Regular Meeting of City Council

October 20, 1875

Mayor: Wm. Jones, recorder; J. H. Steele, clerk.

President: Alfred W. G. Moore, president; W. H. Steele, secretary.

Present: Wells, Raven, Sheehan, Strong, C. Vaughan.

The minutes of meetings held Oct. 6, 10, 20 and Nov. 11, 12, 23, 24, 26 were read and approved.

The following business was then transacted:

Resolution authorizing $250 to reimburse the City Treasurer for money paid by him to the Treasurer of Collier.

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin that the sum of $250 be and the same is hereby appropriated to reimbursement the Treasurer for money paid by him to the Treasurer of Collier.

For a fixed sum remitted by him to following his

Resolution.

Read first time; on motion the rules were suspended and the resolution read a second and third time and passed by the following votes: Hon. Alderman C. Moore, Cooker, Wells, Wells, Wells, Wells, Wells, Wells, Wells, Wells, Wells, Wells, Wells.

The following resolution was then introduced:

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin that the sum of $250 be and is hereby appropriated to pay Collier for damages sustained to his wagon in hauling Washington Pines damaged by the fire on September 18, 1875 at W. P. Jones' residence.

Read first time. The motion to suspend the rules to pass the resolution on its second reading was lost by the following votes: Hon. Alderman C. Moore, Wells, Wells, Wells, Wells, Wells, Wells, Wells, Wells, Wells.

Communications from R. A. Smith, calling attention to the condition of Hunting stock, and challenges corner of Block 99.99, also suggesting in the north corner of Block 99 as a suitable place for the erection of a camp.

Address to City Engineer and Street Commissioner that the petition of citizens of the 1st Ward
for enclosures of parks and lands to be selected
on at the next regular meeting.

2. Petitions of citizens of this city asking for
an abatement of the present rate of
rates at the crossing of Rosedale and
First Streets, now on notice referred to the Street
Committee.

Petitions of Cal. Dresser, John Harper, and
Capt. Wool for licenses to retail liquors.

Granted.

Petition of City Hotel Co. for extension of time
for lining their reservoir until July 1st, 1849.

Laid on the table.

Communications from W. H. Leader asking for
payment for publishing the newspaper in
this town, in addition to the amount already
allowed for publishing the same in the Sunday
Leader. Laid on the table.

Reports of the City Treasurer, City Marshal and
City Physician for months of April 1849 were
presented and read, and on motion were
received and ordered filed.

On motion, the petition of citizens of 9th and
10th wards for the erection of two fire-places, and all
such other petitions as referred to the Fire
Committee, with the request that they investigate
such matters and make such recommendations
to the Council, as they may deem for the best
interest of the City.

The following resolution was presented:

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of
San Francisco, that the City Engineer be instructed
to make a survey for the construction of a sewer
or sewer, beginning at or near the Capitol grounds
and extending north and parallel with Congress
Avenue South to the Colorado river, and that
the Engineer make a calculation of the probable
cost to the City for the construction of such
sewer or sewers. The best mode of construction,
and make a report of the same to the City
Council at its next regular meeting.

Resolution adopted.

The following report of committee was read.
and adopted.

In accordance with a resolution of the City Council, your Special committee herewith submits the following resolutions.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin: That it is with deep regret that this bodylearned of the resignation of Capt. Joseph A. Eagle as Chief of the Fire Department of the City of Austin.

That in accepting this resignation of Capt. Joseph A. Eagle, we now take occasion to offer our unqualified thanks and gratitude as citizens that upon the part of the people of this City for his disinterested and prompt manner in which he has for the past five years discharged faithfully his duties as Chief of the Fire Department.

That in his retirement from the Fire Department, he takes with him the best wishes of our people as to his future welfare and success and that the loss thus occasioned to the Fire Department although irreplaceable, perhaps may be compensated in the unflagging efficiency and good sense of some competent and good man in Capt. Joseph A. Eagle.

(Sgd) L. McCombs
M. E. Randolph
Committee
E. Race

On motion this City Council was directed to examine into the condition of the porch in front of the Market House.

The following committee reports and accompanying resolutions were presented:

Anon. Petto
Nov. 2, 1879.

To the Hon. Mayor and
B. B. & H. Aldermen

Your committee to whom was referred the petition of Drs. J. H. & Dr. Langhans, J. J. Diby, R. H. Frear, and others, asking for aid and cooperation in the creation of a Hospital, beg leave to report, that the County Commissioners of Travis County have
entered into a contract with the above named gentlemen for five beds per month at $25.00 per bed; we would therefore recommend that the City enter into a similar contract and henceforth present a resolution and recommend its passage. Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, that the Mayor be authorized to enter into a contract with W. J. McLaughlin, J. J. Showell, R. B. Swenson and C. R. Howard for five beds in the City Hospital at the rate of $25.00 per month for each bed.

(Said) W. S. Vaughan

On motion the report was received.

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 Grove, Booker, Kelley, Platt, Raven, Sheehan, Strong, and Vaughan, 5; Nays. Alderman Kellett and Keitel. Read 2d time, Alderman Grover moved to amend the resolution by striking out the word "five" and inserting thereuffer the word for and before the word "beds".

Motion carried.

On motion the rules were further suspended and the resolution placed on its third reading as amended by the following vote.


Passed the 2d time and placed on the following order:

The following vote: Aldermen Grove, Booker, Kellett, Keitel, Kelley, Platt, Raven, Sheehan, Strong, and Vaughan, 5; Nays. Keitel.

