Regular Meeting City Council.
Assessment Board May 6th 1877.

Mayor De Weese in the Chair,
Clerk called. Present Aldermen Crow, Brookner, Hall, Parvin, Sheeham & Strong.

Alderman Crowder moved a call of the council. Call sustained by three Aldermen. The Marshal was also for the absence. Aldermen Millett, Pick \\
& Vaughan appeared and answered to their business.

The minutes of the meeting of April 16th
were read and ordered and one motion of Alderman Millett the minutes of the
meetings of April 11th 15th & 17th 29th was
dispersed with.

His Honor the Mayor submitted the following report.

Austin May 6th 1877.

To the Honorable Board of Aldermen, City
of Austin.

In accordance with the City ordinance,
be it because the duty of the City Council
to fix the rate of taxation for the
year ending November 30th 1877.

To do this intelligently it may be well to
look at the financial condition of

Last year the taxable property was $6250.27,
on which a tax of one for each was fixed by
the Council, raising the revenue of the City
from the 1st Valuation Tax $62982.70.

If this there had been collected to April
26th $46,900.43, leaving an uncollected balance
of $17,600.27; of this balance plans can be
collected about $15,500. Against this
amount there are outstanding warrants to
the amount of $4788.73.

The City Treasurer reports $4,615.39 in
the Treasury, which, with the fines collected in
the Mayor's Court will leave the cash on hand
about $1500.00. This is sufficient to pay the
incorrect on our bonds in debt due 1st July.

During the last six months the following improvements have been contracted for and paid for: An iron bridge over Hallen Creek on Cedar Street, the waterproofing and putting in of new trenched on the iron bridge over Hallen Creek on Ocean Street, the principal filling of the ravine at the foot of Ginger [illegible] leading to the bottom of five [illegible] two small bridges in the fifth ward, also the completion of the gutter and improvements on Ocean Street and a wooden bridge over Hallen Creek on Christmas Street, except 500 feet due on the last bridge which will be paid when it is accepted by the Water Committee. Variations have been issued for the孙悟空 of the City ordinances and are included in the above statement.

The City has paid the warrant for $1,500.00 with 5% interest due thereon, which was issued by E. W. Wheeler for the Empire of Washington Steam Company, the 29th day of June, 1880. The shrinkage in value of property in this City since the last assessment is from one million dollars, whereby the income of the City will be decreased this year over the thousand dollars, therefore economy must be practiced in every department of the City government. Only the most necessary improvements should be made during the year.

Shovel for some time kept the prisons at work laying East Avenue in brick stone with which it is proposed to pave the streets mostly used by heavy traffic. The only expense is making the improvements, which is the hauling of stone and gravel.

The streets outside of the Avenue and Ocean Street for long neglected should receive from especial attention, and the largest portion
of the money to be expended for improving
buildings should be spent there.

Fully realizing the loss of revenue to
the City on account of lost taxes and
the diminution in the value of property, but
believing that you will do all in your power
to assist in reduction efforts and make
the City more attractive, I respectfully recommend
that our present rates be reduced to five
percent of your per cent for this next year, so that you continue the payment
of tax at present and in turn our bonded
indebtedness, which now, in your judgment,
is for the best interest of the City.

If the people will pay their taxes and
not encourage speculations in City bor-
rowings, we will make a further reduction
of taxes next year. Very respectfully,

J. B. Decker
Mayor

Report received.
The Mayor also submitted
the following in relation to.

Attorney: A. H. Hilly

To the Honorable Board of Aldermen of the
City of Austin:

I, in compliance
with the directions of your honorable body,
reported Mr. Hilly at the 20th meeting, that
after reading all the minutes of the chas-
goes brought against him and after hearing
the evidence presented and his own state-
ment, you had requested his reversion,
which he informed the board that you were able to
account for his conduct. He stated that
he would acquiesce in that day
whether he would comply with your wishes.

The same day included the enclosed
letter from Mr. Hilly, and upon asking
Mr. Hilly whether this letter was consistent
with his advice and consent, he informed
me that it was.

I have the honor to submit in addition to my letter to the Council dated April 24, 1878, the belief of Mr. Hildy incompetent to perform the duties of the officer of City Attorney, properly, and that he has attempted to use his official positions for the purpose of peculation.

