

Regular Meeting of the City Council

Austin Tex Feb. 18th 1884

Council met at the Regular hour

Alderman J W Robertson in the Chair

Present Aldermen Schneider Sutor Pillsbury Hancock
 Webb Campbell Schubert Maas. J W Robertson
 Crocker. Orell Harrington Hill Nath Ervin Brush
 and Brunner

Absent Aldermen Underhill Quiskill
 and H. L. Robertson.

Quorum present

The minutes of the Regular meeting
 held January, 21st 1884 were read and approved
 further reading of the minutes dispensed
 with

On motion the Police Committee
 were excused on account of work to be
 done by them

Petitions

Alderman Blath presented a petition signed
 by O. Dickson Geo Graham Rob Barr and others
 representing that certain streets have been
 obstructed by individuals and corporations
 with houses and fences and asking that
 the same be removed

Referred to the Street Committee

Petition of M. Brakel was read asking
 the Council to allow the fruit stand to
 remain at the corner of Congress Avenue and
 Bois D. Arc. Street for the reason that he
 had leased the premises including said
 stand

Referred to the Street Committee

a Petition was received from Wiley Ward
 representing that he was arrested on the 16th.
 day of January 1884 on charges made in

Justice Ferguson's court by John Chumville
Sargent of Police, asking that \$65⁰⁰ paid to
C. D. Johns as attorney fees, be paid back to him
and that he be relieved for further payment. & etc.
The motion to refer the petition to a committee
of seven was adopted by the following vote
Yeas. Aldermen. Tutor Tullow Wells Schuber
J W Robertson Crooker Odell. Carrington Platt
Ervin and Brush

Nays. Aldermen Hancock
Campbell and Maas.

The Chair appointed as the Committee
Aldermen Platt. Hill Hancock Odell Crooker
Wells and Schneider

Petition by Telegram of Mayor Taylor
asking that leave of absence be extended to
the thirtieth ultimo leave of absence extended
until March 9th 1884

Petition of C. F. Brown was read asking
the Council to remit a fine imposed against
him in the Recorder's Court, and that if
the Council so desired he would remain
on the Police force, notwithstanding he
having tendered his resignation,
Referred to the Police Committee

Petition of B. L. Duval was read asking the Council
to abate the nuisance of hogs running at large
as they annoy and damage him
Referred to the Street Committee

A number of petitions was presented asking appoint-
ment on the police force whereupon Alderman Maas
moved that the matter of appointing Police officers
be referred to the Police Committee, motion
adopted.

The following is the report of the Finance
in regard to the bonded debt of the City and
liabilities and resources of the same

Austin Texas Feb 14 1884

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

your committee to whom was referred the Resolution of alderman B. L. Robertson adopted on Feb 4th 1884. Beg leave to submit the enclosed statement showing the bonded indebtedness of the City at this date.

There are upon the market offered for sale the bonds authorized under the following ordinances passed since the amended Charter went into force viz

1 An ordinance authorizing the sale of \$25000⁰⁰ 6 per cent bonds. Passed Nov 8th 1883 and amended Dec 7 1883.

2^d. Ordinance providing for the sale of 6. per cent bonds No 26. to 30 inclusive of \$500. each issued under the authority of an ordinance passed April 8th 1881 and authorizing the sale of twenty five 6 per cent bonds. of \$500. each. passed Nov 24th 1883 and approved Nov 25 1883. Total amount authorized under this ordinance \$15000.

