The Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council
Austin, Texas, April 2, 1888.
Hon. Joseph Nalle, mayor, presiding.

Roll — Roll Call. Present Aldermen
Assmann, Boland, Caldwell, Campbell,
DeGress, Fisher, Haigler, Jones, Linn, Metz,
Odell, Pillow, Platt, Walsen - 14.

Call. — Absent: Aldermen Brush, Graham, Phillips,
Schneider, Townsend and Wortham. Quorum present.

Call of Council — Alderman Linn moved a Call of the Council. Lost.
Aldermen Wortham, Townsend and Graham
entered and answered to their names.

Minutes. — On motion of Alderman Linn, the minutes of the
last meeting of the Council were Corrected so
as to show that he voted in favor of awarding
the job printing of the City for the year 1888 to
E. Von Boeckmann. The minutes were then

Marshall & Co. — adopted. Petition of Chas Marshall & Co., for
permission to operate a shooting gallery was
granted.

E. 13th St. — A petition from citizens requesting that Thirteenth
Street, between Red River and East Avenue, be
repaired, was referred to the Street Committee.

Ald. Brush & Phillips. — Aldermen Brush and Phillips entered and
answered to their names.

J. Schlueter. — Alderman DeGress, by request, introduced a petition
from John Schlueter, for permission to establish
a slaughter pen in the northwestern Corner of
Out lot 10, Div. 2, West of Shoal Creek. Referred
to Committee on Sanitation and Sewers.

Sexton. — The Sexton's report for the month of March was
presented and appropriately referred.

Tr. — The report of the City treasurer from March 19, to April
2, was presented and referred to the finance Committee.
It shows:

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| Balances on hand March 5, | | $7070.39 |
| Receipts | | 4640.99 |
| | | $11,711.38 |
| Disbursements | $1,831.40 | |
| Balances April 2, | 9,879.98 | |
| | $11,711.38 | |

Marshal. The report of the City Marshal for the month of March, 1888, was referred to the Police Committee. It shows:

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| Total amount of fines and Costs assessed | | $797.45 |
| Collected in Cash | $349.40 | |
| Worked Out | 302.85 | |
| Escaped | 80.00 | |
| Appealed | 36.80 | |
| Turned over to Travis Co. | 12.70 | |
| Carried over | 145.70 | |
| | $797.45 | |

Back fines and Costs Collected $89.60

Total number of arrests made during the month, 74.

Phys. The report of the City Physician for the month of March was appropriately referred without being read.

Clerk. The report of the City Clerk of warrants issued during March places the total amount at $13,269.26. Referred to finance Committee.

City Atty. on Purchases. The City Attorney presented his opinion as to the legality of an Ordinance prescribing the manner of making purchases for the City, and which is entitled "An Ordinance amending Art. 6, Chapter two, title One of the Revised Civil Ordinances of the City of Austin". The opinion states the Ordinance is Consistent with the Charter and is legal. The Ordinance was then taken up by unanimous Consent and read a second time. Alderman Phillips then moved to amend section One by inserting between the words "make" and "the" the words "Contracts for all necessary articles", and also between the words "the" and "City" the words "use of". The amendment was adopted and the rules were suspended and the Ordinance placed on its third reading by a vote of two-thirds of a full board, and on motion passed.

Ald. Schneider. Alderman Schneider entered and answered to his name.

Mechanics. Alderman Boland introduced the following: Resolved, That the mayor and street Committee be authorized to employ Competent mechanics to repair Sixteenth street bridge for which an appropriation of $500 has been set aside". It was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas - Aldermen
Assmann, Boland, Brush,
Caldwell, DeGress, Graham,
Haigler, Jones, Metz,
Odell, Platt, Wilson. 12.

Nays - Aldermen
Campbell, Fisher, Linn,
Phillips, Pillow, Schneider,
Townsend, Wortham - 8.

Telephone poles. Alderman Jones presented a resolution requiring the Street Commissioner to notify the owners of the telephone poles, now on East Fourth street, to remove the same from their present location in the street, and place them near the edge of the sidewalk. Referred to the Street Committee.

J.S. Morris. On the recommendation of the Mayor, the fine assessed in the Recorder's Court against J. S. Morris, was remitted.

E. 18th st. Alderman Odell introduced the following, which was adopted.

"Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be and is hereby directed to build a fence across the street at each end of the bridge over Waller Creek over East Eighteenth Street, to prevent travel over the same because of its dangerous condition".

Statesman. The special Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Council to consider the resolution to rescind the warding of the newspaper for the year 1888, to The Statesman Publishing Company, submitted the following report, and also the following resolution as a substitute for the one referred:

Austin, Texas, March 31, 1888.

