

Regular Meeting of City Council

Cluskin House December 2nd 1848.

Mayor R. A. Smith presiding. Roll called.
Present: Aldermen Crow, Crooker, Heilbell, Metz,
Halle, Platt, Raven, Sheehan, Strong & Vaughan.
Absent: Jones.

The minutes of meetings held (Vol. 1. 15. 26 and
Nov. 11. 12. 25th & 26 were read and approved.

The following business was then transacted.
Resolution appropriating \$25⁰⁰ to reimburse the
City Marshal for money paid by him to the
Deputy & Collector.

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City
of Austin: that the sum of \$25⁰⁰ be and the same
is hereby appropriated to reimburse the Marshal
for money paid by him to the Deputy & Collector,
for a fine, since remitted by His Excellency the
Governor.

Read first ^{time} and on motion the rules were
suspended and the resolution read second
and third times and passed by the following
vote. Yeas Aldermen Crow, Crooker, Heilbell,
Metz, Halle, Platt, Raven, Sheehan, Strong and
Vaughan. Nays. Jones.

The following resolution was then introduced.

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City
of Austin. That the sum of Eight ⁵⁰/₁₀₀ dollars
be and is hereby appropriated to pay Claborn
Stovall for damages sustained to his wagon
in hauling Washington Steam Engine to the fire
on September 7th 1848 at C. R. Johns residence.

Read first time. The motion to suspend the
rules to place the resolution on its second reading
was lost by the following vote. Yeas. Aldermen
Crooker, Halle, Raven, Sheehan, Strong & Vaughan. 6.
Nays. Aldermen Crow, Heilbell, Metz & Platt. 11.

Communication from R. A. Smith calling attention
to the condition of Hickory Street, south of south west
corner of Block No. 99. also suggesting south west
corner of Block 99 as a suitable place for the erection
of a Camp.

Referred to City Engineer and Street committee
and that the petition of citizens of the 11th Ward

for erection of lamps in said ward be reported on at the next regular meeting.

Petitions of citizens of the 5th ward asking for an alteration in the purpose of creating a bridge at the crossing of Bridge and Duces Streets, were on motion referred to the Street committee.

Petitions of Paul Pressler, John Savage and G. H. Blood for licenses to retail liquors.

Granted.

Petition of City Water Co. for extension of time for lining their Reservoir until July 1st 1879.

Laid on the table

Communication from W. B. Leader asking for payment for publishing the Mayor's report in the Iron Age in addition to the amount already allowed for publishing the same in the Sunday Leader. Laid on the table.

Reports of the City Sexton, City Marshal and City Physician for month of April 1878, were presented and read, and on motion were received and ordered filed.

On motion the petition of citizens of 5th and 6th wards for the erection of two fire plugs, and all such other petitions, were 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 Austin. That the City Engineer be instructed to make a survey for the construction of a sewer or sewers, beginning at or near the Capitol grounds and extending, near and parallel with Congress Avenue Street to the Colorado river; and that the Engineer make a calculation of the probable cost to the City for the construction of said sewer or sewers, the best mode of construction &c. 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 submit the following resolutions.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin. That it is with deep regret that this body learns of the resignation of Capt. Joseph A. Eagle, as Chief of the Fire Dept. of the City of Austin.

2^d That in accepting the resignation of Capt. Jos. A. Eagle, we now take occasion to express to him our sincerest thanks and gratitude as likewise that upon the part of the people of this City for the disinterested and prompt manner in which he has for the past five years discharged faithfully his duties as Chief of the Fire Department.

3^d 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 irretrievable perhaps, may be compensated in the example of so competent and good a man as Capt. Joseph A. Eagle.

(Sgd.) L. M. Crocker
O. E. Vaughan } Committee
E. Raven.

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

The following committee report and accompanying resolutions were presented.

Austin Texas

Decr 2. 1878.

To the Hon Mayor &c.

Board of Aldermen

Your committee to whom was referred the petition of Drs. J. M. DeChamblin, J. J. Robin, R. M. Smeadgen and G. F. Heisselberg asking for aid and cooperation in the erection of a Hospital beg leave to report, that the County Commissioners of Travis County have

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entered into a contract with the above named gentlemen for five beds per month at \$25⁰⁰ per bed; we would therefore recommend that the City enter into a similar contract and herewith 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 Mrs. J. M. McLaughlin, J. J. Dobin, R. M. Swearingen and C. F. Weissberger for five beds in the City Hospital at the rate of \$25⁰⁰ per month for each bed.

(Sgd) C. E. 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. Aldermen Brown, Crooker, Kalle, Platt, Raven, Sheehan, Strong and Vaughan. A.

Mayor. Aldermen Millett and Metz. Read 2^d time. Alderman Crooker moved to amend the resolution by striking out the word "five" and inserting "three" after 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. Ayes Aldermen Brown, Crooker, Millett, Metz, Kalle, Platt, Raven, Sheehan, Strong and Vaughan. Ayes. None.

