Called Meeting of City Council.
Austin, Tx. November 13th 1879.

Mayor De Green presiding.
Roll called. Present — Aldermen Conn, Crooker, Metz, Nalle, Platt, Raven, Sheehan, Strong, and Vaughan.
Absent. Alderman Millett.
The minutes of November 8th were read & approved.
Resolution appropriating $77.50 for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the late election.
Read first time and, on motion, the rules were suspended and the resolution passed to its second reading by the following vote:
Yeas. — Aldermen Conn, Crooker, Metz, Nalle, Platt, Raven, Sheehan, Strong, and Vaughan.
Nays. — none.
Resolution read second time and, on motion the rules were further suspended and the resolution placed on its third reading by the following vote:
Yeas. — Aldermen Conn, Crooker, Metz, Nalle, Platt, Raven, Sheehan, Strong and Vaughan.
Nays. — none.
Resolution read third time and, on motion passed by the following vote:
Yeas. — Aldermen Conn, Crooker, Metz, Nalle, Platt, Raven, Sheehan, Strong and Vaughan.
Nays. — none.
Petitions of citizens protesting against the storage of cotton within certain limits.
Referred to the fire committee of the incoming council.
On motion the council then adjourned sine die —

L. M. Bradley
City Clerk.

The City's Officers' Report.

Mayor's Office.

Austin, Tx Oct. 20th 1879.

To the Hon. Board of Aldermen, City of Austin:

Gentlemen — In compliance with the city charter, I have the honor to submit herewith my annual report:

The Financial condition of the city.

Amount of warrants outstanding Oct 20. 1879.	$14.805.76
Cash in city treasury Oct 20-1879	5.881.61
Bonded indebtedness of the city Oct 20-79-	93.400.00
Fifteen bonds in addition to the above have been called in and have ceased to bear interest since Sept 30. 1879.; they have not been presented to the treasurer for payment but the money to pay them with interest due thereon, is in the city treasury, which really leaves the bonded indebtedness	91.900.00
Ad valorem tax collected of 1877 to Oct 20-1879	732.28
Ad valorem taxes collected of 1876.	231.28
Back taxes collected to Oct 20-1879.	698.88
Ad valorem taxes collected for the year 1878. to Oct 20-1879	47.689.48
Ad valorem taxes collected for the year 1879 to Oct. 20. 1879	732.17
Ad valorem taxes uncollected for the year 1879 now due	43793.63
License collected to Oct. 20 1879	10217.00
Income from market house to Oct 20. 1879	1417.05
Income from cemetery to Oct 20-1879-	882.50
Fines from Mayor's court to Oct 20-1879.	2395.80
Income from ground rent to Oct. 20-1879	190.00
Income from dog tax to Oct 20-1879.	8.75
Income, miscellaneous, to Oct 20. 1879	108.29
Cash on hand, Oct 20-1878	7560.10

Expenses of the city for the year ending Oct 20, 1879

Fire Department-	7304.39
Streets and Bridges-	12305.89
Miscellaneous, (the different items can be seen in the City Clerk's report)	1127.42
Market House-	941.55
Printing, Postage and stationary	1025.63

Charity	$2132.73
Police	8814.17
Sanitary	1465.10
Salaries of city officers	6493.31
Commissions of City Assessor and Collector and City Attorney	1384.98
City Cemetery	563.87
Street Lamps	6415.20
Water rents	5647.94
Interest	10429.85
Bonds redeemed	4500.00
Total expenditures	70.951.43
Total receipts	$73.100.10

Although property has decreased in value, the taxes have been reduced to nine-tenths of one per cent. The valuation of property in the city in 1878 was $5,214.574. This year there is a falling off of $265.040, making a difference in taxes less than in 1878 of $7399.94.

While this deduction in taxes is comparatively but little, yet it was the best that could be done, taking into consideration the improvements that were necessary to be made. There are but nineteen bonds of the city ($1900.) now outstanding that can be called in at the pleasure of the city, and they should be paid off at the earliest moment practicable, so as to save interest.

During the last fiscal year two stone arch bridges have been built and the wing of the bridge on Chestnut street over Waller creek, which was washed away about ten months ago, has been rebuilt. In addition to these a large number of bridges have been erected on Congress Avenue, Pecan street and other streets.

