A Regular Meeting of the City Council

Austin, Tex., Nov. 15, 1876.

Hon. J. W. Robertson, Mayor, Presiding.

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A Call of the Council was ordered, and the marshals directed to notify absentees.

Aldermen Warthen, Pillow, Cummins, Anderson, Holman, Schuler, and Holman came in, and in motion, in reply, the call was suspended.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Council were adopted as printed.

Alderman Ervin presented a resolution authorizing the mayor to make and deliver to Cell J. L. Driskill an absolute deed in fee simple to the property on East Paisley Street formerly occupied by the fire department, in payment of $300, balance due the city for this property.

Alderman Giesen came in.

There being no objection, Alderman Brush was excused.

Alderman DeGress came in.

Alderman Cummins presented a petition from Edwin Wilson at all, requesting the city to repair sewer in front of lot No. 3 block 64, on East Sixth Street.

On motion, the city engineer was directed to make the necessary repairs.

Alderman Walker presented a petition from J. H. Wells, requesting permission to erect a dwelling house on the River Walk, and agreeing to pay fifty cents per month rent for use of ground planted.

Officers' Reports.

City Marshal's Report for October, 1876.

Total Cash Collected for Fines and Costs assessed during October $733.96.
Nov. 15, 1886.

Total cash collected from fines and costs assessed during September, 1886. $16.10
Fines from City pound, October. 16.10
Total real $264.60.

Total number of arrests during October 112.
(Referred to Committee on Police).

Assessor and Collector's Report:
Ad Valorem and License taxes, &c., collected during the quarter ending October 31, 1886:

- Ad Valorem taxes $4,878.09
- License 6.00.18
- Other Sources 2.283.96
- Total $13,780.13

School taxes collected during same period $1532.19
Referred to Committee on Finance & Revenue.


Balance on hand Sept. 30 $6,257.92

Received from Assess. Asses. admes. real $925.07
License taxes 3,484.93
General fund 824.20
City Cemetery 149.50 — 5,376.70

Received from State of Texas, first installment of school apporment for the year ending August 31, 1887 4,113.50
Total 15,750.13

Credits.

City Cemetery, paid warrants $81.90
General fund 4,581.27
Paid Campers due on July 1, '86, on 10 percent bonds 25.00
School fund Walter Tipton more Austin
Public Schools 4,113.50
Total Credits 8,761.57

Cash Balances, October 31

- Cemetery fund $731.30
- Bank &c. 172.78
- Interest 425.00
- General 5,666.52 — 6,998.58

Treasurer's report.
Unappropriated Balances.
Cemetery Fund: $ 14.17.
General: $3,680.16.
Referred to Committee on Finance.
and Revenue.

City Physician's Report for the Month of October:
Number of patients in Hospital Oct. 1: 11.
Discharged during month: 9.
Died: 2.
Admitted: 12.
Remaining in Hospital Nov. 1: 12.
Number of visits made during October: 141.
Prescriptions written: 125.
Cases of Scarlet Fever reported: 14.
" Diphtheria": 3.

General health of city is good.

City Sexton's Report for month of October, 1876.
Total deaths: 29.
White: 22.
Colored: 7.
Male: 20.
Female: 9.
From Travis County: 3.

City Clerk's Statement of Warrants issued during the month of October, 1876.
Total amount issued: $5,055.69.

Alderman Metz came in.
The following message was submitted by the Mayor:

(Mayor's Office),
Austin, Nov. 13, 1876.

Gentlemen of the City Council:

In compliance with the provisions of the Charter and Ordinances of this City, I herewith present my annual report as Mayor, covering the period from November 1, 1875, to October 31, 1876.

In performing this duty, I shall endeavor to briefly review the work of the past year, and to
Present the present condition of our municipal affairs with such suggestions as I may deem proper knowing the business of this year upon which we are entering:

**Bonds**

The bonded debt of the City is as follows:

- **Ten percent bonds**
  - Due January 1, 1874 $38,500
  - Due " " 1876 30,000
  - Due " " 1878 10,000

- **Six percent bonds**
  - Due January 1, 1901 12,600
  - Due July 1, 1904 40,000
  - Total 123,000

The interest on this debt amounts to $10,400 per annum, and is payable semi-annually on the first day of January and July.

