

Regular Meeting of the City Council,
 Austin, Texas, April 5th 1880.
 Mayor De Gues presiding. Roll called.
 Present. Aldermen Brandman, Leombs, Brook-
 er, Metz, Hall, Robertson, Richman,
 Shuehler, Tobin, Ed Mahrenberger.
 Absent. none.

The minutes of the called meetings of March
 18th and 30th were read and approved.

Alderman Hall and Robertson stated that
 in reference to signing the petition for a
 call of the Council on March 30, they had
 signed it for what final action the
 Council would take and not asking
 the passage and not asking the passage
 of the sewer ordinance.

Petition of Jon Griffith asking permission
 to erect a bath house on the Callesado river
 below the bridge. Granted.

Petition of citizens asking that the City
 Engineer be instructed to open Orange
 street. Referred to City Engineer to report
 at next regular meeting.

Bill of costs in justice's court for \$24.⁰⁰ in
 cases 238th and 239th for approval.

Referred to City Attorney to report upon.

Bill for \$2.⁵⁰ due Mrs Patterson as judge
 of election November 1st 1876 for approval.

Referred to Committee on Finance and if
 correct to be approved.

Petition of Chas. Johnson offering to
 sell the City three lots for \$500.⁰⁰ upon the
 road subg leading to the ford.

Laid on the table.

Petition of the citizens asking the City to
 grant John Crooley permission to sell
 cigars and beer without paying license,
 for any time the Council might see
 proper. Allowed, and the assessor and
 collector authorized to issue licenses for
 six months gratis.

Petition of J. N. Link, Paul Magdalen and
 Geo. Hallen, asking to open meat markets

outside of market limits. Granted.
 Petition of Dockling & Trilking to open
 a bar room on Block 3, Mod 5. Granted.
 Petition of B. Badley asking that assess-
 ment on lot 11, Block 58 owned by him be
 reduced from \$3000 to \$2000. Granted &
 the following resolution introduced by
 Alderman Stalle, read and adopted:
 Be it resolved by the City Council of the
 City of Austin, That the Mayor be
 and he is hereby authorized to allow the
 collector a credit of \$600 on the ad valorem
 tax of B. Badley for the year 1879.
 Alderman Tobie stated that on account
 of sickness in his family he would ask
 to be excused. There being no objection,
 he was excused.
 Petition of Chas. L. M. Bannerman &
 others for a street lamp to be erected on
 north side of Hickory street near East
 City limits. Granted.
 Petition of citizens asking that West
 Ash street be repaired.
 Referred to street committee and City
 Engineer with power to act.
 Report of City Marshal for month of March
 1880, of fines in the Mayor's Court as follows:
 Fines collected - - - - - \$178.25
 Worked out on the street 366.75
 Received and ordered filed.
 Report of City Sexton for March 1880.
 Male Deaths 14
 Female 19
 Total Deaths 33
 White 14
 Colored 19
 Received and ordered filed.
 Receipts of Pomeroy Master for 1880.
 Receipts - - - - - \$53.75
 Expenditures - - - - - 31.00
 Deposited with Assessor & collector
 as per receipt. - - - - - \$22.75
 Received and ordered filed.

Report of Market Master for March 1880 showing 391 hogs, 56 calves, 237, hogs, 155 sheep slaughtered during the month. Collections during the month \$2112.83.

Received and ordered filed

Also the report of the City Physician for the month of March 1880, together with a accompanying communication

City Physician's office }
Austin, March 31, 1880 }

Hon. Mayor & Board of Aldermen, City of Austin, Gentlemen:

At date of my last report, February 29th 1880, eleven patients remained under my care; since that date, twenty seven additional have been placed under my treatment, making a total of thirty-eight indigent sick treated by me during the month of March.

Of this thirty-eight, seven have died, twenty-eight have been restored and three remain under treatment.

Seven of the twenty-eight were cared for at the Marling Infirmary, the remaining thirty-one at their homes and in the city jail.

I have given ninety-three prescriptions during the month.

In addition to this report ^{and} in connection herewith, I beg to submit for your information and inspection, a tabular statement compiled from the Surtov's monthly reports, showing the mortality for the city for the year 1879 - from the different causes of death, by sex, and by color. When this tabulation is completed, now nearly done, in addition to the foregoing information, it will also show the age of each decedent. Disclosing as it does, a very low rate of mortality, for one of the most unhealthy, as well as for a year in which the death rate was higher than ever before in the memory of Austin's oldest inhabitants, when compared in latitude and population with other cities in the Southwest, - I am constrained to believe that its

publication and dissemination in pamphlet form, could not but attract the attention of those in quest of healthy Southern localities. To illustrate: San Antonio rated all over this country and Europe for the healthfulness and salubrity of its climate, with a population of 23,000, shows a mortality of $22\frac{3}{4}$ per thousand, after deducting the deaths from accident, suicides, homicides, still and premature births, while the mortality of Austin for the same period, with a population estimated at 16,000, including the exceptions made by San Antonio, shows a mortality of 18 per thousand.

