Minn. of a Called Meeting of the City Council.
Austin, Xo. 13, 1887.

Hon. J. W. Robertson, mayor, presiding.


The Mayor submitted the following, which was ordered filed:

Austin, Texas, Nov. 13, 1887.

W. Davis, Mayor of the City Council:

In January 1, 1887, the sum of fourteen thousand four hundred dollars ($14,400) of the bonded debt of the City matured. This debt was represented by twenty nine (29) bonds of the city numbered 1 to 30 inclusive—No's 1 to 29 inclusive—being for five hundred dollars ($500) each, and No. 30 for four hundred dollars ($400). These bonds were paid through the First National Bank, and the bank was repaid out of the twenty-eight thousand dollars received in New York. The mayor, W. A. Dallas, on the hypothesis that bonds is said by authority of an ordinance approved November 7, 1883, and an ordinance approved November 25, 1883.

The settlement of the fourteen thousand four hundred dollars with the First National Bank was made about May 1, 1884, by major W. A. Dallas, City Treasurer, and Howard, and the finance Committee of the City Council. But the bonds aggregating said sum of $14,400 were not delivered for the reason that it was understood that the bills of exchange in New York and would be delivered as soon as received by the bank, and the Mayor Dallas do in fact (after retired from office) and the matter was still left in his condition.

Every effort available has been made by this
The Mayor, Treasurer and Finance Committee, as well as by the Board, to get possession of the

fifteen Cancelled bonds, but all of them have

not been found. Heretofore the Trent

National Bank delivered to us fourteen

(b) of said bonds, numerate Nos. 1 to 14, inclusive,

each for $500; total, $7000.

The remaining fifteen (15) bonds, Nos. 15 to 30 inclusive, Nos. 16 to 29, each for $500 each, and No. 30

for $1000, have never been delivered up to this date.

These bonds are all Cancelled and, as liability

could equally have been treated for the City, yet, it

has so far been impossible to get possession of

them.

I further herewith the thirteen Cancelled bonds

delivered to me as stated above, and file this

statement to be entered as an official record of

these facts.

Under an Ordinance approved November 7, 1883,

and another Ordinance approved November 25, 1883,

the following bonds were executed and placed on

the market in New York, town:

Fifteen bonds, each

for $500; dated December 31, 1883, numbered

1 to 14 inclusive, due twenty years after date and payable

on demand of the City after ten years. These amounted

to $7500 and were executed by W. H. Daybrook, mayor.

Also twenty-five bonds, each for $100, dated December

31, 1883, numbered 15 to 50 inclusive, due twenty

years after date and payable at option of the City

after ten years. These bonds amounted to $10,000

and were executed by W. H. Daybrook, mayor.

Also five bonds, each for $500, dated July 1, 1881, numbered

1 to 5 inclusive, due twenty years after date.

These amounted to $2500, making the total amount $10,500.

These bonds were issued by J. M. Crocker, mayor.

These are the bonds hypothecated in New York in

the early part of 1884, and subsequently redeemed

by the City. They are recalled and Cancelled by the

Ordinance of June 25, 1884, (Revised Ordinances, page 361).

This Ordinance also specially repeals the several

Ordinances under which said bonds were issued.

They have remained in the hands of the City Treasurer.
Bonds from the time of their redemption in 1844, until yesterday, when they were examined, verified on the original bonds issued, and were destroyed by the Finance Committee in the presence of the City Treasurer, Mayor and other persons. This statement is accompanied by a statement of the financial committee, and the bonds are filed as an official record of the facts stated.

(Signed) Very Truly, etc.

J.W. Robertson, Mayor.

Endorsed: By the Finance Committee of the City Council of the city of Austin do hereby certify that the above mentioned city bonds were this day destroyed by fire in the presence of the finance committee, City Treasurer, W. B. Howard and City Clerk, Melton Morris.

(Signed) W. B. Worthy, Treasurer;

J. M. Howard, Treasurer.

W. B. Howard, City Clerk.

Mr. Alderman Fisher introduced an Ordinance appropriating the sum of $189 for the purpose of paying N. S. Wattering a compromise upon this suit vs. the city of Austin.