**Taxation and Revenue.**

The receipts of revenue from all sources from November 1, 1885, to October 31, 1886, have been as follows:

- Cash in treasury, Nov. 1, 1885 $31,048.39
- Ad Valorem tax collected 70,263.60
- License tax 12,839.66
- Fines in Recorder's Court 6,257.90
- Bond fees and sales 65.70
- Travis County Support of Hospital 2,144.15
- Sale of Cemetery lots 741.50
- Ground rents 360.00
- Cost and interest on tax sale 104.14
- On sale real estate to J. L. Giles 4,500.00
- Other Sources 315.61
- Total amount received $128,085.64

The expenditure of money during this period has been as follows:

- On account of City Cemetery $14,744.20
- Warrants on general fund 101,757.89
- Interest on bonded debt 11,025.00
- Total paid out by Treasurer $121,057.09
**Recapitulation.**

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<th>Amount received</th>
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<td>Paid out</td>
<td>$121,051.09</td>
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<td>Cash On Hand Nov. 1</td>
<td>6,994.57</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>$124,045.64</td>
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All of this will fully appear by the annual reports of the City Treasurer and Assessor and Collector which are filed herewith.

It appears that the sum of $2,274.20 has been used for Cemetery purposes; the sum of $11,025.00 for the payment of interest on the bonded debt; and for all other purposes the sum of $107,777.39.

This latter amount covers all expenditures and appropriations of the city government, except for the Cemetery and for interest, paid by the Treasurer between November 1, 1885, and October 31, 1886, and the same is classified by the City Clerk in his annual report as follows:

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<th>Salaries of Officers</th>
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<td>City Police Force</td>
<td>17,042.61</td>
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<td>Firemen</td>
<td>3,911.40</td>
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<td>Support of the fire dept.</td>
<td>6,408.84</td>
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<td>Cost and building for East Austin Ave &amp; 1st</td>
<td>1,498.75</td>
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<td>Lot for Ave C, North Austin</td>
<td>400.00</td>
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<td>Streets &amp; Bridges</td>
<td>16,603.16</td>
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<td>City Water Company</td>
<td>13,324.00</td>
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<td>Lighting Streets</td>
<td>3,204.07</td>
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<td>Printing, Stationery &amp; Postage</td>
<td>2,353.94</td>
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<tr>
<td>Expenses City and County Hospital</td>
<td>3,993.35</td>
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<tr>
<td>Improvements on hospital building</td>
<td>527.50</td>
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<td>Feeding City Prisoners</td>
<td>1,611.47</td>
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<td>Feed of City Teams</td>
<td>1,224.68</td>
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<td>Repairing City Hall &amp; Jail</td>
<td>1,417.80</td>
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<td>Charitable Alms</td>
<td>708.81</td>
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<td>Sanitary purposes</td>
<td>160.00</td>
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<td>Police building on Market Hill</td>
<td>6,176.80</td>
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<td>Expenses of Miller park</td>
<td>158.40</td>
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<td>Detective Service</td>
<td>4,737.18</td>
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<td>Taxes refund</td>
<td>585.00</td>
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<td>Expenses of Elections</td>
<td>127.50</td>
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Nov. 15, 1886.