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

Your Committee to whom was referred the resolution to rescind the action of the Council in awarding the printing to the Statesman Publishing Company, have the honor to report the following:

General Hamby and Mr Parker, of the Statesman Publishing Company, stated to your

Committee, that their first bid for the printing of the proceedings of the City Council, Ordinances, etc., was three Cents per line first insertion and one Cent per line each subsequent insertion "or we will publish the ordinances and such city advertising matter as may be furnished by authority for five cents per line first insertion and two cents per line each subsequent insertion, nonpariel measurement," explaining that in case an official synopsis of the proceedings of the City Council should be required, then the first part of their bid to be considered, and if not required, then the latter part of the bid should be considered.

Mr D. J. Murchison, of the Dispatch Publishing Company, not having his original bid submitted what he claims was the bid of his Company, wherein they propose to publish "all notices, ordinances, proclamations, etc., commonly coming under the head of newspaper advertisements, for five cents per line for first insertion and three cents per line for each subsequent insertion nonpariel type measurement; at 7½ cents per line for first insertion and five cents a line for each subsequent insertion, brevier type measurement. This bid includes the publication of a full and comprehensive synopsis of the proceedings of the City Council meetings without any cost."

It seems, according to an agreement between the printing Committee and the two publishing companies, no award was made, but both companies were permitted to withdraw their bids. At the next meeting of the printing Committee but one bid was presented that of the Statesman Publishing Company, the same as their former bid, with the exception of 2 cents instead of 1 cent for each subsequent insertion in the first part of their bid.

Alderman Caldwell, member of the printing Committee, stated that he was not present

at the opening of either bids.
Mr Morris, City Clerk, does not remember sufficiently well what took place at the Committee meetings to make a statement.
Alderman Graham's, member of the Committee, statement is substantially the same as that of General Hamby and Mr Parker.
Alderman Fisher, Chairman of the printing Committee, stated that the bids of the two Companies were about as given herewith in the exhibits, marked respectively that of the Statesman "A" and of the Dispatch "B". He further states that in the submission of the second bid, the latter part of the Statesman bid was scratched out, but both Gen. Hamby and Mr Parker stated that no part of their bid was scratched out, that their second bid was the same as the first, with the exception of two Cents instead of one Cent, as hereinbefore given.
Your Committee find that the largest amount of money paid by the City is for the printing of the official synopsis of the proceedings of the City Council.
The advertisement of the printing Committee for bids is, in the opinion of your Committee, indefinite and vague and doubtless caused a difference of opinion as to what was wanted by the City, on the part of the bidders.
The Committee does not see the necessity of the continuing of the publication of an official synopsis of the proceedings of the City Council, they being published in book form and furnished aldermen, and therefore believe that this money is uselessly expended; it is therefore recommended that it be discontinued in the future.
The Committee further recommends, that in the view of the facts, as herein submitted, the mayor and printing Committee be requested to advertise for the publication of such matter as may be required to be published by the City Charter and ordinances. The Committee also present the following resolution, as a substitute for the resolution referred to it, and respectfully

" recommend its passage.

J. C. DeGress,
M. Boland,
D. M. Wilson,
Special Committee.

Report Adopted.

Exhibit A.

To the Hon Mayor and City Council, Austin Texas:

Gentlemen: We submit for your Consideration the following bid for publishing in the Daily Statesman the proceedings of the City Council, Ordinances and such other matters as may be duly authorized, " called for by your advertisement hereto attached:

Bids Wanted.

Sealed proposals will be received by the printing Committee of the City Council of the City of Austin for the stationery and newspaper and job printing for the ensuing year, at the office of the City Clerk, on Saturday, January 21, 1888, at 4:30 p.m. Specifications are on file with the City Clerk.

C. E. Fisher
Chairman Printing Committee

Nonpareil type the basis of measurement: 3 Cents per line first insertion; 2 Cents per line each subsequent insertion.

Very Respectfully yours,
Statesman Publishing Company
W. R. Hamby, Gen. Manager.

Exhibit B.

Will print all notices, Ordinances, proclamations, Etc. Commonly coming under the head of newspaper advertisements, for five Cents a line for first insertion and three Cents for each subsequent insertion - non " pareil type as measurement; or 7 1/2 Cents a line for first insertion and five (5) Cents a line for each subsequent insertion - brevier type for measurement. This bid includes the publication of a full and comprehensive synopsis of the proceedings of the Council meetings without any cost.

Resolution.

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Whereas, On the 6th day of February, 1888, the City Council of the City of Austin adopted the

report of the printing Committee, awarding the printing of the proceedings of the City Council, Ordinances, etc., for the year 1888, to the Statesman Publishing Company; and

Whereas, It appears that there was some misunderstanding by the bidders, as to what was required by the City; therefore, be it

Resolved, By the City Council of the City of Austin, That the action of the City Council on February 6, 1888, by which the printing of the proceedings of the City Council and other matters mentioned in the bid of the Statesman Publishing Company, was awarded to said Statesman Company, be and the same is hereby rescinded, and that this resolution shall be in force and take effect from and after its passage.

