

Regular Meeting of the City Council
Austin Texas April 7th 1884
Hon W A Saylor Mayor Presiding

Roll call present aldermen Schneider
Pulou Hancock Mills Campbell Schubert
Underhill Maas. J W Robertson Crooker Odell
Bill Platt Ervin Brush and Breun

Absent aldermen Sinton Erickill Carrington
and H. L. Robertson.

On motion of Alderman Brush the
reading of the minutes of March 24 1884
was dispensed with

The petition of W. B. Salge Foreman of
Austin Hook and Ladder Co No 1. asking
that the Council have a new floor put in
their truck House and a bridge built at the
gutter in front of said house was on motion
granted

The petition of Mrs J H. Smith owner of
Lots 1, 2 and 3 Block 99. was referred to the
Street Committee. Petitioner asks that a
culvert be built on the east side of Sacaca
Street so that she can drain her lots.

A Petition was received from Citizens living
in the southwestern part of the City asking
that some steps be taken to abate the nuisance
of hogs running at large Petition ordered
filed

The Petition of C. B. Shepard J J Erwin and
A. M. Castleman executor of Myra Smith deceased
was read and referred to the Finance Committee
Petitioner ask that they be released from paying
to the City rent on Part of the room walk leased
to them and that said lease be cancelled

A Petition was received from Mrs Dickie subcon
tractor of the State Capitol asking that he be allowed
to build and maintain in Trach Street two

guy fastenings for the purpose of holding placing and keeping certain derricks in position that are to be used in the construction of the state Capitol Petition Granted

The following report of the City Engineer was read and referred to the Street Committee
Austin Texas April 7th 1884

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

I most respectfully call your attention to the condition of the bridges over Little Shoal creek at the crossing of West Peach Street West Walnut street and North avenue and would respectfully report that when the bridges were built there was no pavement put in and the water is undermining the abutments and they are liable to cavin at any time

Very Respectfully

J. K. P. McFall

City Engineer

The following Report of the City Engineer was received and ordered filed

Austin Texas April 7th 1884

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

Pursuant to a resolution passed at your last regular meeting directing me to examine and report the condition of the alley east of and parallel to Congress avenue through which the state sewer has recently been constructed would report that I have carefully examined the same and find said alley from the river to ash street in good condition from ash street along said alley to the Court house and thence to Congress avenue the Contractor of said state sewer left the dirt above the grade of said alley to guard against settling which the said contractor is now having graded down properly

Very Respectfully

J. K. P. McFall

City Engineer

The following monthly reports of City Officers
was received read and referred

Report of City Marshal for March 1884

Fines in Recorder Court	\$1,759.40
Cash from Fines	1,086.00
Fines worked out	
" due by escapes	
" appealed	168.70
Jury and Witness fees	6.50
Fines due by prisoners in jail	73.90
Total	\$1,759.40

The report of the City Marshal and City Clerk
on fines were referred to the Police committee

The Report of the City Physician for
March 1884 was read and ordered filed

The following report of the City Treasurer
was read and referred to the Finance committee

Report of the City Treasurer for the month ending
March 31 1884

Balance on hand Feb 29 th 1884	\$14,771.70
Received from assessor and Collector on account of ad valorem taxes	14,879.10
Total	\$29,650.80

Credits

Cemetery Fund Paid on interment warrants	53.30
Hospital fund	1,009.80
General	5,870.00
Interest Paid coupons due Jan 1 st 1884	78.00
	\$7,408.70

Balances March 31 1884

Back debt Fund	\$400.01
Market	\$1,018.00
Cemetery	\$671.79
Hospital	\$1,157.81
General	\$20,178.79
Total	\$23,350.30

Unappropriated Balances

Cemetery Fund	\$400.01
Market	\$1,018.00
Hospital	78.71
General	\$13,871.50

J. W. Howard
City Treasurer

The following report was received from the City
attorney which was read and ordered filed
Austin Texas March 21 1884

To the Hon Mayor and City Council
Gentlemen

I beg to report that in
obedience to a resolution passed at your last
regular Meeting I have this day received from
Francis B. Forster through his attorney the
sum of \$275⁰⁰ being the amount proposed by him
for a release for himself and co-sureties on the
official bond of Ed Creary City Marshal.

The amount has this day been paid to the
assessor and Collector as will appear by his
receipt hereto attached.