Respectfully

J. W. Odell

W. Maas

Lewis Hancock

Finance Committee

Bonded indebtedness of the City of Austin

No of Bonds	Date of issue	Period for	interest	Denomination	When Due	Amount	Total
No 22 and 30.	Jan 1 1894	10 years	10 percent payable July	\$500	January 1884	\$4000.00	
	"	"	"	\$400.	"	\$400.00	\$14,400.00
1 to 40	April 1	"	"	\$500.	" 1894	\$40,000.00	
41 to 46	June 1	"	"	\$500.	"	\$3,000.00	
47 to 53	July 1	"	"	\$500.	"	\$3,500.00	\$6,500.00
56 to 62	" 1883	"	"	\$500.	"	\$3,500.00	
63. to 66	Feb. 19.	"	"	\$500.	"	\$7,000.00	
67	Jan 1 1886	"	"	\$500.	"	\$500.00	
68 to 69	April 1	"	"	\$500.	"	\$1,000.00	\$7,000.00
141 to 145	June 26 1883	"	"	\$500.	"	\$2,500.00	
147. 148	"	"	"	\$500.	"	\$1,000.00	
155. 157. 159	"	"	"	\$500.	"	\$1,500.00	
165. 167. 181	"	"	"	\$500.	"		
181 to 188	Jan 1 1877	"	"	\$500	"	\$4000.00	\$9,000.00
1 to 19	July 1 1881	"	6%	500	" 1901	\$9,500.00	
20 to 25	"	Ordin 10 years	"	500	"	3,000.00	\$12,500.00
							99,400.00

Note - Proceeds of sale of 6% Bonds #11019 were applied by Mr. F. Forster Financial Agent of the City as follows. 11% Bonds Nos 146, 158, 156, 166 redeemed \$4,000.00
6% Warrants 645143

The balance of \$1,294.57 is supposed to have been claimed by Mr. Forster for commissions &c
Proceeds of sale of 6% Bonds Nos 4015 &c were applied to the redemption of \$100 Bonds Nos 101-131 inclusive \$3,000.00 issued July 1, 1873 and due July 1, 1883.

on motion the foregoing report was ordered filed

Resources and liabilities of the City of Austin for the ensuing year.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Austin

The Finance committee of the Council present the following estimate of the resources and liabilities of the City up to the 1st day of Feb 1885

Estimated resources and liabilities of the City of Austin to Feb. 1st 1885.

General revenue resources	
Ad valorem tax for 1883	\$58,877.48
Licenses	10,000.00
Fines	8,000.00
Back Taxes	140.00
Ground rent	400.00
Miscellaneous	400.00
Estimate of ad valorem tax for 1884 that will be collected to Feb 1 1885	<u>9,000.00</u>
Total	<u>\$87,137.48</u>

Ad valorem tax for 1883 already collected and appropriated and therefore to

be deducted from the above \$9,103.90

Total resources of the City subject to appropriation

\$78,033.58

Liabilities

Liabilities accrued Feb 1, 1884	
City Water Company last half of 1883	\$5000.00
Interest on bonds	4630.00
Interest on 6 percent Warrants	1493.83
Fire Dept for January 1884	200.00
Printing	298.99
Drugs	56.05
Feeding City Prisoners	464.38
Assessors and Collectors Commissions.	
Taxes refunded &c	405.77
Burial of Paupers	20.00
Coal for City hall	35.00
Hospital for Dec 1883 and January 1884	750.00
Livery Stables	171.00
Gas for City hall	70.67
Washington fire Co. rent	75.00
Miscellaneous bills	841.41
	\$14,256.52

Estimated Expenditures	
For 12 months ending Feb 1, 1884	
Interest on Bonds due July 1, 1884	\$4,707.00
" " " " Jan 1, 1885	4,707.00
City Water Company rent due July 1 st 1884	5,025.00
" " " " January 1, 1885	5,025.00
Pay Roll	75,467.70
Fire Department	7,400.00
Hospital and contingent expenses	1,800.00
Burial of Paupers	300.00
Lighting Streets from Jan 1, 1884 to Feb 1, 1885	7,600.00
Feeding City horse	240.00
Feeding City Prisoners	2,100.00
Telephone at City hall	60.00
Lighting City hall	300.00
Rent of building occupied by Washington Fire Company	300.00
Printing	1,200.00
Total	\$70,487.70
Leaving a balance in favor of the general revenue of	\$7,550.86

out of this balance must come the incidental expenses, work on the streets sinking fund and such claims as that of Mr E. D. Johns if recovered

In this connection the Committee respectfully suggest that taking the bills of previous years as a basis for estimating the incidental expenses this item alone will consume nearly the whole of the above balance. That so large a sum should be needed for the various unclassified expenses of the City may seem surprising to the Council as it has to the Finance Committee and it appears to the Committee that strict economy might materially reduce this item of expense with this view the Committee respectfully suggests that all claims against the City be submitted to the Committee if any under whose charge the subject matter of such claims may be as is at present the rule with the street Committee

Respectfully

J. M. Odell

W. Maas

Lewis Hancock

Finance Committee

The foregoing report was read and ordered printed in the daily statesman.