If it is the judgment of your honorable body that such an issue is being contemplated - in mine, it cannot do otherwise - can in any way help in directing to our city, those who may enter the state in quest of its healthiest locality, and if you will appropriate sufficient amount out of the funds of the city for publishing mailing and distributing the same, I will cheerfully give my personal attention to the matter so that the same is distributed throughout this country and Europe.

Very respectfully,
 R. H. L. Bibb, M.D.
 City Physician.

Report received and said tabular statement ordered to be printed in pamphlet form.

The following communication from the City Engineer was read and received, and the City Engineer authorized to open said street:

City Engineer's Office,
 Austin, Texas, April 5th 1880.

Hon. J. C. De Gress, Mayor. - Sir:
 My attention has been called to the fact that Mr. Johnson owns a lot in Ward 4th 1, which the road to the Ford now passes over. Mr. Johnson proposes to fence this lot

unless the city purchases the same.
I would respectfully call your attention to the fact that the street immediately east of the Ford, which has been once used for this purpose, can be opened at a cost not exceeding \$175.⁰⁰ and respectfully recommend that said street be opened.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant,
J. H. Dinkins,
City Engineer.

Also the following communication which was received.

City Engineer's Office,
Austin, Texas, April 5th 1880.
Hon. J. C. De Gress, Mayor: - Cal.
I would call the attention of yourself and honorable Board of Aldermen, to the grounds set apart for the public park of the city.

Stock running at large in the city are mutilating the trees and other growths to a fearful extent, and to obviate this I respectfully recommend that the parks be enclosed in such manner as the Council shall designate.

Very respectfully,
J. H. Dinkins,
City Engineer.

The following report of the City Engineer on petition of Jas. P. Johnson et al was read and received.

City Engineer's Office,
Austin, Texas, April 5th 1880.
Hon. J. C. De Gress, Mayor: - Sir
In obedience to the resolution of the honorable Board of Aldermen, referring the within petition to me, I have the honor to make the following report: To open this street it will be necessary to build three culverts at a cost of \$625. The grading of the street will cost not less than \$700. Lumber about \$150. Total - \$1,475.

Rather than go to this expense at this time it would be better for the City to purchase, if they cannot procure by donation (which I think highly probable) a street extending from Pearl street to Hickory street. This work can be done for a small amount say - \$200. there being but little grading and no bridging.

The property is owned by Messrs. J. A. Raymond, H. P. C. Smith and W. H. Pillsbury; the latter of these gentlemen will donate a portion of his lot for a street.

I most respectfully recommend that petitioners have some relief, as in the present condition of the street their property is almost inaccessible.

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. Dickinson,
City Engineer.

Wm. A. C. Le Gros, Mayor.
Austin, Tex., April 5, 1880.

Your Market House Committee, to whom was referred the petitions of citizens in regard to the abolition of certain objectionable ordinances, known as the "market-house" and stock ordinances, beg leave to report that they have carefully examined into said petition, and upon canvassing the matter, find a serious objection of many of our citizens in regard to the above mentioned ordinances, as they now stand. We respectfully recommend that, if the city is not bound by its present contracts with vendors of market stalls, the whole ordinance restricting or fixing the market limits, be repealed. As to the stock ordinance, we beg for further time to consider the matter.

Respectfully,
J. Sheehan
J. J. Tobin.

The ordinance repealing articles 309 and 309(8) was read the first time, and on motion, was referred, with report of Market House Committee, to the city attorney, to report to the city council.

Austin, April 5th 1880

Hon. J. C. De Hess, Mayor:

Your Police Committee to whom was referred an ordinance amendatory of article 500 of the revised ordinances of the city of Austin, and a petition from the citizens of the sixth, seventh and eighth wards, asking for a policeman for that section, beg leave to submit the following report:

First— They have carefully considered the ordinance referred to them, and respectfully report the accompanying one as a substitute, and recommend its passage.

Second— In view of the prevalence of crime, which of late, has increased in our city, and to the end that it may be properly policed, we respectfully recommend that the mayor be authorized and requested to appoint four additional officers to serve in the force.

Third— That the entire police force of the city as now organized, be discharged and the same re-organized.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. Metz

Phil. Reichman

E. L. Coombs

Committee.

