

Regular Meeting of City Council
Austin, Tex. Sept 1st - 1879.

Mayor De Gress presiding.

Roll called; present, Aldermen Lewis, Crooker, Millett, Metz, Nall, Platt, Raven, Sheehan, Strong, and Vaughan.

The minutes of the meeting of Aug 4th were read and approved.

Petition of J. W. Jolts and others for the opening of a street from the west end of Pine street to Burnet street.

On motion, the consideration of the petition was postponed until Tuesday, September 3rd, at 8 o'clock P.M.

Petition of R. M. Swearingen for a street lamp at the Atla Vista Institute.

Petition granted and the city-marshal instructed to have the lamp established.

Reports of city sexton, city physician, and city marshal for the month of August were read, approved and ordered filed.

Report of special committee on account of J. J. Campbell, for \$36.00 for extra work in removing the city clock and tower, recommending that the account be allowed.

On motion the report was adopted.

A resolution appropriating (\$36.00) Thirty-six dollars to pay J. J. Campbell for extra-work in removing the city clock and bell tower, was introduced.

Resolution read first time, and on motion, the rules were suspended and the resolution passed to its second reading by the following vote:

Yeas:— Aldermen, Lewis, Crooker, Millett, Metz, Platt, Raven, Sheehan, Strong and Vaughan.

Nays— Nall.

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, Lewis, Crooker, Millett

Metz, Platt, Raven, Sheehan, Strong and
Laughan

Mays: - Nalle.

Resolution, read third time and on
motion, passed by the following vote:

Yeas: - Aldermen, Lewis, Crocker, Millett,
Metz, Platt, Raven, Sheehan, Strong and
Laughan.

Nays: - Alderman Nalle.

Communication from L. W. Crocker as follows:
To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen
of the city of Austin:

Gentleman: - On the fourth day
of August, 1879, you made an appropriation
of (\$400.00) Four hundred dollars to rebuild
the truck-house for Protection Hook and Lad-
-der Company No. 3. His honor the

Mayor authorized me to get up plans &
specifications for the same, which I did.

I went to the Mayor's office and found
he had been called away. I then look-
-ed for Col. Lewis, acting Mayor, and could
not find him; concluded then to let the
matter rest until the Mayor returned. That
evening I met the foreman and other mem-
-bers of the company, who insisted that the
building be put up as early as possible, as
the truck was getting damaged. I asked
Mr. Johns, city attorney, when the Mayor
would return; he said he could not tell.

I then went to the Stationary office and
put in an advertisement for bids. I re-
-ceived five, which I sent to Col. Lewis.

He opened the same, and sent me the re-
-sult as follows: Texas Building Association,
\$680; Hall and Hulbert, \$820; J. J. Campbell,
\$898; Phillips & Triple, \$874; Thum, Thiaboppa
& Bournt, \$898.70.

You will see from these
figures that the lowest bid is \$680 in excess
of your appropriation. I saw Col. Lewis; he
told me he could not tell when the Mayor
would return.

I then made out a bill of
lumber, leaving off the awning in front;
gave the same to Mr. De Leon, foreman of

the company; he submitted the bid to C. J. Millett and Loomis & Christian, and received a bid from each as follows; Loomis & Christian \$269.70; C. J. Millett \$248.85. He then got bids for the labor with the following result; Phillips & Feigle \$125.⁰⁰; Benson \$100.⁰⁰; Shillappa & Bunt, 94.⁰⁰. By putting the lowest bid for labor and the lowest bid for lumber together you will see that we are able to get the house for the appropriation. C. J. Millett, lumber \$248.85, Shillappa & Bunt, labor \$94.⁰⁰, Dhanabachari, stone \$5.⁰⁰ \$347.⁸⁵ Leaving a balance of \$62.¹⁵ for chimney, hardware, and painting. Painting was not included in the original bids. So you will see that we will get the house completed for the appropriation.

