

Regular Meeting of City Council,
Austin Texas July 12th
Mayor J. C. Hadpress, presiding.

Roll called. Present, Aldermen Reichman,
Spuchman and Tobin.

Absent Aldermen Boardman, Leroker, Hilly,
Halle, Platt, Robertson and Wahnenbeger.
No quorum present.

Alderman Reichman moved a call of the
council, which being duly seconded, the
marshal was dispatched for the absent al-
dermen.

On motion of Alderman Tobin, the call was
suspended, the absent aldermen, with the
exception of Alderman Robertson, having
taken their seats in the council chamber
and answered to their names.

Minutes of adjourned regular meeting,
June 25th 1890, were read and approved.

The Mayor announced the following change
in committees, which had failed to be
unanimously published, said election being
on account of Alderman Platt, in case of R.
Leominbe resigned.

Ordinance Committee - J. P. Boardman,
A. B. Metz and R. Platt.

Police Committee - A. B. Metz, Fritz Reichman
and J. P. Boardman.

Printing Committee - Geo. L. Robertson, R.
Platt and J. Halle.

Charity Committee - J. J. Tobin, R. Platt,
A. B. Metz.

Petition of Jos. Ribbecky, to set up a shooting
gallery in rear of his store on Congress
avenue, in accordance with article 502 of the
revised city ordinances, granted.

Alderman Halle moved that the gutter be
paved until the property owners had laid
the curbing and flagging, carried.

Petitions of citizens of Shiner and
asking an appropriation for
improving the street from Congress
avenue to the main street.

An motion of Alderman Tobin, the petition was referred to the city engineer and street committee to estimate the cost.

Petition of Police Officer Pat Kearney, asking the council to remit fine assessed against him, by the police committee, was laid on the table.

An motion of Alderman Richman, on the petition of citizens, asking that the colored churches in ward No 3 be removed or strict police regulations be established to protect the citizens from constant annoyance, was read and received.

Parson Jackson of one of the above churches, wished to address the council, and permission being granted, he made a statement regard his church, whereupon Alderman Wahrenberger, moved that the whole matter be referred to a special committee to report to the council. Carried.

The Mayor appointed on said committee Alderman Wahrenberger, Boardman and Tobin.

Petition of J. Hutton to open a bar room in ward No 3 block No 25, was granted.

Petition of B. P. Staveland, to have a ditch opened in ward No 3, was referred to street committee.

Petition of Saml. H. Wildy for fees due, in cases 523 and 528, in justice court.

An motion of Alderman Crocker, the city attorney was requested to draw up a resolution to pay the same.

The following communication from his honor the mayor, together with a report from the city marshal, was read, received and on motion of Alderman Crocker, referred to a special committee, consisting of Alderman Boardman, Richman and Hall.

To the Honorable Board of Aldermen, City of Austin Gentlemen. My attention has been called to the passage of an ordinance repealing article 726, of the ordinances of the city of Austin, also to an ordinance amending article 6865 of the revised ordinances of the city.

I believe the first principle of government is to give security to life and property. This is a principle which is fundamental to the existence of a free society.

reward, which would lead to the detection and punishment of persons violating the "dead-end on laws" and of persons discharging fire arms within the city limits.

While it has not been entirely successful, a marked change for the better has taken place. As to the amendment to article 486, directing any proprietor of any theatre, concert, circus or equestrian performance, or magazine or any exhibition, to employ at the discretion of the Mayor, some suitable person to be suggested by the proprietors of the same, to be approved by the Mayor, and with the consent of the City Council, for the purpose of attending such exhibition and preserving order and decorum therein, and shall pay same, not less than one dollar and fifty cents for each exhibition, etc., is among other objections, too expensive. Every person has a right to pursue an occupation when not in conflict with law. A person desiring to follow any of the above named occupations must have the person suggested by him approved by the Mayor, and the consent of the City Council must be had, before he can engage in his business. If the application is made a few days after the regular meeting of the Council, a special meeting of the Council will have to be called to either consent or reject the appointment of the persons suggested where it would cost the city \$2. and how many meetings of the Council would have to be called it is impossible to estimate.

It has been suggested that \$5 per month is too much to be paid a regular officer for performing his and his other duties. If such is the case, let special officers be appointed by and with the consent of the Council and give them \$2.50 for attending every exhibition for the purpose of keeping order. There are many other objections which might cite in support of any position, but one more will suffice for this argument. The people are aware what their money is

generally accompanying circumstances, and to permit the proprietors to suggest the person who shall act as special officer, will simply encourage and protect petty theft while both of these evils are done. I respectfully recommend that you reconsider these acts.

I herewith endorse a statement to the city marshal.

Very respectfully,

J. C. McQuinn, Mayor.

To the Honorable J. C. McQuinn, Mayor.

Sir - I respectfully report that from the passage of an ordinance to require the arrest and conviction of persons violating articles 141 and 143, passed Nov 26, 1878 to July 1, 1888, the period of nineteen months, there were fined for carrying deadly weapons 183 persons and for discharging fire arms 23 persons. For the nineteen months previous to the passage of said ordinance, viz: from May 1st 1877 to December 1st 1878, the number fined for carrying deadly weapons, was 56 persons and for discharging fire arms, 8 persons.

Very respectfully,

Ed. C. Crary, City Marshal.

The following communication from the Mayor was read and received.

To the Honorable Board of Aldermen, City of Austin.