An ordinance amending article 500 of the revised ordinances of the city of Austin, was read the first time, and on motion, the rules were suspended and the ordinance placed on its second and third reading, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas— Aldermen (Robertson) Brandman, Coombs, Conker, Metz, Hall, Reichman and Sheehan

Nays— Aldermen Robertson and Wahrenberger

The following resolution from the Printing Committee was introduced:

Austin, April 11- 1880

To the Hon Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

Your committee on printing have the honor to present the following resolution and recommend its passage.

Whereas, Article 7, City Charter provides "That all ordinances passed by the city council shall, before they become a law, be published in the city of Austin for ten days;" therefore

Resolved, by the city council of the city of Austin, That all ordinances that may hereafter be passed by the council, shall be published by writing three copies, and posting same at the following places: one at the city hall, one at the court house of Travis county, and at the post office; and the city clerk is charged with the duty of making the publication in accordance with this resolution; and it is further,

Resolved, That the publishing of ordinances, resolutions, and the proceedings of the city council in the newspapers, is prohibited, provided it be done at any cost to the city. This resolution to be in force from and after its passage.

O. L. Coombz
Geo. L. Robertson
Joseph Valle.

Read first time and on motion of Alderman Robertson, the rules were suspended and the resolutions placed upon its second and third readings and passed by the following vote:

Ayes—Aldermen Boardman, Coombz, Crocker, Metz, Valle, Robertson, Reichman, and Sherman
Nays—Alderman Wahrenberger.

Bids for lighting the oil street lamps from A. Fiederman, J. O. Goodle, and John Condor.—

Read and referred.

An ordinance authorizing the mayor to enter into a contract with August Fiederman, for lighting and keeping in repair the oil street lamps of the city of Austin.

Read second time, and on motion of Alderman Crocker, the rules were suspended and the ordinance placed on its third reading, and passed by the following vote:

Ayes—Aldermen Boardman, Coombz, Crocker, Metz, Robertson, Reichman, Sherman and Wahrenberger.
Nays—Alderman Valle.

An ordinance authorizing the mayor to enter into a contract with E. Patterson for the term of two years, for furnishing Watkins' attachments for street-lanterns, lighting, extinguishing, and keeping same in repair.

Read first time.

Alderman Richmond moved to refer to special committee.

Alderman Kalle moved to lay motion on the table. Carried.

On motion of Alderman Kalle, and there being no objection, Col. J. M. Swisher and Mr. E. Patterson were allowed to address a few remarks to the council, concerning their respective rights.

A motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance upon its second reading was lost by the following vote:

Yeas — Alderman Boardman, Corns, Cowker, Kalle, and Robertson.

Nays — Aldermen Metz, Reichman, Sherman and Watsenburger.

An ordinance authorizing the United States government and such citizens of the city of Austin as may join to construct a sewer from the United States court house and post office building, and from the Morgan Hamilton building on Congress Avenue to the Colorado River, was read the second time. Alderman Kalle

stated that Dr. Litten was present and moved that he be allowed to address the council.

No objection being made, Dr. Litten proceeded to read a set of resolutions, presented to the city council for their consideration by the Travis county Medical Association, together with a written statement of his own on sewerage.

Received.

Alderman Cowker moved to lay the ordinance on the table; carried.

An ordinance regulating the meeting of the committees of the city council and prescribing penalties for non attendance, was read the second time.

Alderman Cowker moved to amend by requiring that no call be made before 6 o'clock P.M. adopted.

On motion the rules were suspended and the ordinance placed on its third reading and passed by the following vote;

Yeas— Aldermen Boardman, Coombz, Crooker,
Metz, Wall, Robertson, Reichman,
Sheehan and Wahrenberger,

Nays— none.

An ordinance authorizing the mayor to draw a warrant for four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500.00) for the purchase of property from Mrs. Caroline Wahrenberger.

Ordinance read second time, and on motion the rules were suspended and the ordinance placed on its third reading and passed by the following vote:

Yeas— Aldermen Boardman, Coombz, Crooker,
Metz, Wall, Robertson, Reichman,
Sheehan,

Nays— none.

Alderman Wahrenberger was excused from voting on same.

An ordinance authorizing the mayor to enter into a contract with the City Water Company for four additional stock-water troughs.

Ordinance read second time, and on motion the rules were suspended and the ordinance placed on its third reading and passed by the following vote:

Yeas— Aldermen Boardman, Coombz, Crooker,
Metz, Wall, Robertson, Reichman, Sheehan,
and Wahrenberger.

An ordinance to amend Article 1194 (5) of the Revised Ordinances of the city of Austin.

Ordinance read second time.

On Motion of Alderman Reichman, the ordinance was referred to the Finance Committee.

A resolution authorizing the city assessor and collector to distribute gratis among the citizens the Revised ordinances of the city of Austin.

Referred to Finance Committee.

On Motion the council adjourned.

City Clerk.