Regular Meeting of City Council
Held in City Hall November 19, 1878.

Mayor C. P. McIver presiding. Roll called.

Present: Aldermen Bruce, Groosby (Rey), Raven, Sheehan, Strong 3rd Vaughan.

Agenda present:

Petition of Peter Schmidt for refunding of tax on checking meat stated on the table.

Petition of Mrs. Little and Ed. Mueller for licenses to retail liquors.

Petition granted.

Petition of Thomas Doughty to open a butcher stall outside the Market limits on Congress Avenue.

Petition granted.

Petition of J. W. L. Adkins to have his license for sale of malt liquors extended so as to include the sale of spirituous liquors.

Petition granted.

Petition of W. J. Leperette for permission to open a meat market outside the Market limits.

Petition granted.

Petition of John Eagles to lease his Cotton Warehouse situated on Lots 19 and 20 in Block 1 of Cannon's Addition in East Avenue as a part.

Petition granted.


Received and referred to a special committee consisting of Aldermen Laughlin, Pogue and Berg.

His Honor the Mayor submitted the following report:

Mayor's Office

Austin, Texas, Oct. 24, 1878.

To the Mayor, Board of Aldermen
Of the City of Austin.

Gentlemen:

In compliance with the City
Ordinance, I have the honor to submit the following report.

The financial condition of this City.

Amounts of warrants outstanding Oct. 24, 1898 12,710.10
Cash in the City Treasury 5,560.15
Bounced notes of the City 4,900.00
In bonds have been sold during the fiscal year.

Ad valorem taxes collected, due prior to the year 1897 2,317.20
for the year 1897 to Oct. 24, 1898 52,611.24
1898 46,145
uncollected 1898 (now due) 51,684.29

Licenses collected for the fiscal year ending Dec. 1, 1897 10,419.97
Income from Market House for the fiscal year 2,078.04
Cemetery

Premium on exchange
Income from fines in Magistrates Court for the fiscal year 3,564.90
Grounds & Rents 4,832.10
Dog Tax 1,679.05
Miscellaneous sources 3,259.33

Received from Rev. for P. Johnson late City Treasurer 3,038.15

Total amount received from all sources to Oct. 24, 1898 15,521.98

Expenditures of the City during the fiscal year.

Police Department

Streets and Bridges 6,166.99
Hardware 8,283.34
Miscellaneous (this item has been included in other) 2,872.98
Market House 1,443.06
Printing, Printing & Stationery (including printing & binding) 1,235.60

Sanitary

Salaries & Commissions of Assessors & Collector 1,646.58
City Cemetery 7,624.71
Street Lamps 576.57
Water Rates 519.28
Fuel, lights & c. 1,446.45
Interest 320.20

Total Expenditures 10,386.27

Total Rec.ets 15,521.98

Showing total amount of Receipts over Expenditures 11,135.71
The expenses of the City government, while
I was your mayor in the winter of 1870, were as
I said to you at the beginning of the fiscal year.
They amount to $839, being less per cent interest.
I am happy to say that the mortgage, amounting
to $375 ½ to the A. B. Strode Manufacturing Company
for $200 for $1,600, with five years interest
$160, has been paid, also the judgment
against the City, which was held by Moses
Walliss and Shelly, for $1,600, has been settled,
making in all $3,150 ½, which is not properly
chargeable to this Administration.

The codifying and printing of the City
Ordinance, amounting to $440 ½, and the cost
of guards, including pay of officers and
journeymen, amounting to $1,262 ½, was not
foreseen at the time, my estimates were made
for this fiscal year. Taking these amounts
from the regular expenses of the City government,
it will be seen that the reduction of taxation,
as recommended in my message to your Hon.
Mayor on May 5th, 1870, for current expenses was
correct.

The City has built four bridges during
the fiscal year; one wood bridge over Waller
Creek on Cedar St., one wooden bridge over
Waller Creek, on Chestnut St. and two bridges
over small branches of Waller Creek; the iron
bridge over Waller Creek on Peace St. has also
been completed.

The bridge on Chestnut street to be made
available for travel, will require a small
additional outlay of money, stone abutments
should be built and the street across of
Waller Creek be cut from maps; when this is
done, the streets will be one of the best in the
City.

I would respectfully recommend that
Aldermen open the streets and bridges in
their respective Wards and see what work may
be necessary to put them in good condition, so
that the necessary estimates and repetitions
may be made.
I find among the misfortunes of business before the Board, objections from nearly every hand, asking for permits, this matter should receive your earnest attention and it should be placed at such points where necessity requires.

Believing it of great importance for the City, I authorize the establishment of sewers, I called attention to this matter in a communication to the City council on July 31st, 1876, which I here insert, and make part of this report.

The only way in my opinion to remedy this evil and place the City in a good sanitary condition, is by the construction of a sewer.

The alley immediately east of Congress Avenue seems to be the most desirable and practicable place to locate such sewer, the head of which should be located upon the premises where the County buildings are situated, and to be carried to the Colorado river. The sewer should be built deep enough, so as to enable the City to have smaller sewer constructed from different parts of the City, running to the main sewer.

The County is interested in this improvement, as the present and the fields accumulating in these courts have to be supervised and this should be done without detriment to the health of our citizens. So far the County has been unable to do this, but on the contrary, this emptying and cleansing process has not only been annoying and offensive to the citizens living near the County buildings and the street through which the filth has traveled, but they have actually been compelled to remove their families in the middle of the night, to avoid these dangers and sickness.

The County court assess thousands of
dollars in securing on the resignation of this power and it is believed the Commissioners will cheerfully aid the City in this enterprise so necessary to both.