To the Hon Mayor and City Council of
the City of Austin
Gentlemen

Your committee to whom was referred the resolution directing the Finance Committee to enquire into the source, nature and extent of certain alleged damaging statements said to have been made to the injury of the credit of the City of Austin in the City of New York beg leave to state that they have carefully considered the same and find it impossible to get legal evidence as to the source extent and nature of the alleged damaging statements and would respectfully suggest that before proceeding further we await the return of the Hon W. Taylor who will probably be competent to testify in this matter

J. M. Odell

Lewis Hancock

W. Maas

Finance Committee

The following report was received from the
Police Committee on the petition of S. E. Emanuel
To the Hon Mayor and City Council of
the City of Austin

Your committee to whom was
referred the within petition have considered the
same and find that the petitioner paid the money
upon a plea of guilty on a charge of disturbing
the peace as appears by the recorder's docket.
We further find that such plea was issued voluntarily
in preference to making a defence by introducing
members of Petitioner's family as witnesses
and your committee is of the opinion that
the relief asked cannot be granted legally.

Very Respectfully.

J. P. Schneider

W. J. Brunner

R. J. Hall

Police Committee

On ~~the~~ motion of Ald. Pillow the report of the Com-
mittee was adopted

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

Your committee on police to whom
was referred the duty of investigating the conduct of
the City Marshal and other members of the police
force with reference to recent disturbance would respectfully
report

That acting under authority of and in obedience
to the resolution of the City Council in this regard
your committee find a time and place of meeting
and with the advice and assistance during most
of its session, of the City attorney, council for the
City Marshal and sergeant of police Chenneville
being also present proceed with a full and thorough
an investigation of the subjects covered by said resolution
as they found it practicable to do.

Said Resolution was construed by your committee
to require special investigation with reference to certain
disturbance and shooting on the night of Jan 1st 1884
at the iron front saloon and ^{at} the disturbance
which occurred at the restaurant of Messrs Simon
and Billison on the night of January 13 1884 on

the occasion of the banquet given to certain attendance at the Gallienan Convention and 3 As to the conduct of Officer Chenaille with reference to the charge made by one Anderson against Walter Ward with reference to the robbery of the Iron front saloon and 4 Generally with reference to the police force its defects and causes thereof.

Upon these points quite a number of witnesses have been examined by your committee and no pains spared to learn the truth of complaints made and to elicit facts relative to the subject before the committee

First

1 your committee (the undersigned majority of) as to the first disturbance of the peace of the City mentioned find from the evidence that when the same occurred the City Marshal was in another part of the City that he first learned of the disturbance next morning from officer C. F. Brown that he directed charges to be made and finding that the officer had not the necessary information proceeded to the place of the disturbance and learned by enquiring the names of the necessary witnesses, that he had a charge made against the party offending had process issued for necessary witnesses to make proof thereof that a plea of guilty was entered and a fine assessed by a jury against the party charged

We therefore find no dereliction of duty in the part of the City Marshal as to said matter

2. As to other officers of the force in this matter we find that the shooting was heard by two patrolmen. Officer C. F. Brown in whose beat it occurred and officer Howe. whose beat was on Dean street near the scene of the disturbance. That officer Brown could by use of proper vigilance, at least have ascertained sufficient knowledge concerning the disturbance to have made complaint and we believe that by the exercise of his duty by going to the place where he heard the shooting have obtained full knowledge as to the nature of the disturbance that it was in the line of the duty of said officers to have gone into said saloon as soon as he heard of a disturbance therein in which duty he failed

Your committee would further state that the explanation given by said officer was that 1st he

believed he had no right to enter a saloon while on duty &c. Hearing who the party was he considered it useless to arrest or make complaint against him because he did not think he would be punished.