A new house has been put up for the Protection Hook and Ladder Company No 2, in place of the one burned down. The furniture that was destroyed has been replaced. This new house is much more convenient for the purpose intended than the old one.

The City Water Company has extended its pipes in the southern and northern

parts of the city, and contracts have been entered into with said company for eight additional hydrants and three water troughs. These hydrants are now in position and ready for use, except one, thus giving fire protection to portions of the city, where it was very much needed. This in addition to our splendid fire department, in charge of Mr John Bremond, its able chief, will reduce the rate of insurance to a considerable extent.

The fire department is composed of five companies, two engines, and three hook and ladder companies. Its active members are 162 officers and men. The semi-annual report semi-annual report of the chief is hereto attached.

The annual report of the city marshall is herewith submitted. The police force consists of nine men, one of whom has charge of the police station, another of the prisoners. One mounted officer patrols the streets at night and the others perform patrol duty.

During the year 1114 persons have been arrested, of which number 857 were fined, 205 were discharged and 13 appealed to the county court and 40 were transferred to justices and United States courts; $2895.80 in fines were collected, $1270.00 is yet due and $2444.20 was worked out on the streets.

The above shows that the marshal and his small force have performed their whole duty.

Warrants have been worth from 95 cents to par during the fiscal year, and never below the above figure.

Inventory of City property.

Two engine houses.	$3051.00
One House for Protection Hook and Ladder No. 3 -	450.00
Two steam fire engines -	13000.00
One fire extinguisher	2788.00
One hose carriage	250.00
Two thousand feet of hose	2500.00
Three hook and ladder trucks	4800.00
Furniture of Cent. fire department	500.00

Market house and improvements	13616.29
Street lamps	1500.00
One block	1200.00
Furniture of court room, council chamber and offices, including two safes-	800.00
One horse and cart	125.00
	$44,080.29

It will be noticed that the hospital block, heretofore carried on the inventory of property at $2215.20 has been dropped, as it does not properly belong there, the reports of the other city officers are hereto attached.

Very respectfully
(signed) J. C. DeGress, Mayor

City Clerk's Office
Austin Tex. November 1st 1879.

Hon J. C. DeGress, Mayor of the City of Austin.

Sir:

In compliance with the city ordinances, I have the honor to submit herewith my annual report of receipts and disbursements of the City government for the fiscal year ending October 20, 1879.

Very respectfully
L. M. Bradley, City Clerk.

Annual Report of the City Clerk of the City of Austin, Showing the Receipts and Expenditures of the City for the year ending Oct. 20, 1879:

Receipts.

Balance on hand as per Treasurer's report	$7560.15
Received this year.	65539.95
Total	73100.10

Which was received from the following sources:

Balance in treasury at last report.	$7560.15
Received from Ad valorem taxes	50123.56
" " Licenses	10217.00
" " Market House rents	1417.05
" " Sale of cemetery lots-	882.50
" " Fines in Mayor's Court	2595.80
" " Ground rent	190.00
" " Dog tax	3.75

Received from Miscellaneous sources -	108.29
Total -	$ 73100.10

Disbursements by Warrants.

On account of Fire department -	7504.39
" " " Streets and Bridges -	12505.59
" " " Market House	941.55
" " " Printing, Postage & Stationery	1025.63
" " " Charity.	2132.73
" " " Sanitary Police	8814.17
" " " Sanitary	1465.10
" " " Salaries and Commissions	7878.29
" " " City cemetery	563.57
" " " Street lamps.	6415.20
" " " Water rents	5647.94
" " " Interest	10429.85
" " " Bonds redeemed	4500.00
" " " Miscellaneous, (see Exhibit A)	1127.42
Total	$ 70,951.43

Amount of registered warrants outstanding and called in but not presented for payment.	38.52
Amount of registered warrants outstanding not called in -	14805.76
Balance on hand in city treasury as per City Treasurer's report.	5881.01

The items under head of miscellaneous expenditures will be seen by reference to Exhibit A., hereto annexed

(Signed) L. M. Bradley, City Clerk

Exhibit A.