Very respectfully,

J. C. De Long,
Mayor.

Mr. Archer's letter.

Austin, April 30, 1878

Hon. J. C. De Long,
Mayor, Austin. 

Mr. Hildy has said before me the nature of the differences that exist between Joe and him, and also your statement to him that the City Council had requested me to ask my advice thereon. I don't advise him to unqualifiedly refuse your kind proposal. If you have any charges to make prior to the proper notice and give him legal notice, he is ready to meet them.

Yours Respectfully,

Will Archer

Mayor De Long's letter of April 24th, 1878

Austin, April 24th, 1878.

Hon. Board of Aldermen City of Austin:

Gentlemen: I have the honor to submit herewith papers showing accounts collected by the City Attorney in the Justice Court of this precinct.

Mr. Hildy collected all but $35.00 of this $293.00 in January, and the former amount in February. This money was kept by him until today, when I again called on him for this money, and he again turned it over to the accused and collection. I cannot believe that Mr. Hildy kep
This public money in his possession with the intention of doing wrong or using it, but I am rather inclined to the opinion that it is the want of legal qualifications required of the law officer of this city, else he must have known, that not being a bonded officer and there being no aim anchoring him to make collections, he had no right to do so.

Although I had directed Mr. Hild to turn this money over to the Accessor and Collector some months ago, which he neglected to do, today, when again required to deposit this money, he informed me that it had been deposited by him in a position of it with Marshal Haywood and the balance elsewhere; he also affirms that the Accessor and Collector had refused to receive this money, as he did not know what commision he was entitled to.

While it is an unpleasant duty to make a complaint against an officer, under the circumstances, I deemed it necessary to acquaint you with these facts, so that you may be able to take the necessary steps to prevent a renewal of such action.

Very respectfully,

J. E. De Gree, Mayor

Letter from Accessor & Collector
Austin, April 23rd 1878
Hon. J. E. De Gree, Mayor:

Dear Sir:

I send by you one of the nineteen instabt, I send that letter to thank you for the certified copies of receipts given in cases where judgments obtained by the city of Austin against delinquent tax-payers and others, have been satisfied. There has been no money paid to me collected.
on these judgments.

You're very respectfully,
W.F. Strother,
Concealer & Collector

No. 527 The City of Austin,

J. C. Quinn & Co. et al. et al.

Suit on note of $425.00 filed

Jan. 1878, Returnable at

Monday in January 1878

Judgment

Received my first Krane for citation & mi.

Receipt $3.00 of Peter Smith. Fritz Piegen

paid $10.00 due to Court

$25.00

Balanced due $0.22

I hereby certify that the above is a true and

correct copy of the above as it appears on

my docket.

Fritz Piegen, Justice of the Peace.

First Th. Terms.

City of Austin, Suit on note for $75.00 dated
October 30, 1877, due July 30, 1878.

J. C. Quinn

J. C. Quinn, July 1877, suit issued returnable

to M. W. Wilson, with his bond in August 1877

and given to时间节点 for service on M. W.

Wilson in August 1877. The plaintiff having

paid the $75.00 as to the defendant J. C. Quinn

and the other defendants failed to appear and the

Court after hearing the evidence hath found it

adjudged in that the plaintiff, John W. Wilson

on account of the defendants J. C. Quinn and

M. W. Wilson the amount of eighty dollars

principal and interest at 8% per cent per annum and all costs of

suit for which execution may issue.

Sgnt, J. O. M. Smith & P. P. Harris E. Texas
Est. 21st 1877, 1st Ex. issued and given to 27.K. and returned not satisfied.
July 10th 1878, 2nd Ex. issued and given to 75.B. and returned satisfaction in full.

State of Texas:

Justice of the Peace

For the City of Austin:

On the 2nd day of April, 1878.

In the matter of:

J.T. Moore

Being a true and correct copy of the entries on my docket in the said cause.

In testimony whereof I have set my hand and affixed my seal at Austin this 2nd day of April, 1878.

J.T. Moore

Judge of the City of Austin

Due to the City of Austin

$46.00

$4.90

$20.00

$120.00

$15.90

$15.90

$46.50

$15.90
At 125 livery of Austin, Suit for taxes due the City of Austin.
Mrs. Lucy Raymond, Deputy Justice Court
Stating paid in Court.