Neither of which excuses are considered by your Committee as.

3. As for Officer Howe, your committee finds that while a greater degree of vigilance would have better become him as an officer still we do not find any evidence of positive dereliction of duty on his part.

As to the second disturbance we find essentially the same facts and conclusions as to the City Marshal as with reference to the first.

We further find that both Officer C. J. Brown and Officer Howe, were at the time of the occurrence of said disturbance in the near vicinity of said restaurant, and either from a want of a good understanding of their duty to go to the scene of the trouble or for some other reason they failed to perform their duty in such a prompt manner as the exigencies of the time required.

As to the charges concerning the conduct of Officer Churchill in the matter of the prosecution of Walter Ward for the Iron Front Saloon robbery we find that one Anderson was arrested by one Howe on suspicion of theft of a coat and confined in the City prison that subsequently on the next morning Officer Churchill took the case in hand, and discovered the owner of the coat that in so doing his suspicions as to the general character of the said Anderson were reasonably aroused that he in company with Hugh Hancock undertook to elicit from said Prisoner by use of persuasion and in a legal way any crimes with which he had been connected in this City.

That said prisoner implicated himself and others in different robberies and especially that of the Iron Front saloon. The recital of facts connected therewith made to said officer and others were of a character calculated to inspire as much confidence as the statements of persons under similar circumstances could expect to solicit that said Anderson gave to said officers and the persons robbed facts before unknown to them concerning said robberies.

but which on investigation affected him that believing the charges made by said Anderson to constitute reasonable grounds for complaint Officer Chumville made such complaint but we fail to find any satisfactory evidence that Officer Chumville in any way abused his position or induced said Anderson in any illegal way to make such charges.

as to the question of the efficiency of the City Police your committee find that there is not at present good organization of the police force. That there exists in the City a widespread dissatisfaction there with arising from such want, as your committee believe of efficient organization. That this want of organization arises in a large part from causes beyond the control of the City Marshal and in part from a want of a hearty cooperation with said Marshal on the part of the force. As a remedy your committee respectfully suggests that some provision should be made for the selection of the police force looking to secure men on the force in sympathy with the City Marshal. That a full corps of regular policemen should be kept on duty and provisions made for temporary appointments by the police Committee of men to fill vacancies therein until such vacancies can be filled in the regular way by selection.

J. P. Schneider

R. J. Hill

of Police Committee

On motion the foregoing report was adopted and ordered to be filed.

The Police Committee reported that they had examined the report of the City Marshal for the month of January 1884 and find the same correct and introduced the following resolution and asked that it be adopted.

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

First That it shall be the duty of the City Marshal to report in writing to the City Clerk every Monday the number of arrests fines. Collections escapes. and Rearrests. and the City Clerk shall

keep a record book of the same, and the same shall be reported monthly to the City Council by the City Clerk.

Second That it shall be the duty of the Marshal to keep a register of every person arrested and what disposition made of the same, and include the same in his monthly report.

On motion the resolution was adopted unanimously.

The motion of Alderman Brush to suspend the regular order of Business and proceed to new Business was lost.

The following report was received from the Ordinance Committee which on motion was adopted
Austin Feb 18th 1884

To the Hon Mayor and Board of Aldermen
Your committee on Ordinances, to whom was referred an ordinance relating to opium dens, etc have considered the same and beg leave to report that in their opinion no necessity existeth for such an ordinance. Therefore your committee recommend that said ordinance do not pass.

J. W. Robinson

R. J. Hill

Ordinance Committee

The Cemetery Committee reported back the report of the City Sexton for the month of January 1884 which was ordered to be filed.

The committee on Hospital reported back the report of the City Physician which was ordered filed.

The Cemetery Committee submitted the following report which was adopted.