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<th>Item</th>
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<td>Hose for fire dept.</td>
<td>$2,250.00</td>
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<td>Lighting City Hall</td>
<td>33.68</td>
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<td>Attorneys fees</td>
<td>500.00</td>
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<td>Codifying Printing Ordinances &amp; Flags, Drags, etc.</td>
<td>9,150.94</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous acc'ts Audited and Approved</td>
<td>2,572.90</td>
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<td><strong>Total warrants on general fund</strong></td>
<td>$107,191.86</td>
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This is exclusive of all appropriations made on account of the Cemetery. The warrants drawn on this account were as follows:

- On acct. of City Cemetery: $177.77
- On acct. of new Cemetery: 500.00
- **Total**: $1,177.77

This amount added to the amount of warrants drawn on the general fund, makes the aggregate of warrants for all purposes $111,069.74. Showing, by comparison of the reports of the City Treasurer and City Clerk, that the unpaid, outstanding warrants, at the close of October 31, 1886, amounted to $1,043.54 less the amount of warrants drawn before November 1, 1886, and unpaid since that date.

**Streets and Bridges.**

The expenditure for grading and improving the streets in the several wards have been as follows:

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<td>First Ward</td>
<td>$777.57</td>
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<td>Second Ward</td>
<td>739.25</td>
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<td>Third Ward</td>
<td>816.60</td>
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<td>Fourth Ward</td>
<td>750.52</td>
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<td>Fifth Ward</td>
<td>817.15</td>
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<td>Sixth Ward</td>
<td>758.34</td>
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<td>Seventh Ward</td>
<td>727.49</td>
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<td>Eighth Ward</td>
<td>736.20</td>
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<td>Ninth Ward</td>
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<td>Tenth Ward</td>
<td>781.60</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>$7,660.06</td>
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- Gutting Congress Avenue South of Cypress Street: $8,000
- Addition to Stables: 142.66
- Numbering Streets: 99.00
- Railings at bridge on East Pecan Street: 29.50
- **Total**: 1,070.16
Bridges.

Arch. Stone bridge on Little Shoal Creek at intersection of North Avenue and Success Street $344.00
Arch. Stone bridge on Little Shoal Creek at intersection of College Avenue and Success Street 589.91
Arch. Stone bridge over Waller Creek on East Ocean Street 3,083.30

Remaining iron bridge from Ocean Street to Pine Street, and erecting same on Waller Creek 1,097.10

Other expenditures for work on streets and charged to street appropriations 3,247.08

Total $7,311.39

Recapitulation:

On Streets $7,660.06
Miscellaneous 1,071.16
Total Expenditure 8,731.22

Taxes.

The ad valorem taxes assessed for the year 1875 amounted to $72,083.02. The assessor and Collector report on this assessment as follows:

Collected by T. Steerling, late alderman $2,099.26
Collected by Mr. Parry 641.35
Collection suspended 540.00
Credited by Council 8.50
Due real estate heretofore sold 2,440.00
Sold by Counterpart Lee 10.00
Balance Collectable 1,103.68
Delinquent list non-collectable 6,442.96
Total 72,083.02

Occupation taxes collected 842.67

Total all taxes 12,279.68

The ad valorem taxes for the year 1876 will be $76,172.11, being an increase of $3,159.09 over the taxes of 1875.

The assessments for the last five years have been as follows:

For 1872 $5,252.83
1873 5,847.74
1874 6,544.66
City Marshal's Office.

Immediately after the last election the city council increased the police force, so that it now consists of the marshal, sergeant, and twenty policemen. The expenses of the force, exclusive of the city marshal, have been $17,048.61. Number of complaints filed before Recorder 1252.

Amount of fines imposed in Recorder's Court $6,655.00 Amount of fines imposed before Recorder $5,887.98

Total $11,542.98
Of this sum, the marshal collected in cash $6,332.45
owed out by prisoners on streets $3,012.75 Total amount realized by city $9,245.20

During the past year peace and quiet has reigned in this city and public confidence has been restored in this community. You have had a city marshal who was well qualified to discharge the duties of his office, and you clothed him with authority to select and control his subordinate officers. He has organized such a force of police as this city has never had before, and he has made them a well-disciplined and efficient body of men upon whom the people can safely rely for protection to life and property. The increase of the force has necessarily increased expenses, but there is ample compensation in the increased usefulness and efficiency of the department.

City and County Hospital.