On motion the Mayor was authorized to appoint a committee of three Aldermen to draft resolutions expressive of the sentiment of the Council on the resignation of Capt. C. B. Kellett, Assistant Chief of the Police Department. The Mayor appointed: Aldermen Grove, Platt, and Kelley on said committee.

An Ordinance regulating the running of Steam Engine Shuttles.

Passed first time and on motion the rules were suspended and the ordinance passed.

Read second time and the rules were further suspended and the ordinance placed on its third reading by the following vote. Yea. Aldermen Cowan, Kellett, Blake, Plate, Raven, Sheehan, Strong, and Vaughan. Nays. Aldermen Broker and Herty.

Read third time and passed by the following vote. Yea. Aldermen Cowan, Kellett, Blake, Plate, Raven, Sheehan, Strong, and Vaughan. Nays. Aldermen Broker and Herty.

The following resolution was introduced. Resolved, by the City Council of the City of Austin, that the fines and salary of the City Commissioner be continued as per resolution of Oct. 7th, 1877, and that he be directed to make a survey, a contour map of the City for the purpose of preparing a comprehensive plan for the improvement of the City.

Read first time and on motion the rules were further suspended and the resolution placed on its second reading by the following vote. Yea. Aldermen Cowan, Broker, Kellett, Kelle, Plate, Raven, Sheehan, Strong, and Vaughan. Nays. Some.

Read second time and on motion the rules were further suspended and the resolution placed on its third reading by the following vote. Yea. Aldermen Cowan, Broker, Kellett, Kelle, Plate, Raven, Sheehan, Strong, and Vaughan. Nays. Some.


The following resolution was presented.

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, that the Cemetery committee be instructed to see or communicate with James Kelly for the purpose of ascertaining at what cost can he had a certain piece of land belonging to the
said O'Reilly and lying adjoining to said south of the City Cemetery, and to report such information to the City Council at its next regular meeting.

Adopted.

Communication from Alderman Strong relative to work and repairs needed in the 7th ward, was on motion seconded.

Resolution. Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, That the sum of $125.00 or as much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of cutting Sabine street from the Northern Corporation line to the bridge over a branch of Waller creek, and to repair a gully and street at corner of Dunlap and Wadsworth streets as per report of Street committee.

Read first time and on motion the rules were suspended and the resolution placed on its second reading by the following vote: Hon. Aldermen Brown, Brooker, Ketz, Hall, Plate, Sheikh, and Vaughan. 8. Read second time and on motion the resolution was referred to the Streets committee.

By Alderman Strong. Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, That the sum of 7500.00 or as much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated for repaving of, and building stone foundations to the bridge across Waller creek, on Covert's street, and cutting down the hill east of said bridge.

Read first time and on motion the rules were suspended and the resolution placed on its second reading by the following vote: Hon. Aldermen Brooker, Ketz, Hall, Plate, Sheikh, Strong and Vaughan 7.

Read, Aldermen Brown, Millott and Raven 3.

Read second time and on motion the rules were further suspended and the resolution placed on its third reading by the following vote: Hon. Aldermen Brooker, Ketz, Hall, Plate, Sheikh, Strong and Vaughan 7.

Read third time and passed by the following

votes:

Hon. Aldermen Brown, Millott and Raven 3.
Rays, Alderman Brown, Millmett, and Raven. 3.

Resolution by 17th meeting. Vaughan

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Anacostia that the sum of Five Hundred Dollars be appropriated for the improvement and repair
of the streets, sidewalks and crossings in the Fifth Ward of this City.

Read first time.

Ordinance. Be it enacted by the City Council of the City of Anacostia. That from
and after the first day of January 1849, that
Aldermen be allowed no compensation for
attendance at meetings of the Board of
Aldermen and that no fines be imposed for
non-attendance.

Sec. 2. That all ordinances and parts of
ordinances in conflict with this ordinance
are hereby repealed.

Read first time and on motion the rules were
suspended and the ordinance passed on its second
reading by the following vote. Yes, Alderman
Brown, Comer, Millmett, Halle, Platte, Raven
and Shehan. 5. Rays Alderman Strong, Vaughan. 2.

Read second time and on motion the rules were
further suspended and the ordinance passed on
its third reading by the following vote. Yes,
Alderman Brown, Comer, Millmett, Halle, Platte, Raven.
Shehan, Rays, Alderman Raven, Strong, Vaughan.

Read third time and on motion that the ordinance
do come near the vote resulted as follows:
Yes, Alderman Brown, Comer, Millmett, Halle and
Platte. 5

Rays, Alderman Raven, Shehan, Strong, Vaughan 5.
The vote being a tie, the Mayor ruled ray and
the ordinance therefore did not pass.

Resolved. That the resignation of Capt. Joseph
A. Pringle, Chief of the Fire Department be accepted
to take effect upon the election and confirmation
of his successor and that the Mayor is hereby
authorized to order an election for Chief Engineer.
of the Police Department.

The resolution was adopted.

The Mayor presented the names of Salmon Henderson and John Helf for confirmation as Police Officers of this City, and the nominations were confirmed.

Alderman Hale moved that the Mayor be authorized in his discretion, to grant persons the privilege of shooting pigeons within the city limits between certain hours, such persons to be responsible for any accident or damage that may arise.

The motion carried.

On motion, Dr. Matthews, George Robinson, and G. L. Dowdy, were appointed as a committee to inspect and report on work to be done in the Eighth wards.

On motion, the Council adjourned.

Approved. January 6, 1879.

L. M. Bradley
City Clerk.