Called Meeting City Council, Austin, Tex., July 22d, 1878.
Mayor Du Grez presiding. Call called.
Present Aldermen: John Metz, Wife, Porter, Sheehan, Strong, and Vaughan.
Alderman Almon moved a call of the Council. The call being sustained by three, the Marshal was sent for absented.
Minutes of the meetings of June 6th and 10th were read and approved.
Aldermen Almon and Millet appointed and answered to their notices and our motion the call was suspended.
The Mayor presented the following into the minutes:

Mayor's office, Austin, Tex., June 8th, 1878.
 respectfully, Board of Aldermen,

"Gentlemen,

I have the honor to return herewith an ordinance appropriating one thousand dollars for purpose of constructing and erecting a new fire alarm bell and removing the old now in use, with my objections thereto.

"Respectfully,

Mayor's office, Austin, Tex.,

This generally is agreed that the fintune in which the old fire alarm bell is very insecure and dangerous to life. It should be removed without delay.
The Market House is the place for this bell as a police officer is on duty there night and day and an alarm of fire should be sounded by his direction and the number of the alarm should also be given with accuracy.
The structure from the Market House could be made strong enough to support a heavier bell and wherever it is required the City is in a condition to afford it, our Acts then placed there.

Very respectfully,

J. C. De Grez,

Mayor"
The vote message was read and instruction was
sustained by the following vote: Fass, Aldermen
Brower, Hodges, Millett, Mclntire, Ravin, Sher-
land, Strong, and Vaughan. Fays none.
Afect Aldermen Hall.
The Mayor also presented the following vote:
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Major's Office Austin Texas June 8, 1878
To the Honorable Board of Aldermen
of the city of Austin:
Gentlemen:
I have the honor to return here-
with "An Ordinance appropriating five
hundred dollars for the construction of a
Rock Bridge on the Paris Line Road" with
my objections therto.
It will be remembered that in my com-
munication to the City Council of May 6, 1878,
I recommended the institution of this ad val-
orum tax to five sixths of one per cent, which
recommendation the Council accepted for
City expenditures, but levied an additional
one sixth of one per cent to redeem outstand-
ing bonds.
By the shrinkage in the value of property
and the reduction of taxes, the income to the
City, as far as local expenditures are con-
cerned, will be about $15,000 less than for the
year 1877.
I do this way appropriations as now being
made, the public debt of the City will be
increased, to which I earnestly become a
part.
A bridge over the Bois d'Arc stream
would be doubt be of convenience, but
in my opinion it is not a necessity.

Very respectfully,
G. L. Dejourn.
Mayor.

The veto message having been read and on motion
it was sustained by the following vote: Fass
Aldermen Brown, Brooks, Millett, Mclntire,
Sherland, Strong, and Vaughan,
Afect Aldermen Metz and Sheehan:
Afect Aldermen Hall.
An Ordinance regulating the Compensation of Aldermen of the City of Austin.

There second time.

Aldermen Brow offered the following amendment.

Amend by striking out $4.00 and inserting $5.00 and strike out $2.00 and insert $1.00.

And that this ordinance shall apply only to Aldermen hereafter elected.

The motion the amendment was laid on the table and motion to suspend the rules to place the ordinance on the third reading last two thirds of a full council not voting in the affirmative.

An Ordinance regulating the salaries of officers with report of Ordinance Committee introducing a substitute.

Report needed.

Resolution appropriating $25.00 to assist in the removal of a destitute family removed to their home.

And first time and on motion of Alderman Brow the rules were suspended and the resolution placed on the second reading by the following vote: Fees Aldermen Brow, Crooker, Millett, Platte, Varn, Shaw, Strong and Vaughan.

Ago Aldermen MCT.

Had second time added on motion the rules were further suspended and the resolution placed on the third reading by the following vote: Fees Aldermen Brow, Crooker, Millett, Platte, Varn, Shaw, Strong and Vaughan.

Ago Aldermen MCT.

Had third time and OLD motion passed by the following vote: Fees Aldermen Brow, Crooker, Millett, Platte, Varn, Shaw, Strong and Vaughan.

Ago Aldermen MCT.

Resolution appropriating $50.00 to purchase axes for self-acting Chemical Fire Extinguisher.
Read first time and on motion the rules were suspended and the resolution placed on its second reading by the following vote: Yeas Aldermen Don. Brooker, Millett, Metz, Platt, Sheehan, Strong & Vaughan &. Nays Aldermen Chace.

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 Don. Brooker, Millett, Metz, Platt, Chace, Sheehan, Strong & Vaughan. Nays Chace.

Read third time and passed by the following vote: Yeas Aldermen Don. Brooker, Millett, Metz, Platt, Chace, Sheehan, Strong & Vaughan. Nays Chace.


Alderman Stahl appeared and answered to his name. Alderman Crow was excused from further attendance at this meeting.

Application of C.D. Alderman for leave of absence. On motion the leave was granted by the Police Committee.

Committee having under consideration the resolution of the last council to reduce the police force of the city to six, would respectfully recommend that the police force be reduced to eight to include the night clerk and overseer of the chain gates, and that the Marshall be directed to select the eight best men now on the force.

(Signed) J. B. Metz.
H. D. Crofts.
S. W. Strong.

On motion the report of the committee was adopted and the resolution as amended was seconded and third times and passed under a sus-
suspension of the rules nine Aldermen
Voting in the affirmative.
Adoption of Alderman Willett the
Council adjourned.
Approved L. M. Bradley
June 21, 1878 City Clerk.