This institution under agreement between the city and Travis County, is managed exclusively by the city. The County has borne its share of the permanent improvement on the building and grounds, amounting during the year to $878.30. The County pays the city $2000 per year as its share of the expenses.

The expenses for the past year have been $3993.50, which demonstrates that the contract is a fair and equitable one.
The city assumes all the labor and responsibility of the management of the institution, and pays the same amount as Travis County. The hospital is well managed. It has proved a success. It has already accomplished great good in the relief of the unfortunate. During the year 139 persons have been treated at public expense.

I trust that the present arrangement for the management of the hospital may continue for a long time to come.

Cemetery.

The old cemetery is almost exhausted of burying ground. A new fence and other improvements have been made during the year, at a cost of $177,77. A few months ago you directed the purchase of 120 acres of what is known as the Patterson place, for the purposes of a new cemetery.

The first deferred payment of the purchase money will be due on June 1, 1887, and as the proceeds of the sale of lots are appropriated solely to the payment of the purchase money, it becomes necessary for this reason, if no other, that these grounds be enclosed, laid off into lots and sold. I would recommend that this be done at the very earliest day practicable.

I believe that these lots will be taken rapidly as soon as they are offered for sale.

Water.

Forty additional hydrants, with necessary extension of mains, were ordered by your body early in the present year, but the water company, for some reason, have made only a part of the extensions directed. Why this has not been done I am not informed.

Street Lights.

Under existing contracts with the gas companies, the city has 152 street lamps. The cost for the year has been $3,204.07. The city is now as well lighted as the revenue will bear.
City Printing.

More liberal arrangements for printing have been made this year than could be made before.

The cost of printing, stationery, and stamps has been $2,353.94, exclusive of the revision of the City Ordinances, which cost $9,124.

Suits, etc.

The city attorney reports the condition of cases in which the city is interested, as follows:

Suit of J. S. Walton vs. the city, to recover commissions as city attorney in 1872 and 1873; judgment against the city in district court; on appeal in supreme court.

Suit of A. R. Riley vs. the city, for damages for personal injuries alleged to have been sustained by reason of a defective crossing of the street; judgment against the city for $18,500; on appeal in supreme court.

Two suits in the County Court to recover rewards, brought by W. F. Cuthbert and W. H. Grimes, were decided in favor of the city.

The suit of the Austin Gaslight and Coal Company vs. the City, seeking to adjourn the Collector of taxes, is still pending, but will be tried this term of court.

There are also several cases pending in the district court, brought by E. Christian and others, involving the location of Orange street west of the University Square. They will also be tried during the present term.

Fire Department.

A new company, the East Austin Hose Company No. 44, has been organized and added to the department during the past year.

It is located in east Austin in a thickly populated portion of the city. It has been provided with commodious quarters at a cost to city (lot and house) of $1,495.75.

The building for the department on Market Hill has been completed at a cost, since last report, of $6,176.50. It is now occupied by Austin Hook
and Ladder Company No. 1, and by Colorado
Engine No. 2.
Provision Hook and Ladder Company No. 3
is located on Laura Street, in Ward Five. The
lot on which its buildings are located
was purchased by the City during the year at a
price of $1,600 of which $400 has been paid
and $1,200 is to be paid before the City acquires
title.
Washington Engine Company No. 1 has purchased
its own property and has erected its own building.
The City having refunded to this Company $2,500, due
upon the building it formerly occupied. It is
located on Bregas Street, Ward Nine.
The fire department is in excellent condition, with
comfortable quarters and ample equipment.
The cost of supporting this department causes a
very considerable drain on the City treasury,
yet it is necessary for the protection of the
millions of property in the City, and no one
can complain that your appropriations have
been too liberal or extravagant.
The total number of fires during the year has
been twenty-one.
Losses, about $30,000, of which about $28,000 was
covered by insurance.

