

# Regular Meeting of City Council.

Austin, July 7<sup>th</sup> 1879.

Mayor De Gress presiding.

Roll called. Present, Alderman Brown, Courten  
Millet, Metz, Platt, Raven, Sheehan, Strong  
and Vaughan. Quorum present.

The following business was transacted.  
The minutes of June 2 and June 12 were  
read, amended and approved.

The petitions of J. Conover, Resigner of  
Hatchke and Eddy and Smith, for retail  
liquor licenses, were granted.

A petition from W. B. Walker for permis-  
sion to put up in front of his place of  
business, on Cedar street, a four ton scale,  
and also for the appointment of city-  
weigher, was read, and permission was  
granted to Mr Walker to put up the scales  
as prayed for in the petition.

Several applications were presented  
for the position of city engineer and  
street commissioner, vice C. D. Anderson  
resigned.

On motion of Alderman Raven, the coun-  
cil refused to order an election to fill  
the vacancy, and the mayor declared the  
applications to be out of order.

Petitions of Mr Ruder and others  
asking that public water carriers be prohib-  
ited from taking water from the public  
well in the eight ward. Laid on the  
table.

Petition of James H. Raymond, stating  
that he was about to erect a fence on his  
lot, No. 2, in division Z of our lots, and  
that by so doing it would cut off the now  
traveled road for some fifty or seventy  
yards and asking that the necessary  
work be done by the city to straighten said  
road as originally laid out. Referred  
to street committee.

Petition of Hon. Hatch & Co. for per-  
-mission to lay plank over the sidewalk  
in front of their lime depot for the purpose

of enabling wagons to cross over the same.

Referred to street committee.

Reports of city-marshal, city-septon and city physician for the month of June, 1879 read and ordered filed.

Account of E. W. Cross for \$29.22 for hay furnished the city-ponds.

On motion of Alderman Raven, the account was referred to special committee of three. The Mayor appointed as such committee Alderman Raven, Crooker and Sheehan.

Report of city engineer and street committee on the petition of J. Samuelson, for compensation for extra work performed in filling and excavating for the bridge on West Bridge street, recommending that the sum of \$47.90 be allowed J. Samuelson for such work. Report adopted.

Resolution appropriating \$47.90 to pay for extra work in the second ward.

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

Ayes. Alderman Crow, Crooker, Millett, Metz, Platt, Raven, Sheehan, Strong and Vaughn.

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 Crow, Crooker, Millett, Metz, Platt, Raven, Sheehan, Strong and Vaughn.

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

Ayes. Aldermen Crow, Crooker, Millett, Metz, Platt, Raven, Sheehan, Strong & Vaughn.

Proposition of C. D. Anderson, late city engineer, to sell his surveying instruments to the city for \$284.80 was laid on the table.

Report of ordinance committee on, "An ordinance to abolish the office of market master and health inspector", as follows.

"To His Hon. the Mayor and Board of Aldermen your committee to whom was referred an ordinance repealing Art 340 Sec (1) part 1st the 16<sup>th</sup> 1878 after consid-  
-irery the same whold most respectfully reccomend its passage for the following reasons."

"we believe it to be a part of the legi-  
-timate duties of the city marshal and  
that it does not ~~require~~ interfere with his  
other duties in fact the Police are charged  
with that duty and are held offces  
the night watch can unlock the mark-  
-et house door in the morning we believe  
the interest of the city wold be better  
served and that outch saved to the  
city -

signed, R. Platt  
N. B. Metz.

Alderman Lewis, moved to adopt the report.

Alderman Strong, moved a call of the council. Call not sustained.

On Motion of Alderman Millett the report of the committee was adopted.

Alderman Crooker moved to suspend the rules to place the ordinance upon its second reading. The motion was lost, two-thirds of a full council not voting in affirmative.

The following communication was received from B. C. Kelly:

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Austin:

Gentlemen - I desire to present to your favorable consideration the following

In view of the fact that my lease on the building which I now occupy, and on which building I have the city clock, soon expires, I therefore respectfully sug-  
-gest to your honorable body that you take into consideration the disposition you

wish made of said clock. Should you wish said clock removed and placed on the city market house, and will issue an order to that effect, I will superintend the removal and erection of the same free of charge for my services. I will continue the care and oversight of said clock without any further expense to the city than my present contract calls for. And when said clock is removed to the city market house it will then be the entire property of the city, I having donated to the city all my interest in the clock tower. I am your most obedient servant.

B. C. Wells.

On motion, the donation to the city of the clock tower by Mr Wells was accepted and the proposition submitted by Mr Wells referred to the Market committee with power to act; and on motion, the mayor was added to the committee.

The resolution appropriating \$200. to repair and extend the wings to the Chestnut street bridge was read the second time.

Alderman Low offered the following amendment: Amend by adding, "Provided that the amount will finish the bridge & no more be asked for."

Amendment adopted.

Alderman Strong moved to suspend the rules to place the ordinance upon its third reading. The motion was lost, two-thirds of a full council not voting in the affirmative.

A resolution appropriating \$100. or so much thereof as may be necessary, to complete the improvement commenced in the sixth ward was read the first time and on motion, the rules were suspended to place the resolution upon its second reading by the following vote:

Yeas, - Aldermen Low, Crocker, Mitchell, Metz, Platt, Sheehan, Strong & Vaughan.

Ray, - Alderman Raven

Resolution read second time  
Alderman Cow moved to amend by  
adding \$150 toward improving East Pecan  
street and putting a bridge across the  
ditch from Pecan to Bois d'Arc on San  
Jacinto street". Amendment adopted.