Alderman Cunningham 2d. Read.

The Ordinance was read first time, after which motions were made to suspend the rule and place the Ordinance on its second and third readings both of which were adopted by the following vote.

Alderman Anderson, Caldwell, Campbell, Cunningham, Fisher, Graham, James, Metz, Adell, Blatt, Schinder, Schubin, Sarnason, Wadler, Worthy — 16.

Alderman Tomash entered:

A motion was then made to pass the Ordinance, which was adopted by the following vote:
Mr. Alderman Alexander, Anderson, Caldwell, Campbell, Cummings, Fisher, Graham, Jones, Metz, Odell, Platt, Schneider, Schuber, Townsend, Walker, Northam. 16.

A motion was then made to pass
the ordinance, which was adopted by the following vote:

Mr. Alderman Alexander, Anderson, Caldwell, Campbell, Cummings, Fisher, Graham, Jones, Metz, Odell, Platt, Schneider, Schuber, Townsend, Walker, Northam. 17.

The Mayor requested the Council to omit the fine and costs as assessed in Recorder's Court against Frank Phillips. On motion, the Council concurred in the remission.

Mr. Phillips, Alderman Phillips, entered.

Adopted. Mayor Roberts and then rose and declared
the Council formally adjourned.

The Alderman whose term expired by adjournment
retired.

The Mayor then directed the Clerk to call the
roll of newly elected members of the Council, which
was done; and they answered to their names
as follows, and entered the Council, and took
seats assigned to them:

Present Alderman
Assmann, Beland, Brush, Hegess, Haigler, Linn, Pillow, Schneider, Wilson, and Northam - 10.

The Mayor then requested them to rise,
which they did, and he administered the oath of
office to them collectively.

The roll of the new Council was then
called, showing all members present as follows:


Mayor Ella Alderman Platt moved that a Committee
of three, Alderman be appointed to wait
Mr. Hall, on the motion of Mr. Joseph Nalle, was adopted, and Alexander Nalle, Mr. White, and Mr. Campbell were appointed. Then Joseph Nalle rose and called the attention of the Mayor's Chair. Mayor Robinson then administered the oath of office, and introduced Mr. Nalle and the assistants present, and retired

from the hall. Alderman Bishop moved that

Mr. Nalle, Mayor Robinson, be invited to a seat on the

stand. Carried, and he took a seat as invited.

Mayor Nalle then read the following:

Gentlemen of the Board of Aldermen:

ADDRESS

(Called by the people to administer the affairs of the city, with such force as they shall desire our

Supervisors; it is proper that in a public

day that harmony should prevail, and actions, and a mutual feeling of unity and coöperation

should characterize both official intercourse and deliberations. I can say that, whatever ability

or energy is may, progress will be devoted to

a cultivation of that feeling and the furtherance

of such measures and undertakings as will promote the progress, growth and prosperity of the

city and the material advancement of the interests

and those of other people. You will find me at

times ready and willing to cooperate with you in every effort to place our city where

it should stand—among the first in the State

in progress and in general material development.

Of course, it is not too early to define or

center lines and general policy. The people have pleased our hearts to form all conversations

that will give to our city a healthy and vigorous

business and Commercial impetus, and stimulate to the utmost hands a lands and feeling of