The Public Free Schools.
I am happy to report that the public
free schools of the City are in a most flourishing
and prosperous condition.
The number of children of school age, by the
Census of 1886, is as follows:

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<td>Colored</td>
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<td>Total</td>
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Increase:

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<td>155</td>
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<tr>
<td>Colored</td>
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<td>Total</td>
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The average attendance in 1883 was:

White 1,572
Colored 546
Total 2,118

The average for the present year, Commencing September 13, is:

White 1,568
Colored 533
Total 2,096

Number of teachers employed:

White 36
Colored 11
Total 47

Superintendent 1

Cost of Schools last year $52,456.19
Estimated cost this year 36,228.44
Received from State, 1885 16,133.60
City School Tax, 1885 Collected 23,532.81
Total 39,448.41

This does not include Collection prior to November 1, 1885.

Will receive from State, 1886 $16,410.00
City school tax, as levied for 1886 18,795.52
Total available, 1886 35,205.52

Value of school property $35,657.00

The tax for the support of the City Schools has been reduced this year from one-third to one-fourth of one per cent.

A new school building has been erected by the Board of School Directors in the Fifth Ward. The grounds, building, and furniture will cost about $14,000. It has just been opened.

The public schools owe much of their popularity and success to the careful and intelligent supervision and management of the Board of Directors and to the great industry and efficiency of the Superintendent. No public duty of a similar character was ever discharged with greater interest and zeal. The management of the Schools is separate and apart from the City administration as it should be, yet the System is a part of
the institutions of the City, which it is the duty of the City government to foster and encourage to the full extent of its ability.

Improvement of Streets and Survey of City.

The City owns two horses and twenty mules, ten wagons and two carts, with the necessary harness, plows, scrapers, shovels, picks and other implements for street work.
The streets usually travelled are well graded throughout the City.

A great deal of work has been done and much money has been expended to accomplish this end, and the streets and bridges are today in better condition than ever before. It is my earnest conviction that the time has now arrived to commence a more permanent Character of improvement of the streets, and the revenue of the City will justify a fair beginning.
The first thing required is a Survey of the City and the establishment of permanent grades and levels. A provision looking to this is contained in the bond ordinances to be voted on December 1876, but whether the proposition is approved or rejected by the people, let the survey be made at once! I am assured that a survey of this City, with maps, plats and charts for all municipal purposes, can be made by an expert, scientific engineer at a cost not exceeding $500.
I recommend that immediate steps be taken to accomplish this work.

And in this connection I will suggest that there are certain defects in the present City Charter relating to streets, sidewalks and many other matters of public importance that should be amended.

Such amendments can only be obtained by special act of the Legislature. This body meets in January next, and I would suggest that notice of my intention to apply to the Legislature for such Charter amendments be given by Order of the Council, and that a Committee of the Council
be appointed to confer with people and ascertain what is desired, so that harmony may be secured as far as practicable in asking this needed legislation.

Estimates.

Estimates for year from Nov. 1, 1876, to Oct. 31, 1877.

Ad valorem taxes assessed for 1876 $15,182.11, but there will be some delinquents. We will assume that the usual proportion of the assessment will be paid.

On this basis we may safely estimate the collections:

- On the rates of 1876 at $18,000.00
- Occupation taxes estimated $1,250.00
- Collection for book taxes estimated $1,000.00
- Fines and costs from recorder's court $6,000.00
- To be derived from ground rents, etc $2,000.00
- Due from J. J. Price,ill an note $3,000.00
- Cash in treasary, Oct. 1 $6,998.57

Total estimated income $16,948.57.

The expenses of this year (ending October 31, 1877), may be estimated as follows:

- Interest $10,400.00
- Water Company $3,500.00
- Light $4,000.00
- Monthly pay roll, including city hospital employees $3,500.00
- Fire Department $5,000.00
- Feeding city prisoners $1,500.00
- Printing $1,500.00
- Feed of teams $2,000.00
- Miscellaneous claims $6,000.00

Total Estimated $80,900.00

This estimate, which is approximately correct, would leave to be appropriated to public improvements and other purposes $23,578.57.