Alderman Crooker moved that the  
rules be further suspended to place the  
resolution, as amended, on its third read-  
ing. Motion carried by the following vote:  
Yeas - Aldermen Cow, Crooker, Millett,  
Metz, Platt, Raven, Sheehan, Strong &  
Vaughn.

Resolution read third time and  
passed, as amended, by the following vote:  
Yeas - Aldermen Cow, Crooker, Millett,  
Metz, Platt, Raven, Sheehan, Strong  
and Vaughn

On motion Alderman Vaughn was ex-  
cused from further attendance at this  
meeting.

Resolution appropriating \$27.50 to pay  
the burial expenses of J. H. Cunningham, de-  
ceased. Read first time, and, on motion,  
referred to a special committee consisting  
of Aldermen Platt, Raven, and Millett.

An ordinance providing that all  
licenses for the sale of spirituous and  
malt liquors shall be issued so as to  
expire on the thirtieth day of September  
1879. Read, first, second and third times  
and passed under a suspension of the  
rules, two-thirds of a full council voting  
in the affirmative.

An ordinance regulating licenses  
and occupation taxes for the city of Austin.  
Read first time.

Alderman Raven moved that the further  
consideration of the ordinance be postponed  
until Thursday next at 8 o'clock P. M.  
and that when the council adjourns, it shall  
adjourn to that day and hour. Carried.

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor

of the city of Austin, to enter into an agreement and make a lease with James J. Glass for the City Mill property, the question being upon the passage of the ordinance, the same passed by the following vote:

Yeas — Aldermen Lewis, Cooke, Millett  
Metz, Shuban, and Strong  
Nays — Aldermen Platt and ~~Strong~~ <sup>Raven</sup>  
The mayor nominated for the position of policeman, vice J. R. Johnson resigned, the following gentlemen, James King, J. L. Watts, Harry Montgomery, J. Zimmerman, W. P. Hickman, and W. J. Boree.

Aldermen Platt and Raven were appointed, as telling.

The ballot being taken, the following was announced as the result: For confirmation — James King 6; H. Montgomery 1; J. Zimmerman 1. Mr James King having received a majority of all the votes cast was declared duly confirmed as policeman.

There being no further business, the council adjourned to Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at 8 o'clock P.M.  
Approved Aug 4 1879 L. M. Bradley  
Approved July 11 79 City Clerk.

Proceedings of City Council, Adjourned  
meeting, July 16<sup>th</sup> 1899.

Mayor De Hess presiding  
Roll called; present Aldermen Com, Crooker  
Platt, Raven, Sheehan, Strong and Vaughn.  
Quorum present.

The following business was transacted.  
An ordinance relating to licenses and occu-  
-pation taxes read second time.

Alderman Raven moved to amend by  
reducing the tax on nine and ten pair  
alloys from \$500. per annum to \$50 per annum.

Amendment adopted by the following  
vote:

Yeas - Aldermen Com, Crooker, Platt, Raven  
Sheehan, Strong, and Vaughn.

Alderman Crooker moved to amend by re-  
-ducing the tax on lighting odd agents from  
\$25. per annum to \$10. per annum adopted  
by the following vote:

Yeas: - Aldermen, Com, Crooker, Platt, Raven  
Sheehan, Strong, and Vaughn.

On motion of Alderman Crooker, the rules  
were suspended to place the ordinance, as  
amended, upon its third reading by the  
following vote.

Yeas: - Aldermen, Com, Crooker, Platt, Raven  
Sheehan, Strong, and Vaughn.

Ordinance read third time, as amended,  
and, on motion, passed by the following vote.

Yeas: - Alderman Com, Crooker, Platt, Raven  
Sheehan, Strong, and Vaughn.

Account of G. W. Brass for \$29.22 for hay  
furnished the city pond, with the follow-  
-ing report from select committee to whom  
the same was referred, as follows:

We the undersigned, are not able to find  
that the city owes Mr Brass for hay.

Crooker  
Sheehan  
Raven

On motion, the report of the committee, was  
adopted.

Alderman Com, moved that the ordinance

relating to licenses and occupation taxes, be revised by the City Attorney for the purpose of publication. Motion carried.

Report of street committee upon the petition of Wm. Walsh & Co. for permission to lay plank upon the sidewalk in front of their depot, as follows:

To the Honorable Mayor & City Council:

Your committee having under consideration the within petition of Wm. Walsh & Co. most respectfully report that the petitioners have the privilege of taking the stone pavement up and put in good substantial boards, to be on a level with the street pavement, and in the event that the wooden crossing is removed, or when said Walsh & Co. abandon said crossing, or cease to use the same, the petitioners bind themselves to replace with good flag stone like the present.

L. Linn

H. W. Strong

Street Committee

Report adopted.

By Alderman Vaughn - a resolution appropriating \$150., or so much thereof, as may be necessary, for the purpose of removing the city clock to the city hall and putting glass dial on the same.

Read first time and on motion the rules were suspended to place the resolution upon its second reading, by the following vote:

Yeas: Aldermen, Cow, Crocker, Platt, Raven, Sheehan, Strong and Vaughn.

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

Yeas: Alderman Cow, Crocker, Platt, Raven, Sheehan, Strong, and Vaughn.

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

Yeas: - Aldermen Cow, Crocker, Platt, Raven

Sheehan, Strong and Vinyard.  
There being no further business, the  
council adjourned.

Approved Aug. 4 1879

L. M. Bradley  
City Clerk.