At 137 livery of Austin, Suit for taxes due the City of Austin.
B. Pinney, Deputy Justice Court
Justices' costs due

At 139 livery of Austin, Judgment for the City of Austin for $9.50, Interest.
B. Kirk, Deputy Court
Justices' costs due

At 153 livery of Austin, Due to the City for taxes, $15.
Paid to E. D. Potter.
5-25 August to R. Bates. $7.50, Balance due to the City of Austin. Justice call in full.

At 167, livery of Austin, Earn paid in City script.
J. M. Swisher, the city.
Due to Justice Court

At 168, livery of Austin, Due to the City of Austin, $19.
D. M. Wolfe, Execution returned no property found. Justices' costs.

$74.51
Aucht's rains forward.$38.98
$74.51
Aucht's frat. Ford.$38.98

At 190 livery of Austin, Suit on reed of city.
$112.50
Saw Harris, Judgment & costs in full.

$187.05 Received the 12th day of January 1875 one thousand eighty dollars ($187.05) from W. N. Clift, Doctor, the amount as here
in receipt No. 6. of Terms 1875.
Accepted of Sam. N. Wildy (City Attorney) this 20th day of Aug. 1839 in the above number and other causes.

(Signed) Fritz Pigeon, J.P.P.C. Tex.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original receipt now in my possession.

(Signed) Fritz Pigeon, Justice Of The Peace.

David Co. Tex.

Report received and ordered to be referred to a special meeting to be called for that purpose.

Petition of John Morris for liquor license.

Petition Granted.

Petitions of Charles and William Duke to refund one-half of amount deposited in accordance for issuance of license as manufacturer of liquor to issue to them for six months.

Petitions granted.

Quarterly report of Assessor and Collector re property assessments during the quarter ending June 30, 1839.

Report received and referred to Finance Committee.

Quarterly report of City Treasurer showing and balance on hand as of June 30, 1839.

Report received and referred to Finance Committee.

Quarterly report of City Marshal showing fines collected in Police Court, $37.20.

Report not on hand.

Report received.

Report of City Physician showing number of patients admitted under this treatment 15.

Also a report on the subject of Trichinae in fresh pork.

Report received.

Report of City Stant showing total carto
in month of April 18. Received
Report of Street Committee regarding the
condition of 30th and street between San
Antonio and Nueces streets, recommending an
estimate to be made by City Engineer of cost
of work to be done.
Report received and adopted
Also report by same Committee submitting an
ordinance in relation to gas lamps and medm.
requiring its passage.
Report received but ordinance not first
read.
An ordinance appropriating $1500.00 for the
purchase of a fire alarm bell.
Read a second time.
Petition of J. D. Elliott for relief under his
contract for city printing
Read & referred to Street Committee.
Resolution giving John D. Herren late city
clerk full pay for the month of April.
Read second time and on motion of Alder-
man Millett the notice were withdrawn &
the resolution placed on its third read-
ing by the following vote: George Bower,
Stokley, Millett, Haller, Plott, Paden,
Sheehan, Strong & Vaughan—9,
Ardnt Almond Metz—1.
The resolution then passed by the following
vote: George Bower, Millett, Haller, Plott, F
Paden, Sheehan, Strong & Vaughan—8,
Asgin Alderman Bower—1,
Ardnt Almond Metz—1.
On motion of Alderman Bower the street
Committee was instructed to make a call-
out each of the Court-house & the Kingdom
around quarter.
Resolution requiring City Clerk to furnish
for publication a synopsis of all business at
regular and called meetings of the council
Resolution passed.
By Ordinance Committee
A new ordinance creating the office of City En-
geer and Street Commissioner.
And a first time and on motion the rules were suspended and the ordinance placed on its second reading by the following vote:

Yes, Aldermen Young, Lover, Millett, Hall, Platt, Carsaw, Sheehan, Strong and Vaughan. — 9.

About Almodowar Metz. 1.

Ordinance read second time and on motion the rules were further suspended and the ordinance placed on its third reading by the following vote: Yes, Almoren, Good Brooker, Millett, Selden, Platt, Carsaw, Strong and Vaughan — 9.

About Almodowar Metz. 1.