If it is practicable to make reductions in expenses anywhere I will heartily join you in effecting such reduction.

Conclusion.

I have confined this report to subjects of general interest in the affairs of the city, leaving the details to be gathered from the
reports of the several city officers, which are filed herewith.

I congratulate you upon the prosperous condition of the City of Austin. Its wealth, population have largely increased in the past year. Its business and commercial interests have been greatly enlarged and extended.

The health of the people has been preserved, and no disaster or epidemic has cast its shadows over us. The prospects of the future were never more auspicious, and I trust that all the blessings of health, prosperity, health and happiness may rest upon this city and its people.

I am, very truly, your obvt. servt.

[Signature]

The Committee on streets, alleys, etc., reported favorably on the petition of Mr. Smith for permission to extend the track of the DLM RR. from Old Courthouse square across Guadalupe street, into improvements that are to be erected on lot No. 1, block 21.

The report was adopted.

An Ordinance amending section 3 of an Ordinance entitled “An Ordinance ordering the City Water Company to extend water mains and locate hydrants thereon”, approved March 16, 1876, was taken up on its second reading and read.

Al. Warren moved to amend section 1 by adding, “And section 4 be Changed so as to read Chestnut Or Eighteenth Street,” in place of Cherry Street. Adopted, and the section changed to conform to amendment.

A motion was made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its third reading, which was adopted by the following vote:


On Motion, the ordinance then passed.
River St. An Ordinance locating River Street was taken up on its second reading and read, and a motion was made to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on its third reading, which was adopted by the following vote:

_Yeas—Aldermen Anderson, Caldwell, Campbell, Crooker, Cummings, Ervin, Giesen, Holman, James, Metz, Pillow, Schneider, Schuber, Walker, Warren, Warthen—17._

On motion the Ordinance then passed.

An Ordinance authorizing the assessor and collector to take credit for the advance payment of School taxes on the improvements on the South one-half of Lots 5, 6 and 7, in Block 30, Outlot 11, Division 3, for the year 1886, was taken up on its second reading and read, and a motion was made to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on its third reading, which was defeated by the following vote:

_Yeas—Aldermen Anderson, Crooker, Cummings, Ervin, James, Metz, Pillow, Schneider, Walker—9._

_Nays—Aldermen Caldwell, Campbell, Giesen, Holman, Schuber, Walker, Warthen._

An Ordinance appropriating the sum of $56.50 for the purpose of painting the roof of the market house and adjoining sheds, was taken up on its second reading and read, and a motion was made to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on its third reading, which was adopted by the following vote:

_Yeas—Aldermen Anderson, Caldwell, Campbell, Crooker, Cummings, Giesen, Holman, James, Metz, Pillow, Schneider, Schuber, Walker, Warren, Warthen—17._

On motion the ordinance passed.

Alderman Anderson moved to take up the resolution for refunding the sum of $45.75 to the first, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Ninth, and Tenth Wards, which amount was expended by the Street Committee and City Engineer.
An ordinance appointed, out of the appropriations made to work the streets of the laid wards for the year 1886, the resolution having been read a second time and tabled at the last meeting of the Council.

Alderman DeGress moved as a substitute for the motion made by Alderman Anderson, that the resolution be reconsidered, and it was adopted by a vote of 10 to 7. The resolution was then read a third time, and on motion passed by a rising vote of 11 to 6.

For res. Alderman Wartham presented an ordinance appropriating the sum of $3,150 for the purpose of paying officers and regular employees of the city and county hospital, each, for the month of November, 1886, which was read the first time, after which motions were made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second and third readings and that the ordinance do now pass; all of which were adopted by the following vote of.


For res. Alderman Wartham also introduced an ordinance appropriating the sum of $1,845.09 for the purpose of paying approved claims.

A motion was made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second reading, which was adopted by the following vote of.


Amended. Alderman Wartham moved to amend section 1 by adding $92.50 to defray the funeral expenses of Capt. George Hutchinson, late...
Police officer of the city. Unanimously adopted.