To the Hon Mayor and City Council of the City of Austin
Your Committee to whom was referred the resolution introduced January 1st 1884 with reference to declaring vacant all lots or part of lots in the City Cemetery not paid for within sixty days from that date

Bigelow to state that they have had the same under consideration and recommend that the same do pass.

We also append to this report a complete list of all lots or part of lots, not paid for or furnished your committee by the City Assessor and Collector

Wm. Erwin

R. B. Underhill

J. M. Ouel

Cemetery Committee

The following resolution was then taken up and on motion was unanimously adopted

Whereas it is Report that several parties are in possession of lots and part of lots in the City Cemetery as the burial of friends on the same, who have not paid for them

Be it therefore resolved that all lots or part of lots so held if not paid for by those claiming within sixty days, shall be declared vacant and offered for sale and the City Assessor and Collector notify all persons who have their friends buried on such lots or part of lots, of the action of the City Council

The special committee to whom was referred the Petition of R. J. Carroll submitted the following report.

Your committee appointed to investigate the Claim of Carroll vs. The City of Austin Bigelow to report that after having arrived at a conclusion as to the amount of damages, have reason to question the liability of the City for any damage, and therefore ask that said claim be referred to the City Attorney for his opinion touching the City's liability before making a final report.

Ben S. Pillow

Lewis Hancock

Loss J. Puton

On motion the same was referred to the City Attorney

On motion of alderman Crooker. an ordinance was taken up entitled an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$300. for the purpose of purchasing Iron brought for the use of the City.

The ordinance was read for the third time and passed by the following vote yeas Alderman Schneider Sutton Pillow Hancock Wells Campbell Schubert J. W. Robertson Crooker Odell Harrington Hill. Plath. Ervin Bruck and Brewer nays Aldermen Maas.

On motion an ordinance was taken up entitled An Ordinance regulating the proceedings in the recorder's court of the City of Austin

The ordinance was read third time and passed by a unanimous vote.

Alderman Plath offered the following resolution which was read. and on motion was referred to the City attorney

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin. That the City attorney be and is hereby requested to furnish in writing his opinion as to the legality of the Ordinance granting a lease of the property on the river walks of the City of Austin

Alderman Hancock offered the following resolution which was read and adopted

Be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin That the record horse carriage now kept at the stable of Monroe Miller at a cost of \$5⁰⁰. per month be hereafter kept in the market house and that the market house committee and a committee of 5 be instructed to make provisions for the doing

Alderman Maas introduced the following Resolution which was read and on motion was referred to the ordinance Committee

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin That the ordinance Committee in conjunction with the street Committee

and City Engineer be instructed to prepare and report and ordinance requiring property owners within the old City limits who they have not already been required to do so by ordinance to construct sidewalks of different classes according to the particular street upon which the property is situated

Alderman Crooker introduced an ordinance entitled an ordinance appropriating \$3000. for the purpose of improving the street of the City. The ordinance was read first time, and then read second time under suspension of the rules. By the following Yeas Aldermen Schneider Sutor Pillow Wells Campbell Schubert Maas J. W. Robertson Crooker Odell Carrington Hill Platt Ervin Bruck and Brennen 16. Nays Alderman Hancock.

Alderman Maas moved to amend: "Provided that the City prisoners and City Carts do the work contemplated by this ordinance on motion of Ald Crooker the amendment was laid on the table.

The following amendment was offered by Ald Platt to amend by "appropriating \$700. for the ninth ward on motion of Ald Crooker the amendment was laid on the table.

The following amendment was offered by Ald Hancock on motion was adopted

amend section 3 by adding the words: "and when any street other than Congress avenue and pecan street constitute the boundary of wards, such street shall receive there fair proportion of this appropriation for the portion allotted to said ward which proportion shall be expended under the supervision of the Aldermen of both wards.

Alderman Crooker moved to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its third reading motion lost by the following vote: Yeas Aldermen Sutor Wells Campbell Schubert J. W. Robertson Crooker Odell Carrington Hill Ervin Bruck and Brennen Nays Aldermen Schneider Pillow Hancock Maas and Platt.