Gentlemen - Last February 16, an ordinance was passed fixing the market limits of the city and fixing the minimum rent of each stall for six months, or one half of the amount for the stall to be paid on the day of sale, and a note to be given for the other half, with good securities to be payable at the expiration of the first three months.

Before the first three months expired, an ordinance was passed, repealing the market limits thereby cutting off a good deal of trade, which before the repealing ordinance had found its way to the city market.

In view of this fact, I respectfully recommend

that an ordinance be passed, for the relief of those persons, who have complied with their agreement and the law.

Very respectfully,

J. C. De Gress, Mayor.

Alderman Halle, moved that a committee of five aldermen, be appointed to investigate the sale of the market house stalls and report to this council, who are in fault in allowing the butchers to remain in the market house in violation of the city ordinances, Carried.

The Mayor appointed on said committee Aldermen Halle, Platt, Tobin, Bohrenberger and Chechan.

A resolution appropriating the sum of \$38.42 for the payment of Gen. St. Wilby. Resolution read first time and on motion, the rules were suspended and the resolution placed on its second reading by the following vote:

Ayes — Aldermen Boardman, Crooker, Milz, Halle, Richman, Chechan, Tobin and Bohrenberger.

Nays — Alderman Platt.

Resolution read second time and on motion, the rules were further suspended and the resolution placed on its third reading by the following vote:

Ayes — Aldermen Boardman, Crooker, Milz, Halle, Richman, Chechan and Bohrenberger.

Nays — Aldermen Platt and Tobin.

Report of city marshal showing fines in city court for June 1880, \$429 cash, \$200 worked out on struts, \$200 filed.

Report of city engineer showing cost of attending fire street. Read and ordered filed.

Report of city sexton showing the number of deaths during the month of June to be 51. Ordered filed.

Report of the pound master for the month of June. Read and ordered filed.

The following report from the city physician for June 1880. Read, received and ordered filed.

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Gentlemen: Upon May the 31st 13 patients remained under my care, 27 additional have been treated since, making a total of 40 treated during the month of June. Of this 40, 26 have been restored, 3 have died and 11 remain under treatment. 7 of the 40 were treated at hospital. I have given 90 prescriptions during the month.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. L. Bibb, M. D. C. P.

A petition from John C. Lewis, agent Milburn wagon company, to enlarge his shed on lots 7, 8, and 9, in Block 58, together with report showing action of fire commission was granted.

An motion of Alderman Halle, the city attorney, was requested to draw up an ordinance amending article 202, of the revised ordinances of the city of Austin.

Bill of costs in justice, Fredericks court in cases 238 and 239, v. H. Thompson poundmaster.

An motion of Alderman Halle, it was ordered approved by the finance committee.

The annual report of the different officers of the Austin fire department was ordered filed.

The following report from the street committee was read and received.

J. C. Le Gress, Mayor of the city of Austin: Your street committee have thought proper not to approve the bills for teams, in order to bring the matter before the council for their action and instruction, there being no appropriation for these teams. The bills attached to this report amount to \$26.50 for the month of June. We have ordered the team to stop work until the action of the council. We would recommend that in all cases, appropriations be made, before the work commences, and that in no case, the city engineer be allowed to go beyond the appropriation.

An ordinance appropriating five hundred
\$500. for the payment of claim treasury.

Ordinance read first time and then on motion
the rules were suspended, and the ordinance
placed on its second and third readings, and
the ordinance passed by the following vote:
Yeas - Aldermen Boardman, Crook, Hall,
Hall, Platt, Chubb, Tobin and Abrahamson
Nays - Alderman Richman.

The following resolution from Alderman
Platt was carried.

Be it resolved by the city council of the city
of Austin, That the back tax of Minerva
Hougher, be remitted on account of charitable
services rendered in taking care of an
infant child.

An ordinance repealing article 253, of the
city ordinances, Read first time, and on
motion of Alderman Tobin laid on the table.

The following report from the fire commis-
sioner, was read and received.

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen
city of Austin.

Your committee on fire department, to whom
was referred a petition of citizens, of the city of
Austin, asking for the erection of a water
trough on Robertson Hill, beg leave to report
as follows:

After having examined into the necessity of a
trough, to be located on Robertson Hill, we would
recommend that an ordinance be passed
authorizing the Mayor to enter into a con-
tract with the city water company, for the
speedy erection of said ^{water} trough. There is no
water trough in the city located so that it can be
removed without unjust injury to the
citizens living in the neighborhood thereof.
Praying for speedy action in this matter we
are respectfully

Yours respectfully,
J. M. Crook

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An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to
enter into a contract with the city water company

Ordinance read first time, and on motion was referred to the finance committee.

An ordinance amending article 202, of the revised ordinances of the city of Austin.

Ordinance read first time and motion to suspend the rules and place it on its second reading was lost by the following vote:

Yea - Aldermen Metz, Halle, Platt, Sherman and Tobin.

Nays - Aldermen Boardman, Crooker, Reichman and Wahrburger.

A resolution, authorizing the city marshal three days to settle rents before closing the market.

On motion of Alderman Halle, it was laid on the table.

An ordinance amending article 48 (12) of the revised ordinances of the city of Austin.

Ordinance read first time, and on motion of Alderman Halle, was referred to the ordinance committee.

An ordinance amending article 148 (1) of the revised ordinances of the city of Austin. Ordinance read first time.

Alderman Boardman moved that the council stand adjourned until 8 P.M., Tuesday, July 15th 1880. Carried. Council adjourned.

C. B. Cornell, Act. City Clerk.