Alderwoman Jones moved to amend section 1 by adding $25, for the purpose of fencing, in Water Creek, about where Willow Street crosses the same: Carried.

The caption was then changed to read $1,462.59. (Motions were then made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its third reading, and passed.)

The ordinance do now pass: both of which were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes - Aldermen Anderson, Caldwell, Campbell, Creeker, Cummings, DeGrass Ervin, Giesen, Heilman, Jones, Metz, Pillow, Schneider, Schuler, Drake, Warren, Martin 17.

A resolution providing for an election to be held in the City of Austin, on December 6, 1886, for the purpose of electing Aldermen for the several wards, in place of those whose terms expire, was introduced and read.

Alderman Cummings moved that the judges who are appointed to serve as judges of the election on the question of increasing the bonded indebtedness of the city, be appointed as judges of the election for Aldermen. Adopted.

Alderman DeGrass moved to add that the polls in the several wards be opened at the same places. The motion was adopted, and the resolution as amended was Carried.

Alderman DeGrass introduced a resolution, which was adopted, directing the use of two election boxes at an election to be held on the 6th day of December for one Alderman in each of the ten wards, and on increasing the bonded indebtedness of the city: one box for the votes of Aldermen and one for the votes for or against the bonded indebtedness. Also directing the judges of the election to keep separate tally books of the votes cast for Aldermen and on the bonded question, and to make separate returns.

Alderman DeGrass introduced a resolution requiring the assessor and collector of taxes to make...
Resolution, That the Street Committee and City Engineer be and are hereby instructed to Systematize thoroughly the work in the various Wards, so as to make the time and amount of work uniform, and equal in each Ward. Adopted.

Alderman Cummings presented a resolution requiring the Street Committee and City Engineer to prepare a plan and estimate for a stone arch bridge over Little Shoal Creek, at the crossing of West Ashley Street, and report the same to the Council at the earliest practicable moment. Adopted.

Alderman Pillow introduced a resolution granting to the Austin City Railway Company authority to extend its railway from Congress Avenue, on West Lesbian street, over the bridge across Shoal Creek, to the western limits of the City, provided the said Railroad Company will grade that portion of the street to be occupied by its track and one-third of the remainder.
according to the grade fixed by the City engineer, and will make a new floor to said bridge. Adopted.
The Mayor asked the consent of the Council to remit a fine of five dollars and costs assessed against Fritz Bopf. On motion the Council agreed to the remission.

An Ordinance granting the right to Wm. Lemp to extend the present Railroad track north in said Court house square, east across Guadalupe street into lot number one in block number twenty seven of the City of Austin was introduced by Alderman Schuler and read. Motions were made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second and third readings, both of which were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas - Alderman Anderson, Caldwell, Campbell, Crooker, Cummingo, Adams, Erwin, Gieson, Holman, Jones, Metz, Bell, Schneider, Schuler, Walker, Darren; Marthan - 17.

On motion the Ordinance passed.

Alderman Erwin introduced the following:

Resolved, That a lamp shall be located at the quarters of the East Austin Horse Company No. 4, in Ward Seventh.

Alderman Jones moved to amend by adding one lamp each for Colorado and Washington engine houses.

The amendment was accepted and the resolution as amended was adopted.

Alderman Marthan introduced an ordinance appropriating $400 for the purpose of buying uniforms for the City Police. Read and referred to Committee on Police.

Alderman Schneider introduced an ordinance increasing the salary of police day clerk, which was read first time and after which motions were made to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on its second and third readings, both of which were adopted by the following vote: Yeas - Alderman Anderson, Caldwell, Campbell, Crooker, Cummingo,
Nov. 15, 1886.

Deceased, Erwin, Giese, Halman, Jansen, Metz, Pillow, Schneider, Schuler, Wacker, Neibren, Wartham - 17.

On motion the Ordinance passed

On motion the Council adjourned.

Milton Morris, City Clerk.