Austin Ice Factory, ice for Oct.	$ 6.55
L. M. Bradley, telegram Houshi, fever nurses -	1.60
G. B. Zimpelman, rent of Pound, Oct	10.00
G. B. Zimpelman, " " " Nov.	10.00
John Bremend, blankets for Calaboose	54.00
Ed. Creany, fine in Mayor's, remitted by Governor	25.00
Wm. Little, Bill poster, contract Dec 12. 1878,	30.00
G. B. Zimpelman, rent of Pound, Dec. 1878	10.00
L. M. Bradley, telegram to Genl Ord and Irvino -	2.00
Baker and Graham, $2.50 and $1.50	4.00
C. D. Johns, fees in appealed cases	40.00
do do do	20.00
G. A. Brush, summons for assessors office	5.25
J. C. De Gress, telegram, official business -	2.80

W. U. Telegraph Co. telegram	.75
H. R. Martz, photograph of Ex. Mayor W. P. De Normandie	5.00
S. Luckinger, sausage for poisoning dogs -	14.50
Holm, Marshall & Co, painting & lettering numbers	8.75
John Dougherty, bal. judgement vs. city	40.00
John Dougherty, " " " "	26.52
B. C. Wells, care of city clock, 6 mos. to Oct 26-1879.	25.00
Frank Brown, recording deeds, etc -	119.70
S. Hayford, repairing city-engineers transit	28.35
Fred. Sterzing - jury script sec for tapes	.50
H. S. Seckatz taxes overpaid, assessment 1878.	3.00
C. W. White, cash box for city treasurer	2.00
H. M. Strong, pay on board of appraisement	40.00
C. Bremond " " " " "	40.00
C. Raven " " " " "	40.00
G. Crow " " " " "	40.00
O. A. Caldwell " " " " "	40.00
Capital Ice Co. ice bill to May 31 1879	1.47
Brunet & Co " " " " "	2.30
C. W. White, removing stand-water pipe	37.50
C. D. Johns, fees in appealed cases	40.00
R. von Beckman, printing & binding assess Rolls 1879.	14.25
T. J. Campbell, removing clock & tower to Market House	100.00
C. D. Johns, fees in appealed cases	20.00
F. Bastian, binding ad valorem tax receipts -	6.25
Zimpleman & Co, ice bill for July, 1879.	5.30
T. J. Campbell, extra work in removing clock	36.00
J. C. Petmeckey, 100 dog tags	10.00
Zimpleman & Co, ice bill for June 1879	3.50
J. C. De Grey, having tax rolls made out for 1879	100.00
Zimpleman & Co ice bill for Aug	6.28
" " " " " Sept.	6.30
J. Billieson, six dinners for jurymen	3.00
	$1127.42

Annual report of Assessor and Collector for fiscal year ending Oct. 20. 1879.

Jan. 31. To income from ad valorem taxes 1878.	$3,673.55
To income from ad valorem taxes of 1877	185.70
" " " " " " 1876	8.00
" " " " " back taxes	65.71
" " licenses	2649.05
" " Market house	78.60
" " Cemetery	417.50
" " Mayors court	1244.25

To income, ground rents	20.00
" " dog tax	75
Total,	$ 8343.11
April 30, To income from advalorem taxes 1878,	33715.28
To income from from advalorem taxes 1877.	27.13
" " " " " " 1876	13.50
" " " back taxes	34.71
" " " licenses	3210.80
" " " market house	582.35
" " " cemetery	197.50
" " " mayor's court	1000.80
" " " ground rents	80.00
" " " miscellaneous	45.00
Total -	$ 38.907.07
July 31. To income from advalorem taxes of 1878,	$ 8914.83
To income from advalorem taxes 1877	330.95
" " " " " 1876	143.50
" " " back taxes	199.63
" " " licenses	2660.45
" " " market house	248.70
" " " cemetery.	160.00
" " " mayor's court	125.50
" " " ground rent	40.00
" " " dog tax	4.00
" " " miscellaneous	41.95
Total -	$ 12859.51
Oct 20, To income from advalorem taxes of 1879,	752.17
To income from advalorem taxes 1878	1385.82
" " " " " 1877	208.50
" " " " " 1876	66.25
" " back taxes	398.39
" " licenses	1696.70
" " market house	507.40
" " cemetery	117.50
" " mayor's court	225.25
" " ground rents	50.00
" " dog tax	1.00
" " miscellaneous	21.34
Total -	$ 5480.26
Grand total	$ 65539.95
Jan 31, By treasurer's receipt No. 615	480.50
" " " 616	170.00