public and private enterprise. So this end, we

must early and thoroughly acquaint ourselves with the

financial condition of the city, and at the outset

from a balance sheet from which we can take

clear bearings. The people, I am assured, will

entirely join in and sustain any expenditures

we may make that have been their object permanent

and practical purposes, and, but them serious.
I now beg leave to say that I shall submit to the Board, for their approbation, such measures as I deem worthy of support, and shall ask for them your intelligent and hearty cooperation. It will be my purpose, at an early day to submit for your consideration a proposition which will have to be submitted to the people, asking the loan of their credit for the purpose of improving and opening our streets and beautifying our public grounds, etc. Only a loan of the city credit will be asked. No money or increase of taxation will be necessary, nor will the granting of it entail any additional burden upon the taxpayers. A loan of $300,000 at this time, placed at six percent, half to be expended the present year, and the balance the year following, will give employment to our laboring classes, now claim in, for the means to earn bread for their wives and children, while saving these deserving, but unfortunate people, from asking alms at the hands of their more prosperous and fortunate neighbors, will serve to permanently improve and beautify our city. The loan of the city credit can be $300,000 for twenty years, will require $12,000 per annum to meet the interest, which can be taken from the general revenues without increase of taxation beyond the present half, as well as two per cent. to be set aside as a sinking fund, as is required by the Constitution of the State, making a total of $18,000 for interest and sinking fund. This, as I said before, can be taken from the general revenues without increasing the rate of taxation one cent. She hands can be continued from time to time, if the people so desire; or, if they prefer, they can easily pay them off as a matter of course, with an increased revenue--or the sinking fund. It is unnecessary, understood that
Municipal bonds of this character are never paid at maturity. They are almost invariably substituted by bonds drawing a lower rate of interest until the accumulation of the sinking fund makes it a matter of necessity to yearly reduce the number outstanding and finally ends in their total absorption.

I believe, in view of the condition of our laboring classes at this time, that it would be a public charity to disburse this amount in our midst in the manner suggested, all of which would inure to the benefit of our home people—giving business to the merchants and labor to the deserving classes now clamoring for employment.

I merely mention this matter now in order that you may consider and reflect upon it, and therefore be the better able to intelligently act when it shall formally come before you.

I fully concur with my predecessor's remarks in his final message to the Council regarding our present city hall. Its accommodations are totally insufficient to meet the wants of the city, while its inconveniences are many and beyond remedy. I hope at an early day to be able to submit for your consideration a plan by which the city can erect a suitable building—one that will meet all requirements for the present and for many years to come, and while an ornament to the city will also be in keeping with the State and County buildings which grace our city.

The authority given you under the charter to elect all city officers is a most extraordinary concession of power. In the exercise of that responsible trust, I earnestly hope that you will only be actuated by patriotic and selfless motives, and will bring to the service of the city the best material that may offer. The system of swamping and exchanging votes, in order to secure position for friends, I hope will not be countenanced by any member of your honorable body. The patronage of the city
is at your disposal, but it does not belong to you but belongs to the people, and as their agents you should dispose of it in their interests and not use it in aiding personal friends or rewarding partisan followers. I will not bring the matter of any and do a candidate for your consideration, except that of City Clerk. This office is properly the Clerk & Secretary to the Mayor, and while I know you have the legal power to ignore and reject the name which I shall submit to you, yet I believe official as well as personal courtesy, to say nothing of the common proprieties of life, demand that you, leave the selection of that officer to the Mayor. I shall, at the proper time, present for your consideration the name of the gentleman I desire for City Clerk, and trust that he will be confirmed without opposition.

The charter provides for the election of a treasurer and City Engineer. As these offices are to be filled tonight, I think it is but proper that the applicants should thoroughly understand my views in relation to them. I am satisfied that responsible banking institutions can be induced to accept the position of treasurer for the city without pay, giving satisfactory bonds for the faithful accounting of all funds and the discharge of the duties incumbent upon the treasurer, the advantage of holding the city uncumbered balance, being deemed ample compensation for the services rendered. By such an arrangement, the taxpayers would be relieved of paying $100 per annum— an item small in itself, but certainly worth the saving.

The office of city engineer should be in my judgment, virtually abolished. Yet, the charter makes it incumbent upon the council to fill the position, and you must meet the requirement by an election. But in order to practically dispense with the office,
Suggest that the salary be made a nominal one, say, one dollar a month, and that, year by year, at the proper time, create the office of street commissioner, and select for that position some thoroughly competent man, whose duty it shall be to take charge of the city's teams and laborers and be with them at all times during the regular hours for labor on all public works—in other words, practically fill the position of an overseer, and authorize the mayor, when engineering work may be required, to accept the service of the engineer you may select, or any other that may be preferred, at some stipulated or agreed sum for the services that may be required of him.

