debt	76 19	
Interest	463000	
Cemetery Fund	46669	
Market "	110455	
Hospital "	500095	
General "	787417	1410750
		30463 33

Statement of Balances accounts	Cash.	appropriated & reserved	Unappropriated
Back debt	76 19	76 19	
Interest	463000	463000	
Cemetery Fund	46669	50000	
Market "	110455		110455
Hospital "	500095		500095
General "	787417	139710	148197
	1410750	654834	758747

Respectfully submitted J. W. Howard City Treasurer

Report of the City Clerk for the Quarter ending July 31 1883.

Warrants issued from May 1st to July 31 1883.

For	salaries and Commissions	24751 73
"	Streets and Bridges	1779 60
"	Sanitary	344 50
"	Street Lamps	204 45
"	Police	1989.00
"	Printing Postage & Stationery	338 78
"	Pauper account	75 50
"	Cemetery	75 99
"	Fire Department	936 00
"	Interest on warrants	367 89
"	Water rent	3.766.97
"	Hospital	397 75
"	Market House	584 17
"	Jailing City Prisoners	187 80
"	Miscellaneous	166.85
	Total	$ 13815 88

Respectfully submitted

Thomas L Purnell

City Clerk

Austin Texas August 1st 1883

The following report of the City Physician was referred to the Charity Committee

Hon Mayor and City Council of the City of Austin

Gentlemen

During the month of July patients not in Hospital received forty prescriptions sixty four visits were made including those at Hospital On the date of my last report five patients remained in hospital under treatment since which date six were received of these six have been dismissed four remain on hand and one died Respectfully submitted

J Cummings

City Physician

Austin Tex Aug 6. 1883

The report of the City Marshal for the month of July 1883 shows 143 arrests, amount of fine collected in cash $ 469.75 fines worked out on the street 185 50 rent from vegetable stands $ 7 50 the report was referred to the police committee

The report of the City Sexton for July 1883 shows Total deaths for the month 31 white 2 Colored 1 American. 1 also three burials from different Counties Referred to the Cemetery Committee

The special committee appointed to investigate the matter of feeding city prisoners submitted the following report which was adopted

The undersigned committee to whom was referred the complaints in regard to the feeding of the City Prisoners beg leave to report that we find the testimony in regard to the matter very conflicting We have heard very positive testimony on the part of the Police Clerk and other officers to the effect that the food supplied to the prisoners was not in accordance with the contract either in quality or quantity There is equally positive testimony from the marshal and City Porter and others that the food generally has been all that could be expected but we are forced to the conclusion that on several occasions spoiled meat half baked bread and very doubtful coffee have been furnished probably without the knowledge of the Contractor

But we must insist that inasmuch as the Contract was given to one whose bid was 4 cts higher per meal than any other bid, there should be no exceptions to the furnishing of good and abundant food, and that the proper officers should see that the prisoner get what the City pays for

H. B Kinney
N B Metz

A Petition was received from the Pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church asking the Council to remit a city tax levied against their church Property for the year 1880

Alderman Platt called up an ordinance which was read third time. Vacating south half of Block fiftynine to E W Shands and his associates for the purpose of erecting a general market house to cost not less than five thousand dollars and the lease to be for

five years at annual rent of one hundred dollars
Alderman Kinney moved to indefinately postpone the ordinance motion lost by the following vote Yeas Kinney and Lawrance. nays Metz. Pfann Kuche Platt and Wilson

alderman. Platt moved that the ordinance pass motion adopted by the following Vote Yeas. Metz. Pfann Kuche Platt and Wilson

The following letter was received from Foster and Co which was referred to the finance Committee

Austin Texas aug 6th 1883

To his Honor the Mayor and Board of aldermen of the City of austin

Gentlemen

We proposed to sell to the City of austin $10,000.00 City of austin 10 per cent bonds due 1893 at 104 and accrued interest and take austin City 6 per cent bonds properly issued in payment for the 10 per cent bonds at par

Yours Respectfully
Forster & Co

Alderman Kinney called up an ordinance levying 3/4 of one per cent Ad Valorem Tax for the year 1883 The ordinance was read second time

Alderman Platt called up an ordinance levying 1 per cent ad Valorem Tax for the year 1883 and setting aside one tenth of the amount collected for hospital purposes. the ordinance was read second time

His Honor the Mayor presented the returns from the election held in the 6 ward on August 4th. 1883 for alderman of said ward Alderman Platt moved that the mayor appoint a committee of 3 aldermen to canvass the returns for the 6 ward motion accepted His honor appointed as the Committee Platt Metz and Kinney

The committee made the following report which was adopted

We the undersigned committee appointed to canvass the returns from the election held in the sixth ward find from examination of the report of the judges of said election that J W Driskill was elected alderman of the sixth ward

R Plant
N Bmitz } Committee
H B Kinney

Austin Tex Aug 6. 1886

Alderman Kinney introduced an ordinance providing for the sale in the City of Austin or new York City bonds of the City of Austin of the denomination of $500. each. to the amount of $75000. said bonds to bear interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum. and payable twenty years from January 1st 1884 The ordinance was read first time

On recommendation of alderman Plath the Mayor nominated R E. Richardson as special Police officer alderman Wilson recommended S W Scott as special police offic on recommendation of alderman Hannkuck. Fred Plath was nominated as a police officer on motion the nominations were confirmed by acclamation

A Petition of Keil Inc. Cashin asking the Council to remit a fine of five dollars imposed against him in the mayors court was referred to the City Marshal

On motion the Council adjourned

S. S. Penn
City Clerk

Sated 8 1886