I would therefore suggest that you-hippable body meet with the Mayor County Council (now in session) regarding this matter also request the citizens to appoint a committee for the purpose of adopting your Honorable body and the Honorable County Council raising funds for the construction of said sewer and to begin work as soon as practicable.

When the Legislature meets the City Council and the County Council could represent to that Honorable body the difficulty be experienced by the State, by the extension of said sewer to the ends wou. on the Capitol grounds, and of assistance be granted by the Legislature the sewer could be extended across the Capitol and thereby give the City complete drainage, with but little additional expense.

The same recommendation made at that time holds good now. In recommending the alley east of the church, I was actuated by a desire not to disturb that beautiful street.

I also desire to call your attention to the law, "authorizing the cities of Oregon to maintain Public Schools and approved April 13, 1875.

Several cities in our State have taken advantage of this law and established a system of free schools, and I do not see why the Capital City of the State should remain behind in so important and great an enterprise. The cost would be halved compared with the results, especially to the mechanics and laborers who are unable to pay the tuition of these private schools.

A good system of public free schools will do more towards bringing good and thereby people to our City than any other enterprise. Capitalists give more able to invent their money in Oregon, having these advantages as their situation have been made to park.
schools in other States, and it is almost the
first experiment of its kind. The people of this City
owe you great thanks.

The Police Department, under the able
Chief, Capt. J. B. Naples; the Fire Chief,
Capt. W. H. Willard, and the Mayor
Mr. M. J. Youngman, has made such a reputation
for efficiency, that communities have been
induced to put a larger amount. While
the cost of keeping up this organization is
large, its great service to our people of property
and money, has more than paid out of that
account. The people of this City are
greatly indebted to this organization, com-
pared to brave men who risk their lives
without remuneration for the benefit of our
people. The report of the Chief is hereto
attached.

The Department is now comprised
of five companies, two Engine companies
three Hose and Ladder companies; the Hose
Company is for the present under the charge
of Protection Hose and Ladder No. 3; its
active members are 179 officers and men.

The report of the City Marshal is
herewith submitted. The Police force
consists of nine men; one of them guards
the precinct, another is in charge of the
Police Station, one mounted officer patrolling
the streets at night, the others perform patrol
duty. During this year 1287 arrests were
made, of which number 982 were fined,
387 were discharged, and 17 appealed to the
County Court, $3569.72 in fines were collected,
and $2404.50 in fines were worked out on the
streets.

I think the above shows that the Marshal
and his small force have performed their
whole duty.

All the work on Streets and Bridges
has been paid for to date.

The ordinance requiring the registration
of City Vendors and Bagny Interval thereon
of the rate of 6 per cent per annum has caused the City a large surplus of money, warrants have not been sold below ninety-five cents, since the passage of this ordinance.

The banks of the City are in the Gal. D. Brack, and Gen. D. D. Paper, President of the National Bank, for his assistance in keeping the City's paper at that figure. Those in whose parks could invest in this paper, is by this action presented its presentation.

Inventory of City Property.

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Total

By report and the City Treasurer's will differ in an item of $450 which was paid to the Assessor of Collector, after his report had been made out.

The City Clerk's report is here attached.

Very respectfully,

(signed) J. C. By Jones
Mayor.

Report received and ordered filed.

The monthly reports of City Marshal, City Physician and City Clerk was presented and ordered filed.

The annual reports of City Physician, City Marshal, City Clerk, City Treasurer and Collector, City Treasurer, City Solicitor and Chief 1st Aarr.
Department was present, and on motion they were received, and ordered filed.

The committee, to whom was referred the petition of the Water company, desiring to be relieved from their contract with the City for floating the residue of the River on and in breathing in their channel, a following ebb on this or the other side of the river, for clearing the water, reported adversely thereon and recommended its rejection. Report read and adopted.

Resolution approximating the sum of $250 or so much thereof as may be necessary for the purpose of removing the fire alarm bell from its present situation and to erect the same on the Market House, was read the second time and on motion the ayes were suspended and the resolution placed on its third reading by the following vote:

Yeas: Aldermen Cragg, Groves, Kilty, Raven, Sheehan, Strong and Vaughan.

Nays: None.

Resolution read third time and passed by the following vote: Yeas, Aldermen Cragg, Groves, Kilty, Raven, Sheehan, Strong and Vaughan.

Nays: None.

Alderman Brooke moved that the Mayor appoint a committee of three to prepare resolutions relative to the gang action of Geo. W. Hagle, Chief of the Fire Department. Motion carried, and Aldermen Brooke, Vaughan and Raven appointed upon said committee.

Resolution approximating the sum of $500 or so much thereof as may be necessary for the purpose of building a bridge over a branch on west Bond or Gray Street, between this Grand and San Antonio Street.

Read second time.

Alderman Crone moved to amend the resolution by adding $300 to be expended in grading on Davis and Sicorony Streets under the supervision of the Street Committee.
and Alderman of the 2nd Ward. 

Incidently let it be understood that the resolution by striking out $2500 and substituting $100 in addition to the amount already appropriated for that purpose.

On motion, the further consideration of the resolutions was postponed until the next meeting.

The following resolution was then introduced:

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, That the sum of Fifty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to purchase badges for the Police Force of this City. Read first time and on motion the rules were suspended and the resolution placed on its second reading by the following vote. Beas Aldermen Broom, Broom, Motz, Raven, Sheehan, Strong and Taughan.

Yea: Long Read second time 2nd

On motion the rules were further suspended and the resolution placed on its third reading by the following vote. Beas Aldermen Broom, Broom, Motz, Raven, Sheehan, Strong and Taughan.

Yea: Long Read third time and passed by the following vote. Beas Aldermen Broom, Broom, Motz, Raven, Sheehan, Strong and Taughan.

Yea: Long

On motion the Council then adjourned.

Approved Dec. 2, 1878.