An ordinance prohibiting the keeping of pigeons within the city of Austin.

Third first time and on motion the rules were suspended and the ordinance placed on its second reading by the following vote: Yes, Almodean, Love, Mackey, Millett, Selden, Platt, Carsaw, Sheehan, Strong and Vaughan — 9.

About Almodowar Metz. 1.

Third second time and on motion the rules were further suspended and the ordinance placed on its third reading by the following vote: Yes, Almodowar, Cow, Cope, Millett, Selden, Platt, Carsaw, Sheehan, Strong and Vaughan — 9.

About Almodowar Metz. 1.

Ordinance read the third time & passed by the following vote: Yes, Almodowar, Cop, Brooke, Millett, Selden, Platt, Carsaw, Sheehan, Strong and Vaughan — 9.

About Almodowar Metz. 1.

Resolution Appropriating $675 for reasons work on bridge over falling creek at Oakton Street.

Third first time and on motion the rules were suspended and the resolution placed on its
Second reading by the following Vote: praw
Alger, Strong, Metz, and Vaughan. - 9
Abscess.

Ordinance read second time and on motion
of Algerman, Strong the rules were further
suspended and the ordinance placed on its
third reading by the following Vote: Frew
Algerman, Grow, Brooks, Millett, Hale, Platt,
Crow, Sheehan, Strong and Vaughan. - 9

Abscess.

Ordinance read third time and on motion
passed by the following Vote: Frew Alger-
man, Grow, Brooks, Millett, Hale, Platt,
Crow, Sheehan, Strong and Vaughan. - 9

Abscess.

An Ordinance prohibiting certain acts on
Sunday.

Ordinance read first time and on motion the rules were
suspended and the ordinance placed on its
second reading by the following Vote: Frew
Algerman, Grow, Brooks, Millett, Hale, Platt,
Crow, Sheehan, Strong and Vaughan. - 9
Abscess.

Ordinance read second time and on motion
approved by adding Article 8285 of the Old Ordinances.

Abscess.

Ordinance read third time and passed by
the following Vote: Frew Algerman, Grow,
Brooks, Millett, Hale, Platt, Crow, Sheehan,
Strong, and Vaughan. - 9
Abscess.

Abscess.

An Ordinance relating to and regulating the
golden quarter.

Ordinance read first time and on motion the rules were
suspended and the ordinance placed on its
second reading by the following ayes: Prior, Attorney, Brown, Hatch, Millett, Halle, Platt, Farm, Sheehan, Strong & Vaughan — 9.

Ordinance read second time and on motion the rules were further suspended and the ordinance placed on the third reading by the following ayes: Prior, Attorney, Bound, Brown, Hatch, Millett, Halle, Platt, Farm, Sheehan, Strong & Vaughan — 9.

Aye: Attorney, Metz

Ordinance read third time and on motion passed by the following ayes: Prior, Attorney, Bound, Brown, Hatch, Millett, Halle, Platt, Farm, Sheehan, Strong & Vaughan — 9.

Aye: Attorney, Metz

An ordinance relating to street dommuns passed first time and motion to suspend the rules over by the following ayes: two thirds of the ayes ayes: Prior, Attorney, Bound, Brown, Hatch, Millett, Halle, Platt, Farm, Sheehan, Strong & Vaughan — 9.

Aye: Attorney, Metz

On motion the ordinance was referred to the ordinance committee.

An ordinance regulating elections passed first time and motion to suspend the rules over by the following ayes: Prior, Attorney, Bound, Brown, Hatch, Millett, Halle, Platt, Farm, Sheehan, Strong & Vaughan — 9.

Aye: Attorney, Metz

An ordinance relating to street dommuns passed second time and on motion the rules were further suspended and the ordinance placed on the third reading by the following ayes: Prior, Attorney, Bound, Brown, Hatch, Millett, Halle, Platt, Sheehan, Strong & Vaughan — 9.

Aye: Attorney, Farm
The ordinance was read the third time and on motion passed by the following votes: Aldermen Cross, G. Baker, Willett, Hall, Platt, Sutherland, Strong & Vaughan—8.


Albert Alderman Metz—1.

On motion of Alderman Willett the Council adjourned.

C. F. Pond, Chair

R. M. Bradley

May 14, 1876

City Clerk