

Regular Meeting of the City Council
Austin Texas August 20 1888

Hon W A Dwyer Mayor, Presiding.

Roll call present alderman Metz, Kinney, Lawrence, Schubar, Pfannkuche and Platt. Absent aldermen Spurr and Wilson

Reading of the minutes of Aug 6th 1888 postponed
Alderman Wilson came in and answered to his name

Alderman Kinney moved that the regular order of Business be suspended so that the Election returns from the 8 ward may be presented motion adopted

This Honor presented the returns from the election held for alderman of the 8 ward on August 10 1888 Alderman Kinney moved that the Mayor appoint a committee of three to canvass the returns motion adopted The Mayor appointed as the Committee Alderman Kinney Metz and Platt The committee submitted the following report which was adopted

We the undersigned committee appointed to canvass the returns from the election for alderman of the eight ward find that Thomas E. Enrad was unanimously elected alderman of said ward H B Kinney N B Metz R Platt Committee

Alderman elect Geo Duskell of the 6. and Thomas E Enrad of the 8 ward came forward and was sworn in by His Honor the Mayor as alderman of the City of Austin.

Alderman Metz presented a petition from W J Patterson requesting the Council not to compel him to build a pavement in front of his property on congress avenue referred to the street committee

Alderman Schubar presented a petition from Fred Stirling asking for leave of absence for thirty days Petition granted

Alderman Enrad presented a petition from

property owners at the foot of congress advised asking that the Council do not compel them to build pavements in front of their property fronting on said avenue referred to the Street Committee

The report of the Poundmaster for the month of July 1883 was referred to the Police committee

Alderman Kinney moved that the regular order of business be further suspended and that an ordinance fixing the time for levying an annual ad valorem tax be taken up motion adopted

Alderman Kinney introduced an ordinance amending article 544 of the general ordinances of the City of Austin. The amendment provides that the City Council shall on or before the first Monday in September of each and every year fix by ordinance the amount of percentage for each annual levy of ad valorem tax to be assessed and collected by the City. The ordinance was read second and third time under suspension of the rules and passed unanimously

Alderman Kinney introduced an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$14,900⁴⁹/₁₀₀ to pay the employees of the City of Austin for the month of July 1883.

The ordinance was read second and third time under suspension of the rules and passed by the following vote yeas Alderman Metz Kinney Lawrence Schubert Rannschueh Driskill Cneel Platt and Wilson

Alderman Kinney offered the following resolution which was referred to the printing Committee

Whereas the City Charter requires the publication of those ordinance only which impose a fine imprisonment or forfeiture therefore be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin That the City Clerk is hereby instructed to publish no other ordinances than those referred to unless otherwise directed by the City Council but to give the substance

of every ordinance in the proceedings of the City Council and to prepare the proceedings of the Council for publication in as brief and concise a form as possible consistent with a correct and intelligible account.

Alderman Kinney called up an ordinance providing for the sale of Austin City Bonds of the denomination of \$500. each to the amount of \$50000⁰⁰ said bonds to bear interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum. and payable twenty years from January, 1883. The ordinance was read second time.

Alderman Metz moved that the mayor appoint a committee of 4 aldermen and that the ordinance be referred to them motion adopted. The Mayor appointed as the Committee Metz, Conrad Plack and Francis Kuche.

Alderman Lawrence was excused from further attendance at this meeting.

An ordinance levying $\frac{3}{4}$ of one per cent ad Valorem Tax 1883 and an ordinance levying one per cent ad valorem Tax ^{for} 1883 was referred to the ordinance Committee.

The Mayor appointed Alderman Driskill Chairman of the Market House Committee and a member of the Finance and Fire Department Committee and appointed Alderman Reed Chairman of the ordinance committee and a member of the Police and Printing Committee.

The following vta missage was received from His honor the Mayor

Austin Texas August 20th 1883
To the Honorable City Council of the City of Austin
Gentlemen

I have the honor to return herewith an ordinance authorizing the lease of the south half of Block 59 Austin Texas without my approval.

Upon examination of

said ordinance I find it was introduced and read first time November 20th 1882. Read second time March 6th 1883 Read third time and passed Aug 6, 1883 Section 7 reads as follows The conditions of this lease shall be as follows Said leases shall prior to the first day of January 1883 commence the erection of buildings on said premises etc The word January I find erased with pencil and December inserted in pencil The proceedings of the Council do not show any such amendments as having been introduced or voted upon

In section 13 I find the word July 1883 erased and September 1884 inserted and also the words July 1888 erased and September 1889 inserted The proceedings of the Council do not show such amendments introduced or voted upon Hence the ordinance is not the original one introduced and without the records to show the changes made would be inoperative There are other matters contained in said ordinance which I deem it unwise to sanction but not necessary here to state

Very Respectfully

W A Saylor

Mayor

On motion action on the veto of the mayor was postponed until next meeting

Alderman Platt introduced the following resolution which was adopted

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin That the Mayor appoint a committee of three who shall take into consideration the matter of the present city Charter and the general laws regarding Cities of ten thousand inhabitants or more and whether it would not be to the interest of the City to incorporate under said general laws and report at the next regular meeting The Mayor appointed as the Committee Alderman Platt Reed and Guskell

Alderman Platt offered the following resolution which was adopted

Be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin

That the Mayor do and

is hereby required to issue warrants on approved
in the order of the date on which they were
approved by the Finance Committee of the City of
Austin

J. L. Purnell
City Clerk

Sept 8 1883