Alderman Pillow moved to lay the resolution on the table. Lost.

Yeas-Aldermen Caldwell, Campbell, Fisher, Graham, Linn, Phillips, Pillow, Schneider, Townsend, Wortham - 10.

Nays- Aldermen Assmann, Boland, Brush, DeGress, Haigler, Jones, Metz, Odell, Platt, Wilson, Mayor - 11.

Alderman Fisher then moved that the Mayor and Special Committee be authorized to attend to the reletting of the printing as contemplated by the resolution. Lost, and on motion the resolution was adopted by the following Vote:

Yeas- Assmann, Boland, Brush, DeGress, Haigler, Jones, Metz, Odell, Phillips, Platt, Wilson - 11.

Nays: Caldwell, Campbell, Fisher, Graham, Linn, Pillow, Schneider, Townsend, Wortham - 9.

Park An Ordinance, appropriating the sum of three hundred dollars ($300) for the purpose of fencing and putting in gates in Pease Park, was taken up on its second reading and read,

And on motion placed on its third reading, by a vote of two-thirds of a full board, and then passed.

A+C on petition V. Schmidt

Alderman Wilson introduced a report from the City assessor and Collector, on a petition of V. Schmidt, asking that certain taxes, erroneously assessed against his property, be remitted. Referred to finance committee.

Printers Home

Alderman Northam presented a resolution, providing for the election of two aldermen by the Council, to visit Kansas City in June, whose duty it shall be to assist in laying befor the International Typographical Union the many and superior advantages which Austin possesses as the proper site for the location of the printers Home. The resolution was unanimously adopted, and the election of delegates was postponed until sometime in the near future.

Alderman DeGress introduced the following, which was adopted:

Pease Park

"Resolved, That the Mayor and Committee on parks be, and they are hereby authorized to advertise for the building of a fence and necessary gates for Pease Park".

Clock.

Alderman Boland introduced a resolution instructing the market Committee to advertise for bids for keeping the City Clock in repair for one year. Adopted.

$856.02

Alderman DeGress introduced an Ordinance appropriating the sum of $856.02 for the purpose of paying approved accounts. The ordinance was read first time, after which the rules were suspended by a vote of two-thirds of a full board, and it was placed on its second and third readings, and passed by the following vote.

Yeas: Assmann, Boland, Brush, Caldwell, Campbell, DeGress, Fisher, Graham, Haigler, Jones, Linn, Mety, Odell, Phillips, Pillow, Platt, Schneider, Townsend, Wilson, Northam - 20.

Secy.

Alderman Campbell introduced an Ordinance repealing an Ordinance creating the office of City Secretary, and moved to refer it

to the finance Committee. Alderman Boland moved to lay it on the table. Carried.
Yeas - Aldermen Assmann, Boland, Brush, Caldwell, DeGress, Haigler, Jones, Metz, Odell, Phillips, Platt, Wilson - 12.
Nays - Aldermen Campbell, Fisher, Graham, Linn, Pillow, Schneider, Townsend, Wortham - 8.

Squares. Alderman Phillips introduced the following:
"Ordinance, establishing "Hamilton Square" in the City of Austin:

"Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Austin, That the public square situated between East Ninth and Tenth and Trinity and Neches streets, in the city of Austin, be and the same is hereby named and designated as Hamilton Square. "That the public square, situated between West Ninth and Tenth streets, and Guadalupe and San Jacinto streets, be known and named Bell Square.

"The public square between Fourth and Fifth streets and Guadalupe and San Antonio streets, be known and named Hemphill Square.
"The public square situated between Fourth and Fifth streets and Trinity and Neches streets be known and named Washington Square."
Referred to Park Committee.

State Cemetery. Alderman Phillips presented a resolution, which was adopted, authorizing the Mayor to appoint a special Committee of three Aldermen to investigate the conditions of deed of gift of the present State Cemetery and to report to the Council a policy by which said Cemetery or any part thereof can best be secured for a park for the City of Austin.
The Mayor appointed Aldermen Phillips, Wortham and Brush as such Committee.

Houston. Alderman Wortham introduced a resolution to refund to Mrs. Houston the sum of $9.54, being erroneous assessment on lots 1 and 2, in block 81. Referred to finance Committee.

Streets. Alderman Brush, of the special Committee on

naming streets, requested further time in which to prepare report. Granted.

On motion, the Council then adjourned.

Milton Morris,
City Clerk.