By	Treasurer's	receipt	No	617	230.00
"	"	"	"	618	555.00
"	"	"	"	619	380.00
"	"	"	"	620	420.00
"	"	"	"	621	300.00
"	"	"	"	622	140.00
"	"	"	"	623	300.00
"	"	"	"	624	270.00
"	"	"	"	625	1025.00
"	"	"	"	626	310.00
"	"	"	"	627	500.00
"	"	"	"	628	270.00
"	"	"	"	629	1080.00
"	"	"	"	630	505.00
"	"	"	"	631	131.50
"	"	"	"	632	300.00
"	"	"	"	633	246.46
"	"	"	"	634	244.05
"	"	"	"	635	465.60
	Total				$8343.11
April 30.	By Treasurer's	receipt	No	636	$530.00
	"	"	"	637	2054.60
	"	"	"	638	1380.00
	"	"	"	639	75.00
	"	"	"	640	1200.00
	"	"	"	641	2477.00
	"	"	"	642	4660.00
	"	"	"	643	6521.00
	"	"	"	644	1440.36
	"	"	"	645	2960.52
	"	"	"	646	4778.24
	"	"	"	647	2830.50
	"	"	"	648	2092.15
	"	"	"	649	485.34
	"	"	"	650	1394.56
	"	"	"	651	1227.61
	"	"	"	652	1486.80
	"	"	"	653	606.84
	"	"	"	654	103.31
	"	"	"	655	603.04
	Total				$38.907.07
July 31.	By Treasurer's	receipt	No	656	303.29
	"	"	"	657	1506.40
	"	"	"	658	945.25

By Treasurer's receipt No.	659	$3658.90
" " "	660	100.00
" " "	661	100.00
" " "	662	533.83
" " "	663	500.00
" " "	664	1838.30
" " "	665	1540.40
" " "	666	1236.77
" " "	667	76.32
" " "	668.	519.95
Total		$12859.51
Oct 20. By Treasurer's receipt No	669	712.40
" " "	670	1041.85
" " "	671	693.30
" " "	672	1056.82
" " "	673	1003.40
" " "	674	922.49
Total		$5430.26
Grand total		$65,539.95

Respectfully submitted
Fred Sterzing
City Assessor and collector

Annual Report of City Treasurer,
for fiscal year ending October 20 1879
(See document B. for statement of items)

Debits

To Bal. on hand Oct. 31. 1878		$7560.15
" receipts from Ass'r and collector, viz:		
Ad valorem tax	$50.123.56	
Licenses tax	10217.00	
Fines, market rents etc	5199.39	$65539.95
Total		$73100.10

Credits

By city warrants paid	$52195.71	
" " Bonds paid	4500.00	
" interest on bonds paid	9767.38	$67219.09
" Bal. on hand, $5881.01 viz.		
reserved to pay bonds & warrants called in and not presented for payment as follows- Bond No 62 called in April 15 and interest	103.75	
Bonds Nos 181 to 191 and 194 to 196 inclusive, called in Sept 30 & interest	1446.67	
Sundry warrants-	38.52	

Balance at credit of interest and sinking fund account $14292.07 $ 5881.01
Total. $ 73100.10

Signed J. W. Howard
City Treasurer.

City Marshal's Office
Austin, Tx. Oct 21, 1879.

Hon. J. C. De Gress,
Mayor of the City of Austin.

Sir:—

I have the honor to report that the police force of the city of Austin, consists of nine men, and are distributed as follows: One officer on duty at police office, one mounted officer patrolling the city at night, one officer guarding and working the city prisoners, the balance being on patrol day and night in different parts of the city.

There have been arrested by the police force from the twentieth day of October 1878, to the nineteeth day of October 1879. 1114 persons, of which 851 were fined, 205 dismissed, and 13 appealed to county court; 40 were transferred to justice's courts and 5 to the United States court.