On motion of Alderman Sutor the Council adjourned until next Monday 15 instant

Chas. Sterzing
acting City Clerk

Adjourned Meeting of the City Council
Austin Tex Jan 25 1884

Alderman J. W. Robertson president of the Council
presiding

Roll call present aldermen Schneider Pillow
Hancock. Wells. Campbell Driskill Odell. J. L. Robertson
Blatt Ervin Brush and Brennen 14.

Absent aldermen Sutor Schubert. Under
hill Maas Hill Crooker. Carrington 7.

Aldermen Underhill Carrington. Maas and Hill
came in and answered to their names

On motion of alderman Brush the reading
of the minutes of previous meeting was
dispensed with

Alderman Pillow offered a petition from
Citizens living on the north side of cedar
street between Guadalupe st and the Creek
calling the attention of the council to the
fact it not being sufficient to carry
off the water without overflowing the
sidewalk and by reason of that fact they
could not curb and pave the sidewalks and
asked that the Council have the gutter paved
Referred to the street Committee

Alderman Brennen presented a petition
from Citizens asking that the eastern
part of Cypress and Cedar st from the
Corporation line be opened to the full
width and repaired and that the water
holes on said st be filled up

Alderman Brennen moved that a special
Committee of 3 be appointed and that the
petition be referred to them motion adopted
His honor appointed as the Committee
Brennen Campbell & Driskill

alderman Odell asked to be excused from
serving of the special committee of seven
towhom was referred the Petition of Wiley
Walter Ward

Request granted and alderman Brush appointed to fill the vacancy on said committee

Petition was received from C. D. Johns recorder asking the Council to instruct the Chairman of the special committee of sewers (as his name had been unpleasantly associated with the case) to proceed at once with the investigation on motion of alderman Plath the petition was laid on the table

Alderman Brush presented a petition signed by tax payers and citizens of Austin requesting the Council to set aside San Bernard Street as a public drive and not to come within the provisions of an Ordinance regulating fast riding and driving

The ordinance accompanying the petition amend Article 174 sect. 1 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Austin in regard to fast riding and driving, and set aside San Bernard Street as a public drive, the ordinance was read first time and then referred with the petition to the street committee

The following report was received from the street Committee on the Petition of Mr. Brakel the report of the committee was adopted

To the Hon Mayor and City Council
of the City of Austin
Gentlemen

We the street committee do respectfully report that an ordinance having been passed prohibiting the obstruction of the streets and sidewalks do not think we have any jurisdiction in the premises as set forth in the petition We would recommend that if any part of any sidewalk or street is permitted to afford a revenue that the City or the recipient of said revenue and that the power is not delegated to citizens to rent the streets or walks and appropriate the profits to their personal benefit

R. Plath for street Committee

The following report was received from the street Committee of the Petition of B. S. Dural

To the Hon Mayor and Board of Aldermen
Gentlemen

Your committee on streets would most respectfully recommend that this petition be placed in the hands of the City Marshal, and that his attention be called to the ordinance governing animals
R. Platt.

For street Committee

The report was adopted and the petition and the report was referred to the City Marshal

Ald. Brush presented a petition from Citizens and property owners living on East Live oak street protesting against the City Rail Road company extending its track along said street

Read and referred to street Committee

Further time was granted the special Committee of 7 to whom was referred the petition of W. W. Ward

The street Committee submitted the following Report.

To the Hon Mayor and Board of Aldermen

The street committee would respectfully report that we have examined this petition and would recommend that it be granted and that the City Marshal proceed at once to have the said obstructions removed and have all the crossings of such streets placed in a good and substantial condition so as the same will be in a perfect condition the width of the street

R. Platt Chairman

Alderman Hancock offered the following resolution which was adopted

Whereas the police force of this City is maintained at public expense for the purpose

of preserving the peace arresting wrong doers and enforcing obedience to the laws and whereas The City is daily and nightly the scene of rowdiness and of open violations of the laws producing a state of society in which life is in danger. the laws are defied and the good name of the community is brought into disrepute and

whereas the facts above stated prove that a serious deficiency exists some where in the system of selecting and disciplining the members of of said force or in the membership thereof which calls for a prompt and earnest consideration of the Council