Now gentleman, as I have no authority for going on with this work, and as it was necessary to get the truck under cover as soon as possible, I hope you will see proper to confirm my actions in this matter.

Yours with due respect
signed, J. M. Crooker.

On motion, the action of Alderman Crooker was confirmed. By the Council and the city purchased from Mr Crooker, at the price fixed by him for the same, the house built for Protection Hook and Ladder Company No 3, and the Mayor was authorized to draw his warrant for the amount in favor of J. M. Crooker.

Resolution from Protection Hook and Ladder Company No 3. Referred to committee on fire department.

Account of A. Kammacher for dist. furnished for filing in at West Pecan street bridge.

On Motion, the finance committee was instructed to approve the account and the Mayor authorized to draw his warrant for the same and wife, ^{as of J. Kammacher} the city of Austin of a certain tract of land in block 167 by

-seven, division D for street purposes. Read referred and the deed ordered to be recorded. Resolution appropriating (\$200.00), Two hundred dollars, to repair and extend the wharf to Chestnut street bridge. Read third time.

Alderman Raven moved that the person to whom the contract was awarded be required to give a bond that the work done by him should last for four years.

On motion of Alderman Metz, the motion was laid on the table.

Alderman Vaughan moved that the contractor be required to give a bond that his work would stand for twelve months.

Alderman Metz moved to lay the motion on the table. Motion lost.

The question then being upon the motion of Alderman Vaughan, the same was carried.

On motion, the ordinance was then passed by the following vote:

Yeas: - Aldermen Crow, Crocker, Metz, Nalle, Sheehan, Strong and Vaughan.

Nays: - Aldermen Millett, Platt, & Raven. Resolution appropriating \$178.17 for opening the street near the property of J. H. Raymond Esq, as per resolution of the city council of August 4. 1879. Resolution read first time, and on motion, the rules were suspended and the resolution placed on its second reading by the following vote:

Yeas: - Aldermen Crow, Crocker, Millett, Metz, Nalle, Platt, Raven, Sheehan, Strong and Vaughan.

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 Crow, Crocker, Millett, Metz, Nalle, Platt, Raven, Sheehan, Strong, and Vaughan.

Resolution read third time and on motion, passed by the follow-

-ing vote:

Yeas: - Aldermen Crow, Crooker, Millett, Metz, Wall, Platt, Raven, Sheehan, Strong, and Vaughan.

His honor the mayor nominated for the position of mounted policeman, vice John Delfs resigned, the following gentlemen; J. W. Svenson, August Tideman, H. Montgomery, L. A. France, and J. L. Watts.

Aldermen Platt and Crow were appointed tellers:

The ballot being taken, the following was announced as the result: August Tideman 7 votes, J. W. Svenson 2 and J. L. Watts, one.

Mr August Tideman, having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared duly confirmed.

His honor the mayor nominated Mr Michael Riley as a special policeman.

On motion, the nomination was confirmed by acclamation.

Council adjourned to Sept. 3^d at 8 P.M.
 Approved Oct. 6th 1879
 Approved Oct. 2nd 1879
 L. M. Bradley
 City Clerk.

Adjourned Meeting of City Council
 Austin of Texas Sept. 3rd 1879.
 Mayor De Gress presiding.
 Roll Called. Present Aldermen, Brown,
 Crooker, Metz, Parr, Sheehan, Strong
 and Vaughan

The object of the meeting was stated to be
 the consideration of the petition of F. M.
 Falts and others for the opening of a street
 from the West end of Pine street to Burnett
 Street.

On motion the petition was referred back
 to the petitioners the Council having deci-
 ded that the petition had not been signed
 by the necessary number of property
 holders

On motion the Mayor was authorized
 to insure the new House of Praterion
 N. & L. Co. #3.

There being no further business the
 Council Adjourned.

Approved Oct. 6th 1879
 Approved Oct 6/79

L. M. Bradley,
 City Clerk.