The fines for the above year amounts to $6280.00; amount of cash collected $3865.80; amount of fines worked out $2414.20; value of stolen and missing property reported at police office $5272.00, of which $3307.00 were recovered by the police and returned to owners.

Very Respectfully,
Signed, Ed. Creany
City Marshal.

Austin, Tex. Oct. 31. 1879

To the Hon. Mayor and Board of Aldermen, City of Austin:

Gentlemen — At date of my last annual report October 31. 1878, seven pauper patients remained under treatment, since which time 252 additional have been treated, making a total of 259 indigent sick to whom the city has furnished medicines and medical attention during the year.

Of this number 226 have been restored, six improved, 15 have died and 12 remain under treatment.

Of the whole number treated, 225, to whom 948 prescriptions were given, where cared for at their homes, the remaining 34 were treated at the Manning Infirmary.

In addition to the foregoing, the causes of death in twenty cases, two of whom required post mortem examinations, dying suddenly and without medical attention, have been investigated and burial certificates issued therefor.

The proprietors of Manning Infirmary have been unremitting in efforts to supply patients treated at that institution with whatever their conditions required, and a deep sense of gratitude to them impells acknowledgement of obligations for many courtesies extended and much valuable assistance rendered me. Their institution complete in appointments, fitted up at great cost, and supplying a deficiency long felt by the community, is a meritorious one, and deserves liberal patronage from the city.

In conclusion, and with thanks for your uniform consideration, I am, gentlemen with great esteem, etc.

(Signed) R. N. L. Bibb M.D.
City Physician

Annual Report of the City Sexton, of the city of Austin for the year ending October 20th. 1879.

From birth to 5 years of age.	107
" 5 to 20 " " "	19
" 20 to 40 " " "	46
" 40 to 60 " " "	39
" 60 to 80 " " "	26
" 80 to 100 " " "	3
Over 100 years of age	1
Age not given	10
Total.	251

Males 121. Females 130. Whites 165. Colored 79. Mexican 7. Still-born 20. Natives 215. Germans 16. Irish 2. Scotch 2. Swedes 1. Italians 2. Mexicans 1. Nativity of 12 not given.

Respectfully submitted
(Signed) C. L. Nitschke
City Sexton.

Executive Office
Austin Fire Department
Austin, Oct 22 - 1879.

Hon. S. C. De Gress, Mayor:
Sir:

In compliance with the fire regulations and ordinances of the city, I herewith submit my semi-annual statement of the general proceedings and the working of this department for the term of six months ending this day.

During the term the department was called on duty twenty-two times, as follows:

April 22, @ 9:30 P.M. Fire on lot 2 in block 101; a stable and woodhouse burned, belonging to and occupied by R. J. Loving; loss $175.00, no insurance. Cause, accidental.

May 8th @ 11.30 P.M. Incendiary fire on lot 8 in block 54, known as Jagua's woodyard; loss $25; no insurance.

May 9th at 10 P.M. An empty store-house belonging to Leander Brown; situated on out-lot 68, division D; burned to the ground; loss $420.00; no insurance. Caused by carelessness.

May 10, at 3 P.M. — A stable on lot 8 in block 54, know division E, was set on fire by an incendiary; loss $20; no insurance.

May 11, at 2 A.M. — The United States barracks, in the south-eastern part of the city were discovered to be on fire; loss $40.00. Incendiary.

May 25, at 1 A.M. A fire originated in the kitchen of the Raymond House, on lots 5 and 6 in block 42; $60 loss. insured. Caused by a defective stove-pipe.

May 25, at 11.30 P.M. A stable on lot 1 in block 28 was set on fire with kerosene oil by an incendiary, but extinguished before much damage was done.

June 23. at 5 A. M. — Jaqua's woodyard, on lot 8 in block 34, was fired by an incendiary; damage $20.00; no insurance.

June 26 at 3 A. M. — A kitchen on lot 2 in block 41; caught fire from coals falling out of the stove; loss $250.00; no insurance.

July 18 at 3 A. M. — A pile of empty barrels and boxes burned in the yard of S. Simon's restaurant, on lot 1 in block 69.

