

Called Meeting City Council,  
 Austin Texas, June 12<sup>th</sup> 1878.  
 Mayor De Gress presiding. Roll called.  
 Present Aldermen Geo. Metz, Platt, Brown,  
 Shubin, Strong, and Vaughan. -  
 Alderman Brown moved a call of the council.  
 The call being sustained by three the  
 Marshal was sent for absentees.  
 The minutes of the meetings of June 3<sup>d</sup> and  
 6<sup>th</sup> were read and approved.  
 Aldermen Crocker and Millett appeared  
 and answered to their names. and on  
 motion the call was suspended.  
 The Mayor presented the following veto  
 message:

Mayor's Office Austin Texas, June 8<sup>th</sup> 1878.  
 To the Honorable Board of Aldermen,  
 City of Austin. Gentlemen:  
 I have the honor to return herewith "an  
 ordinance appropriating one thousand  
 dollars for purpose of purchasing and  
 erecting a new Fire Alarm bell and removing  
 the one now in use," with my objections  
 thereto.

~~The Market House is the place for this  
 bell.~~

It is generally admitted that the structure  
 upon which the city 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  
 could be sounded by him promptly and  
 the number of the ward could also be given  
 with accuracy.

The structure over the Market House could  
 be made strong enough to support a  
 heavier bell and whenever it is required  
 the city is in a condition to afford it  
 one could be placed there.

Very respectfully,

J. C. De Gress,  
 Mayor

The veto message was read and on motion was sustained by the following vote: Yeas Aldermen Crow, Crooker, Millett, Metz, Platt, Rarum, Sheehan, Strong and Vaughan. Nays none. Absent Alderman Stalle.

The Mayor also presented the following veto message:

Mayor'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 herewith "An Ordinance appropriating five hundred dollars for the construction of a Rock Bridge on West Bois d'Arc Street" with my objections thereeto.

It will be remembered that in my communication to the City Council of May 6 1878, I recommended a reduction of the ad valorem 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 outstanding bonds.

By the shrinkage in the value of property and the reduction of taxes, the income to the city, as far as her expenditures are concerned will be about \$18,000 less than for the year 1877.

In the way appropriations are now being made, the public debt of the City will be increased, to which I cannot become a party.

A bridge over West Bois d'Arc Street would no doubt be a convenience but in my opinion it is not a necessity.

Very respectfully,  
J. C. De Gress,  
Mayor.

The veto message having been read on motion it was sustained by the following vote: Yeas Aldermen Crow, Crooker, Millett, Platt, Rarum, Strong and Vaughan. Nays Aldermen Metz and Sheehan. Absent Alderman Stalle.

An Ordinance regulating the compensation of Aldermen of the City of Austin.

Read second time.

Alderman Crow offered the following amendment.

Amend by striking out \$4.<sup>00</sup> and inserting Two and Petriko out \$2.<sup>00</sup> and insert one; and that this ordinance shall apply only to Aldermen hereafter elected.

On motion the amendment was laid on the table and motion to suspend the rules to place the ordinance on its 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 received.

Resolution appropriating \$25.<sup>00</sup> to assist in the removal of a destitute family named Todd to their home.

Had first time and on motion of Alderman Baran the rules were suspended and the resolution placed on its second reading by the following vote: Yea Aldermen Crow, Crooker, Millett, Platt, Baran, Shu-haw, Strong and Vaughan. 8.

Nays Alderman Metz. 1

Had second time and on motion the rules were further suspended and the resolution placed on its third reading by the following vote. Yea Aldermen Crow, Crooker, Millett, Platt, Baran, Shu-haw, Strong and Vaughan. 8.

Nays Alderman Metz. 1

Had third time and on motion passed by the following vote: Yea Aldermen Crow, Crooker, Millett, Platt, Baran, Shu-haw, Strong and Vaughan. 8.

Nays Alderman Metz. 1

Resolution appropriating \$30.<sup>00</sup> to purchase hose for the 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: Yes Aldermen Crow, Crooker, Millett, Metz, Platt, Sheehan, Strong & Vaughan 8.  
Ayes Alderman Paron 1.

Read second time and on motion the rules were further suspended and the resolution placed on its third reading by the following vote: Yes Aldermen Crow, Crooker, Millett, Metz, Platt, Paron, Sheehan, Strong and Vaughan 9  
Ayes None.

Read third time and passed by the following vote: Yes Aldermen Crow, Crooker, Millett, Metz, Platt, Paron, Sheehan, Strong and Vaughan 9  
Ayes None.

Petition of J. W. Webb & Bros. et. al. complaining of Hucklebore on Pecan Street.

Referred to City Marshal

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

Application of B. D. Anderson for leave of absence. On motion the leave was granted. By the Police Committee.

Your committee having under consideration the resolution of the Council to reduce the police force of the city to six, would most respectfully recommend that the police force be reduced to eight, to include the night clerk and overseer of the Chain gang, and that the Marshal be directed to select the eight best men now on the force.

(Signed) A. B. Metz,  
" G. Crow,  
" H. M. Strong.

On motion the report of the committee was adopted and the resolution as amended read second and third times and passed under a sus-

suspension of the rules nine Aldermen  
Voting in the affirmative.  
On motion of Alderman Millett the  
Council adjourned.

Approved  
June 21 1878

Approved L. M. Bradley  
June 21 1878 City Clerk.