Read third time and passed by the following vote. Ayes Aldermen Brown, Crooker, Millett, Metz, Kalle, Platt, Raven, Sheehan, Strong and Vaughan. Ayes. None.

On motion the Mayor was authorized to appoint a committee of three Aldermen to draft resolutions expressive of the sentiments of the Council on the resignation of Capt C. F. Millett, Assistant Chief of the Fire Department. The Mayor appointed Aldermen Brown, Platt and Metz on said committee.

An Ordinance regulating the blowing of Steam Engine whistles.

Read first time and on motion the rules were suspended and the ordinance placed

on its second reading by the following vote.
 Yeas. Aldermen Crow, Crooker, Millett, Kalle,
 Platt, Raven, Sheehan, Strong and Vaughan.
 Nays. Aldermen Hosty.

Read second time and the rules were further
 suspended and the ordinance placed on its
 third reading by the following vote. Yeas
 Aldermen Crow, Millett, Kalle, Platt, Raven,
 Sheehan, Strong and Vaughan.

Nays. Aldermen Crooker and Hosty.

Read third time and passed by the following
 vote. Yeas. Aldermen Crow, Millett, Kalle,
 Platt, Raven, Sheehan, Strong and Vaughan.
 Nays. Aldermen Crooker and Hosty.

The following resolution was introduced

Resolved by the City Council of the City of
 Austin, that the services and salary of the City
 Engineer be continued as per resolution of Octo-
 7th 1878, and that he be directed to make by survey
 a contour map of the City for the purpose of
 preparing a comprehensive plan for the sewerage
 of the City.

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, Crooker, Millett, Hosty, Kalle,
 Platt, Raven, Sheehan, Strong and Vaughan.
 Nays. None.

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, Crooker, Millett, Hosty, Kalle, Platt, Raven,
 Sheehan, Strong and Vaughan. Nays. None.

Read third time and passed by the following
 vote. Yeas. Aldermen Crow, Crooker, Millett, Hosty,
 Kalle, Platt, Raven, Sheehan, Strong and Vaughan.
 Nays. None.

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 O'Reilly for the
 purpose of ascertaining at what cost can be
 had a certain piece of land belonging to the

said O'Reilly and lying adjoining to and 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 received.

Resolution. Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin. That the sum of \$45⁰⁰ or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of putting 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 Trinity and Walnut 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. Yeas Aldermen Crow, Crocker, Metz, Kalle, Platt, Sheehan, Strong and Vaughan. 8. Nays Aldermen Hillelt 2 & Raven. 2.

Read second time and on motion the resolution was referred to the Street committee.

By Alderman Strong. Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin. That the sum of Four Hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated for repairing of, and building stone abutments to the bridge across Waller creek on Chestnut 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.

Yeas Aldermen Crocker, Metz, Kalle, Platt, Sheehan Strong & Vaughan. 7.

Nays Aldermen Crow, Hillelt 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.

Yeas Aldermen Crocker, Metz, Kalle, Platt, Sheehan, Strong and Vaughan. 7.

Nays Aldermen Crow, Hillelt & Raven. 3.

Read third time and passed by the following

votes. Yeas. Aldermen Crooker, Hotz, Kalle, Platt, Sheehan, Strong and Vaughan. 7.

Nays. Aldermen Crow, Millett and Raven. 3.
Resolution by Alderman Vaughan

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin that the sum of Five Hundred dollars be appropriated for the improvement and repair of the streets, bridges and crossings in the Fifth ward of this City.

Read first time.

Ordinance. Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Austin. That from and after the first day of January 1879, 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 placed on its second reading by the following votes. Yeas. Aldermen Crow, Crooker, Millett, Hotz, Kalle, Platt, Raven and Sheehan. 8. Nays Aldermen Strong & Vaughan. 2.

Read second time and on motion the rules were further suspended and the ordinance placed on its third reading by the following votes. Yeas. Aldermen Crow, Crooker, Millett, Hotz, Kalle, Platt, and Sheehan. 7. Nays Aldermen Raven, Strong & Vaughan.

Read third time and on motion that the ordinance do now pass, the vote resulted as follows.

Yeas Aldermen Crow, Crooker, Millett, Kalle & Platt. 5

Nays Aldermen Hotz, Raven, Sheehan, Strong & Vaughan. 5.

The vote being a tie, the Mayor voted Nay and the ordinance therefore did not pass.

Resolved. That the resignation of Capt Joseph A. Hagle, 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 Fire Department

On motion the resolution was adopted
The Mayor presented the names of John
Goodman and John Kell for confirmation as
Police Officers of this City, and the nominations
were confirmed.

Alderman Halle 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
therefrom. Motion carried.

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

On motion the Council adjourned.

Approved
Jany 6th 1879

L. M. Bradley
City Clerk