Respectfully
Geo. F. Underster
City Attorney

The report of the City Sexton for March 1884 shows
total deaths 43 white 16. Colored 6. Mexican 1.
Funerals 11 Males 12 Read and ordered filed

The Street Committee reported favorably on
the ordinance to allow the Compress Company
to build a bridge on Cedar Street over shoal at
Craak

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

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

Your Finance committee
to whom was referred the Resolution increasing
the pay of City Policeman to \$45⁰⁰ per month from
and after April 1st 1884 Respectfully state that they
have had the same under consideration and
are of the opinion that at the present it would be unwise
to increase the expenses of the City where it can be avoided
They fully appreciate the services of faithful officers but on
account of the present condition of the finances of the City they
are forced to recommend that no increase of pay be granted
at the present time. Very Respectfully

J. M. Odell Lewis Hancock M. Mace Finance Committee

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

Your Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Austin Gaslight and Coal Co representing that by the terms of their Contract with the City of Austin that said Gas works together with all offices, buildings, lots, stocks, bonds, fixtures or appurtenances pertaining to said Gas works should be exempted from any and all taxation during the time they complied with the provisions of said contract have carefully considered said petition and beg leave to state that so far as it has come to their knowledge there has been no breach of contract on the part of said Gas Company and would respectfully recommend that their petition be granted.

Very Respectfully

J. H. Odell

H. Maas

Lewis Hancock

Finance Committee

Alderman Hill introduced the following Resolution

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin That the City assessor & Collector of the City of Austin be and is hereby instructed to cancel the assessment of Taxes against the Austin Gaslight and Coal Company for the Taxes for the year 1883. and that he be instructed not to reassess the same during the continuance of the Contract between the City and said Company and that the assessor and Collector is authorized to credit himself with the amount.

The motion to lay the resolution on the table was lost by the following vote. yeas Schubert J. W. Plath Ervin and Brennan. Nays Schneider Pillow Hancock Wells Campbell Underhill Maas Crooker Odell Carrington Hill & Brush.

The Resolution was adopted by the following vote yeas Aldermen Schneider Pillow Hancock Wells Campbell Maas Crooker Odell Carrington Hill & Brush. Nays Aldermen Schubert Underhill Robertson J. W. Plath Ervin and Brennan.

The following report of the Finance Committee was adopted.

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

Gentlemen

Your finance committee to whom was referred the petition of the Swedish Evangelical Lutheran church asking that taxes assessed against their church property for the year 1883 be remitted beg leave to state that they have carefully examined into the merits of this petition and believe it to be just and we therefore recommend that the petition be granted

Very Respectfully

J. H. Cadd

W. Maas

Lewis Hancock

Finance Committee

The following report of the Finance Committee on an ordinance referred to them in regard to paying for the City Clock tower was adopted

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

Gentlemen

At your committee on Finance to whom was referred the ordinance appropriating two hundred dollars to reimburse Mr B. C. Wells for clock tower for city Clock and for repairing and keeping in repair the City Clock for the term of two years from January 1, 1884 beg leave to state that they have carefully examined into this matter but before making our report the claim was withdrawn we therefore recommend that the ordinance do not pass

Very Respectfully

J. H. Cadd

W. Maas

Lewis Hancock

Finance Committee

The following report of the Charity committee was adopted

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

Gentlemen

Your charity committee to whom was referred the petition from Caryville

My asking for relief would most respectfully ask to be excused from any further duty pertaining to charity as the members of the Committee are well aware that the City Treasurer is not able to do any thing for Charity. While we sympathize with the flooded sufferers at the same time we have widows and orphans at home who have time and again asked and prayed for alms at your hands and have been refused invariably. We therefore most respectfully beg leave to return the same back to your honorable body for further action

Respectfully,
J. Schubert, J. J. Campbell
For Committee

The following Report of the ordinance Committee was received and read

To the Hon Mayor & Board of Aldermen of the City of Austin.
Gentlemen

Your committee on Ordinances to whom was referred the accompanying ordinance relating to animals running at large in the City limits have considered the same and recommend its passage

Respectfully

J. W. Robertson
R. J. Hill
Ordinance Committee

The following report was received from the special committee on streets in the ward

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

Your select committee appointed to investigate into the condition of the ward also the nature of the obstructions of the street of the same would most respectfully report that the obstructions is such as to work a hardship upon the residing tax payers an ordinance having been passed since the appointment of this committee authorizing the City Marshal to have said obstructions removed your committee have nothing to report so far as the same is

concerned except that we would suggest that the City Marshal be instructed to act under said ordinance as far as possible without delay. In regard to the Condition of the east end of said ward we would report that action steps should be taken at once to provide away to conduct the water off of the same. In its present condition there is no outlet for the water that is thrown there from the eight and ninth wards which is very damaging to the owners of property. Therefore your committee would recommend that the accompanying ordinance be passed.

Very respectfully,

W. J. Brennan

W. B. Brush

T. J. Campbell

A. Plath

Committee

The following report was received from the special Committee appointed to have stables built and purchase mules & carts. The report was read and Ordinance filed.