July 25 at 3 A. M. — The residence belonging to the Hill estate on lot 7 in block 72 and occupied by B. P. Stacey burned to the ground; loss about $3000.00; no insurance. Caused by carelessness.

July 25 at 11.30 P. M. — A dwelling house on lot 4 in block 123 was destroyed by fire; cause, carelessness; no insurance.

July 28 at 11 P. M. — A lamp exploded in the Avenue Hotel, on lots 5 and 6 in block 84; no damage.

July 29 at 3 A. M. — A fire originated in the residence of A. J. Peeler, in the northwest part of the city; damage $300 insured.

July 29 at 3.45 A. M. — An incendiary put fire to the truck house of Protection Hook and Ladder Company No 3, which caused a loss of $950.00; no insurance.

July 29 at 4 A. M. — A negro cabin on lot 3 in block 20, division O, was destroyed; loss $140. no insurance.

August 14 at 11:30 P. M. — The wash house of the City Hotel, on lots 1 and 2 in block 43, was fired by an incendiary; loss $10; no insurance.

August 17 at 11 P. M. — The residence of J. Fontaine, on lot 1 in block 45, division D, burned to the ground; cause incendiary; loss $800.00; no insurance.

August 22 at 7:30 P. M. A kitchen belonging to and adjoining the Catholic Church, on lot 1 in block 112, was damaged to the extent of $20.00; no insurance.

September 22 at 1 P. M. — A kitchen

belonging to W. A. Saylor, on lot 3 in block 46; caught fire from a defective flue and burned to the ground; loss $175.00; no insurance.

October 5 at 1 P. M.— A servant house belonging to Mrs. A. M. Townsend and situated in block 17, division E, burned, causing a loss of $225.00; no insurance. Cause, carelessness.

October 13 at 6 P. M.— A lamp exploded at the postoffice, on lot 6 in block 69, causing slight damage.

The foregoing statement of fires shows that comparatively small damage was caused, considering the number of fires, and I take pleasure in congratulating the city on the efficiency of the fire department.

Since the last report the truck house of Protection Hook and Ladder Company No 3 was destroyed by fire, and on its site now stands a building worthy of our city, and a ornament to the neighborhood. Our three truck companies have equipped themselves with horses, and I find that the timely arrival of the companies at fires have saved a large amount of property the past six months. This improvement has greatly added to the efficiency of the department, and thanks are due these companies for the enterprise shown.

The apparatus of the department, consisting of two steam fire engines, two hose carriages and three hook and ladder trucks, are in excellent working order, and the truck and engine houses are conveniently situated and in good condition.

The roster of the department shows 162 men ready for duty at a seconds notice, comprising the best class of citizens and property owners of Austin, and the best of spirit and friendly relations exists among the members.

Incendiarism, know and supposed, was the cause of nine fires, and I am satisfied

that the increase of this worse of all crimes is attributable in a great degree to the failure to bring the guilty parties to justice. Measures should be taken at once to provide means to check this evil, as it is increasing from year to year, and may at any time be the means of great disaster to our city.

Our facilities for a supply of water have been considerably increased the last six months, and in connection with this I would suggest at an early day the single hydrants in the business portion of the city be removed and tripple ones be substituted, which improvement would greatly facilitate the effective working of the department. As it is now we have three different kinds of hydrants with different size openings, which at some time may cause a loss of valuable time when it is most needed.

I trust you will favorable consider these suggestions and bring them before the honorable council at the proper time.

There has been but one death in the department during the past half year, J. A. Cunningham, member of Colorado Steam Fire Engine Company No 2, whose loss was seriously felt, as he was an active and efficient fireman.

The credit given to the members for discipline is well deserved, and the department as a whole stands high in nearly all respects.

I am pleased to say that the foreman have acquitted themselves in a very commendable way throughout the past half year, which has affected our increased efficiency.

With pleasure I return my thanks to the officers and members for their strict attention to duty; also to the police officers for the valuable assistance they have rendered us on several occasions and to yourself and the honorable city council for the promptness in which you have carried out everything that tendered to promote the

welfare and increase the efficiency of the department.

Respectfully submitted

(Signed) John Bremond

Chief.

By Fritz Reichman

Recorder.

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