And now, gentlemen, in conclusion, I am about to assume the duties of your president, and in their discharge I must necessarily rely upon your assistance and indulgence. This is a new field to me, and I shall in the transaction of business, expect the aid and counsel of those more versed in parliamentary usage than myself.

I sincerely trust that harmony will control our deliberations, and that useless formalities will be waived for practical business methods. I thank you, gentlemen, for your courteous attention.

Election order

Alderman Wartham introduced a resolution directing that an election of officers for the ensuing term of two years be proceeded with in the following order: President of the Council, City Clerk, Assessor and Collector, Treasurer, Recorder, Physician, Attorney, Marshall, engineer, President Physician of the City Hospital, Matron of the City Hospital and Sanitary Inspector. The chair ruled the resolution out of order, as conflicting with the Charter, and ruled that officers should be elected in the order named in the Charter, and announced nominations for assessors and collector were in order.

Alderman Burrell then nominated Messrs. A. H. Martin, W. A. Green, and Alderman Campbell, Fred Sterzing.
Alderman Caldwell moved that Thomas Atlee be appointed. Adopted.
The Chair appointed Alderman Caldwell, Byrnes, and Jones.
There being no other nominations, the Mayor then requested that ballots be prepared and cast, which was done, and
the result canvassed in due form by the tellers of the city and announced by them as follows: Mayor, 17;
Sterzing, 13.
The Mayor then stated that Fred Sterzing, having received a majority of all the votes cast, he
declared him duly elected as recorder and collector of the city of Austin for the ensuing term of
three years.
The Mayor then stated that nominations were in order.
Alderman Graham nominated C. D. Johns; Alderman
Byrnes nominated J. M. Ruggles; Alderman
Jones nominated J. R. Hamilton.
There being no other nominations the Mayor directed a ballot to be taken, which
was done and canvassed in due form, and the result announced as follows: Johns, 6;
Ruggles, 6; Hamilton, 8 votes.
The Chair stated that no candidate had received a majority of all the votes cast, and
that another ballot be taken.
A second ballot was taken in due form, and resulted as follows: C. D. Johns, 4; Gardner
Ruggles, 4; J. R. Hamilton, 11 votes.
The Mayor then declared J. R. Hamilton duly
elected Recorder of the City of Austin for the
ensuing term of three years, he having received
a majority of all the votes cast.
The Mayor declared nominations for city marshal
were in order.
Alderman Cadw nominated R. B. Underhill.
Alderman Byrnes nominated J. B. Ayres.
There being no other nominations, the
Mayor then ordered a ballot, which was
regularly taken and canvassed, resulting in
The Mayor then stated that J. E. Lucy, having received a majority of all votes cast, he declared him duly elected City Marshal of the City of Austin for the ensuing term of two years.

The Mayor announced that nominations for City Treasurer were next in order.

Alderman Campbell nominated J. W. Howard; Alderman Fishon nominated J. S. Myrick; Alderman Wilson nominated Albert Patink; Alderman Boshk nominated A. S. Roberts.

When being no other nominations, the Mayor then requested that a ballot be taken, which was duly and regularly done, resulting as follows:

J. W. Howard, 2; J. S. Myrick, 11; Albert Patink, 4; A. S. Roberts, 3 Votes.

The Mayor then said that J. S. Myrick having received a majority of all votes cast, he declared him duly elected Treasurer of the City of Austin for the ensuing term of two years.

The Chair stated the next business in order was the election of a City Physician.

A. S. Graves; Alderman Northington nominated Dr. H. B. Johnson; Alderman Wilson nominated Dr. H. B. Johnson; Alderman Green nominated Dr. H. B. Denton.

There being no other nominations, a ballot was ordered, which was duly and regularly made and canvassed, resulting as follows:

Dr. H. B. Johnson, 4; Dr. H. B. Denton, 2 Votes.