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

Your special committee which was appointed under authority of an Ordinance appropriating \$1000. to purchase mules carts harness and lumber to erect a stable and etc. passed March 3^d 1884 by leave to report that upon a thorough consideration as to the selection of a proper site for the proposed stable etc they thought proper to lay the following facts before your honorable body

1st The various sides on the river walk are subject to overflow during heavy freshets and the property of the City would be unsafe
2nd The locality being in a remote neighborhood it would require a person to protect the property from theft and damage. Your committee would therefore recommend that the building be erected on the vacant lot space of lots adjacent to the City hall for the following reasons

1st The property would be better protected
 2nd The City Prisoners could be employed to a better advantage during inclement weather and especially the females and boy prisoners the two latter classes of prisoners being unemployed under the present system

3^d The Building could be put up of fire proof material at a very little additional expense
 Your committee would therefore suggest the adoption of an ordinance amending the ordinance referred to.

Very Respectfully submitted

J. Schubert

P. J. Campbell

M. Maas

Committee

Alderman Underhill introduced the following Resolution which was adopted

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

whereas it is charged that E. D. Johns, City Recorder of the City of Austin did on the night of the 5 day of April 1884 in Killerts opera house use language and behave unbecomingly an officer of the City of Austin therefore be it

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin That a committee of 3 aldermen be appointed by the President whose duty it shall be to investigate the Charges of misconduct of E. D. Johns recorder of the City of Austin at Killerts opera house on Saturday night April 5 1884 and to make a report to the City Council whether there exists a state of things requiring the notice, or any action of the Council

Resolved further that said committee be empowered to call and examine and to report the facts found to exist with their recommendations

His honor appointed as the Committee Aldermen Underhill J. W. Robertson Brush Brunner and Wells

An ordinance regulating the running

at large of animals and creating a poundmaster and defining his powers and duties was called up and read second time and then recommitted to the ordinance committee.

Alderman Hill introduced an ordinance prohibiting the running at large of hogs within the corporate limits of the City of Austin. The ordinance was read first time and then referred to the ordinance committee.

Alderman Hancock offered the following resolution which was adopted.

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin That the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and required to pay all out standing 6 per cent warrants and interest thereon out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Alderman Edell was excused from further attendance at this meeting.

The claim of N. S. Walton late City attorney against the City of Austin for fees due him by the City which amount to \$990⁰⁰ was referred to the finance committee.

The finance committee introduced an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$8083.⁰⁰ to pay approved accounts to that amount. The ordinance was read second and third times under suspension of the rules and passed by the following vote Yeas Aldermen Schneider Pillow Hancock, Wells Campbell, Schubert Underhill Maas Robertson J. W. Crooker, Carrington Clark Erwin Bruck & Brummen Alderman Hill excused from voting.

The special committee submitted an ordinance amending an ordinance providing for the erection of a City stable, the amendment provides that that the stable may be located on the vacant lots of the City near the City market house and increasing the appropriation from \$1000. to \$1500⁰⁰ to carry out the provisions of

The ordinance The ordinance was read second and third times under suspension of the rules and passed by the following vote yeas Aldermen Schneider Pellow Hancock Wells Campbell Schuber Underhill Maas. Robinson J. H. Crooker Carrington Hill Ervin Brush and Brennen

Alderman Brush introduced an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$3000. to refloor Austin Hook and Truck House and to build a bridge over the gutter at the entrance of said truck house The ordinance was read second and third times under suspension of the rules and passed by the following vote yeas Aldermen Schneider Pellow Hancock Wells Campbell Schuber Underhill Maas Robinson J. H. Crooker Carrington Hill Platt Ervin Brush and Brennen.

The Capital Gas Light and Coal Company submitted a proposition to light the street lamps for three years, at \$7.50 per light per month referred to the water and gas committee

The motion to adjourn was lost

On motion of Alderman Maas the Mayor was authorized to extend the time of the Contract of the Austin Gaslight and coal Co to light the street lamps at the same price per lamp as called for by said contract

The motion to proceed to elect Policemen to fill vacancies on the Police force was adopted

Aldermen Crooker Hancock & Pellow were appointed as tellers

The motion that each alderman vote for five names at one and that the persons receiving the highest number of votes be declared elected, was adopted

The following names were placed in nomination and received the following vote

R. A. Boyce	17 votes
C. Lawson	8 "
J. W. Johnson	13 "
J. W. Bracken	11 "
Clara Hankins	6 "
E. Brueggerman	4 "
L. E. Lock	4 "
R. E. Richardson	8 "
W. M. Darnell	4 "
Tom Conley	1 "
<u>J. W. Patterson</u>	<u>1 "</u>

R. A. Boyce, J. W. Johnson and J. W. Bracken were declared elected police officers of the City of Austin. The City Clerk was instructed to cast the vote of the Council for C. Lawson and R. E. Richardson who were declared elected police officers of the City of Austin.

On motion the Council adjourned.
Read and approved June 16 1884

J. L. Darnell
City Clerk