Therefore be it resolved that the City Marshal be and is hereby instructed to report in writing to this council at its next regular meeting the cause which renders said force thus inefficient and to suggest measures to remedy the same

Alderman Maas moved to reconsider the vote by which the report of the street committee was adopted on the petition of M. Brahl. motion lost by the following vote yeas Aldermen Pillow Hancock Wells Maas Adell H. L. Robertson and Hill. Nays Aldermen Schneider Campbell J. W. Robertson Driskill Carrington Platt Ervin Brush & Brunner

Alderman Brush introduced an ordinance entitled an ordinance amending article 479 sect 1 of the revised ordinances of the City of Austin granting privileges to the Austin City Rail road. The ordinance was read first time and then referred to the street committee

Alderman Schneider moved to proceed to elect four police officers to fill vacancies on the Police force motion lost by the following vote yeas Aldermen Schneider Wells Campbell H. L. Robertson Driskill Adell J. W. Robertson and Hill. Nays Aldermen Pillow Hancock Maas Carrington Platt Ervin Brush and Brunner

Alderman Brunner offered an ordinance appropriating \$300 for improvement on Cedar and Cypress streets the ordinance was read first time and referred to the Street Committee

Alderman Odell for the Finance Committee introduced an ordinance entitled an ordinance defining how purchases shall be made for the City by officers or committees of the City of Austin the ordinance was read second and third times under suspension of the rules and passed by a two thirds vote.

The Finance Committee introduced an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$800.00 to pay approved accounts to that amount the ordinance was read second time under suspension of the rules. Alderman Odell moved to amend the ordinance by adding to the amount of \$500 to refund to Emanuel Spill paid in recorder's Court motion and a grand clock. the ordinance was read third time under suspension of the rules and passed by the following vote. Yeas Aldermen Schneider Pillow Hancock Wells. Campbell Thierhill Macas J. W. Robertson Odell. Carrington. G. L. Robertson Platt Ervin Brush and Brunner Alderman Hill excused from voting.

Alderman Diskill offered the following resolution

whereas From the present condition of the peacefulness of the City it is evident to the Citizens of Austin that the City Marshal and the Police force are not as efficient as the nature of the case demands

Therefore be it resolved by the City Council that the City Marshal and entire force of policemen are requested to tender their resignations. The motion to lay the resolution on the table was carried by the following Yeas. Aldermen Schneider Pillow Hancock Wells. Campbell Thierhill Macas J. W. Robertson Odell Carrington G. L. Robertson and Hill nays Alderman Diskill Platt Ervin Brush and Brunner

Alderman Pelcow introduced an ordinance entitled an ordinance providing for the purchase of mule wagons harness, cart scrapers, and other tools and implements for work on the streets and for the erection of a stable and making an appropriation therefore.

The ordinance was read second time under suspension of the rules and then referred to the Finance Committee.

Alderman Inace called up an ordinance offered by Alderman Rehder entitled an ordinance authorizing the purchase of mule cart harness and the erection of a city stable and making an appropriation therefore the ordinance was read for information and then referred to the Finance Committee.

Alderman Hancock offered the following Resolution which was adopted.

Resolved 1st. That the Treasurers of each of the Fire Companies of the Fire Department be required to furnish to the Finance Committee a full, complete and detailed estimate of the expenses of their respective companies for the ensuing year 2^d That the City Clerk be instructed to serve upon the Treasurers of each of said Companies a copy of this resolution.

The motion to take up the ordinance offered by Alderman Crooker appropriating \$3000⁰⁰ for street improvement was lost. The ordinance was then referred to the Finance Committee.

Alderman Hancock offered the following resolution which was adopted and then referred to the Finance Committee. Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin that it ~~was~~ is the sense of this Council that \$40⁰⁰ per month is to be large a sum to pay for feeding the City horse and that therefore the proper committee be instructed to make provisions at once for stabling said horse at the cost of not more than \$15⁰⁰ per month.

On motion the Council adjourned.

J. L. Purcell City Clerk