The Mayor stated that R. S. Graves, having received a majority of all votes cast, he declared him duly elected City Physician for the ensuing term of two years.

The Mayor stated the next business in order was the election of a City Clerk, and he placed Mr. Harris in nomination. The name of Moses C. Harris.

M. Harris; Alderman Campbell nominated Milton Morris; C. H. Bell. Alderman Bell nominated C. H. Powell.

The Mayor directed a ballot, which was duly taken and canvassed, and the result announced as follows: Milton Morris, 15 Votes; Moses C. Harris, 6 votes.
Morris: The mayor then announced that Milton had received a majority of all the votes cast, and declared himself elected Clerk of the City of Austin for the ensuing term of two years.

The mayor then announced that nominations for city attorney were in order.

The following nominations were then made:


The mayor ruled that the vote cast for Hancock should be thrown out, as he was not nominated as required, and stated that none of the candidates having received a majority of all the votes cast, there was no election, and that another ballot be prepared, which was properly drawn and high, and the result announced as follows: George S. Walton, 7; Geo. S. Pendexter, 7; H. H. Childress, 8; W. Philips, 3; Hancock, 1 vote.

The mayor then stated that no one having received a majority of all the votes cast, another ballot be prepared, which was duly drawn, and resulting as follows: George S. Walton, 7; Geo. S. Pendexter, 7; H. H. Childress, 8; W. Philips, 3.

The mayor then stated that Geo. S. Pendexter had received a majority of all the votes cast, and was duly elected city attorney for the ensuing term of two years.

The mayor then informed the council that nominations for city engineer were in order.

The following nominations were then made:

directed that a ballot be prepared, which was properly done, resulting as follows: Sam P. Mathews 7; H. C. Schmitz 2; Burt McDonald 1; C. C. Campbell 2; R. W. Ford 3.

The mayor then stated that none of the candidates having received a majority of all the votes cast, another ballot be prepared. Alderman DeGress then withdrew the name of R. W. Ford, and the ballot was prepared and resulted as follows: Sam P. Mathews 6; H. C. Schmitz 3; Burt McDonald 7; C. C. Campbell 3; R. W. Ford 1.

The mayor then stated that none of the candidates having received a majority of all the votes cast, another ballot be prepared. Alderman blush withdrew the name of C. C. Campbell and the ballot was prepared and resulted as follows: Sam P. Mathews 9; H. C. Schmitz 5; Burt McDonald 6.

The mayor then stated that no one having received a majority of all the votes cast, another ballot be prepared, which was duly done, and resulted as follows: Sam P. Mathews 9; H. C. Schmitz 7; Burt McDonald 10.

The mayor then stated that none of the candidates having received a majority of all the votes cast, another ballot be prepared, which was regularly done, resulting as follows: Sam P. Mathews 11; Burt McDonald 9.

The mayor then stated that Sam P. Mathews having received a majority of all the votes cast, he declared him duly elected city engineer for the ensuing term of two years.

The mayor stated that nominations for president of the board of aldermen were next in order. Alderman Caldwell nominated Alderman J. C. DeGress. Alderman Platt moved "that this Council adjourn until
The motion was lost by the following vote: Yeas — Alderman Belland, Caldwell, DeGress, Haigler, Metz, Odell, Platt, Schneider — 8.

The Mayor then directed the Council to proceed to elect a President of the Board.

Alderman Northam then nominated Alderman J.C. DeGress.

Alderman Northam nominated Alderman C.E. Fisher.

Alderman DeGress was excused from acting as Teller, and Alderman Phillips was appointed in his stead.

The Mayor then directed that a ballot be prepared, which was duly done, resulting as follows: C.E. Fisher, 7; J.C. DeGress, 11.

The Mayor then declared Alderman DeGress duly elected President of the Board of Aldermen for the ensuing term of two years, and requested him to take the chair.

While the subject was being discussed, the Council, on motion of Alderman Graham, adjourned.

Milton Morris,
City Clerk.