Called Meeting of the City Council
Austin Tex Dec 7th 1883

Hon W A Saylor Mayor Presiding

Roll call present Aldermen Metz Kinney Lawrance Schuber Maas Driskill Huppertz Platt and Wilson absent Alderman Snod

Minutes of Nov 24 1883 read amended and approved

The Call of the Council read

The following report was received from the street committee which was adopted and ordered filed

Hon W A Saylor
Mayor of Austin

The undersigned street committee beg leave to report that, finding that a strict compliance with the ordinance requiring sidewalk to be constructed on Pecan street between Colorado and Guadalupe streets would result in great injury to the buildings of Dr A D Harn we consented to a change of grade in front of his property on Pecan street it being understood by him and the street Committee that the change of grade was only temporary arrangement and that the sidewalk would have to be reduced to the proper grade at some future time

Signed H B Kinney
R. Platt
Ed Huppertz
Street Committee

The following report was received from the finance Committee which was adopted

Hon W A Saylor
Mayor of Austin

As chairman of the finance Committee I have to report that I have examined the

City Treasurer up to and including 30 of Nov ult. and have received from him all vouchers for payments made by him as City Treasurer to said date embracing non interest bearing warrants six per cent warrants. Bonds Coupons and ten per cent Bonds. all of which have been cancelled and are herewith presented to be placed on file by the City Clerk among the six per cent warrants so received and cancelled are included the six per cent warrants received from F B Forster in lieu of money derived from the sale of six per cent bonds made by him as Financial agent of the City under the administration of Mayor Crooker Strictly speaking these warrants represent so much money which could only be applied to the redemption of ten per cent bonds but coming into the possession of the City as related they have been recently cancelled under authority of a Resolution of the City Council and therefore are not included and are therefore not included among the six per cent warrants which have been actually paid

Of the two hundred six per cent bonds of five hundred dollars each authorized to be issued under the administration of Mayor Crooker the first nineteen bonds were sold by F B Forster financial agent and the next eleven bonds have been sold by Mayor Saylor or are in his hands for sale making in all thirty bonds amounting to $15.000. which were signed by L. M Crooker Mayor The remaining one hundred and seventy bonds were turned unsigned to Mayor Saylor and were left by him for safe keeping in the bank of F B Forster & Co are said to have been consumed in the fire which destroyed the bank. I have also compared the treasurers account of monies received by him from the assessor and Collector with the treasurers receipts in the hands of the assessor and collector and find them to exactly agree. This comparison extends up to the first instant

Alderman Haas and my self have also examined and ticked off the books of the assessor and collector up to and including the 3d of November ultimo and have found them to be entirely correct. We ascertained the various amounts included in the assessment rolls of taxes on property sold at tax sales and bid in by the City and which have not been redeemed and have directed such amounts to be entered to the credit of the assessor and collector. The assessor and Collector reports $100.15 in his possession arising from partial payments made at various times on licenses &c. by parties who left the City without completing the payment or calling for the money deposited. The assessor and collector was advised to make a complete record of the various amounts so received and pay the whole amount into the treasury and he has accordingly done so. The attention of the council is called to the fact that several notes which were given for the rent of market stalls and are said to have been placed in the hands of the market house committee were mislaid or lost and consequently have not been collected a change of the ordinance in regard to such notes may be necessary in order to prevent such carelessness in the future among the assets of the City is also a note for $100. against Dr John Walker for rent of a room in the building formerly leased by the City which has been due for a long time I desire to add that the appropriations made up to the present time are seemingly in volation of the City Charter which require that no appropriation shall be made beyond the revenue received during the fiscal year. But in as much as $1700. appropriated recently for the street and gutters was intended to come out of the amount to be expended on the streets arising from the sale of six per cent bonds the volation is only technical because leaving out the $1700. referred to the amount of money in the Treasury will more than pay the balance of the other appropriations and unapproved bills now on file

All of which is respectfully submitted
H. B. Kinney
Chairman Financial Committee

Alderman Kinney introduced an ordinance amending an ordinance providing for the issuance of $45.000. of Austin City 6 per cent
bonds passed Nov 7 1883 and approved Nov 8th 1883.
The ordinance was read first time and then read second and third times under suspension of the rules and passed by the following vote. Yeas Aldermen Metz Kinney Lawrance Schuber Maas Maas Driskill Hupperts. Plath and Wilson

The Mayor was authorized by the Council to publish the fact that Austin City 6 per cent bonds Nos 91 to 100. inclusive were burt at a fire which destroyed the bank building of Forster and Co of this City

On motion the Council adjourned

J. E. Purnell
City Clerk

Read and approved. Dec. 8th. 1883