Regular Meeting of City Council
April 1, 1875

Council called to order at 9:45 A.M.
Mayor WeGross in the chair.
Roll called and the following members answered:
Aldermen Lover, Crockett, Killett, Platt, Brouh and Strong. Absent, Alderman Stock and Wells, Agourned.

The journals of the meetings of February 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, and March 4, 6, 8, 9 and 11 were read and approved.

His Honor the Mayor appointed Alderman Lover, Platt and Crockett as Tellers to open and examine the election returns for Aldermen in the 1st and 2nd March 18, 1875 and in the 6th and 7th March 30, 1875 to fill vacancies.

The tellers after opening and examining the returns reported the following as the vote cast to wit:
For Alderman in 1st Ward and E. Raven 35,
For Alderman in 2nd Ward C. W. Vaugahn 34 and C. Schieffer 35.
For Alderman in 6th Ward C. W. Vaugahn, E. Raven and C. W. Vaugahn were declared elected Aldermen for Alderms 1st, 2nd and 6th.

Alderman Raven and Vaugahn were then qualified and took their seats.

His Honor the Mayor appointed Alderman Lover, Platt and Crockett as Tellers to open and examine the returns of the Election held March 18, 1875 for Officers of the Fire Department. The Tellers after examining the returns reported the following as the vote cast for the several candidates to wit:

The Council then by ballot unanimously confirmed Jas. A. Page as Chief of the Fire Department, E. Rushman as Assistant Chief, and E. Rushman as Recorder of the Service Fire Department.

The order of the 1st Article needing to be
Petition of Austin Gaslight Company, asking that lighting be established along the lines of their pipes instead of the torches now used by the City.

On Motion of Alderman Potter the petition was received and referred to the Street Committee.

Petition of Drs. J. H. Lawrence and J. J. Jenkins, recommending J. C. Manning and J. J. Johnson, stating that they have established an institution for the treatment of the insane, and making representations for the care and treatment of the insane, which the City is compelled to provide for.

On Motion of Alderman Potter the petition was received and referred to the Street Committee.

Petition of City Water Company asking that payment be made to them for the value of two of the hydrants and three block heating furnaces for the quarter ending March 31, 1889, amounting to $300.

On Motion of Alderman Potter the petition was received and referred to the Finance Committee.

Petition of Thomas Johnson Police Officer stating that he is in bad health and asking a leave of absence for two weeks.

On Motion of Alderman Vaughn the petition was received and granted.

Petition of J. F. Diganow stating that some years ago the City Authority changed the course of the water flowing from the hill south of the Methodist Church, from its natural channel, and stating that it has caused considerable injury to his property and asking that the damage be repaired.

On Motion of Alderman Potter the petition was received and referred to the Street Committee.

The following petitions for permission and license to retail spirits in quantities less than one quart were presented:
On motion of Alderman Platt the petition was received and referred.

Petition of Alfred Smith for permission to defend Thorn from fire lot in the first and second blocks on the Pecan Street was presented.

On motion of Alderman Brown the petition was received and referred to the Fire Committee.

Petition of J. K. Sellers in turn with a proposition to supply the city with lamp posts and lights for broad streets.

On motion of Alderman Platt the petition was received and referred to the Streets Committee.

Petition of Alfred Johnson asking authority to transfer his license as retailer of liquors at the place known as the Bridge Saloon.

On motion of Alderman Hildahl the petition was received and referred to the City Attorney for his opinion as to the authority of Council granting such petition.

Petition of the Mary Duffin asking that the assessment on the property for the year 1894 be reduced from $4400 to $2300.

On motion of Alderman Platt the petition was laid on the table.

The following petitions for the establishment of markets for the sale of horses and cattle outside of market limits were presented:

No. 8 located at 1101 on Lone of Cherry and Colorado streets. H. P. Kame, 18th and Red River and the 16th Street. Peter Schmidt on corner of Guadalupe and Navasota Avenue.

On motion of Alderman Hildahl the petition was received and referred.

Petition from 16 citizens and taxpayers acting for the erection of a Market House on Block 20, Lot 49 near Pecan Street City of Austin.

On motion of Alderman Brown the four petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Market House.

Petition of Mrs. Mary Ramsey acting.
PAYMENT in the sum of $25.25 for damage done to
Clothing etc. at the time of the shooting of Mr. Williams
at his house on the 8th of March 1848.

On Motion of Alderman Plato the petition
was received.

Alden, Texas April 1st 1848

To the
Hon. Mayor and City Council of the City of Austin

Your Committee to whom was referred
petitions from Citizens and Firemen asking that
a Fire Alarm Bell be purchased and fixed
up on the Market House. Respectfully recommend
the purchase of a bell of the weight of 3000 pounds
and place as directed.

L. J. Killen
1st skethow Committee

On motion the report of the Committee was
received.

Reports of Levi Phippen, Levi Barton and
City Marshal for the month of March were
read and received.

Austin, Texas March 9th 1848

To the
Hon. Mayor and City Council

By Resolution passed by your Committee last
the day directing me to settle on fraternal debts the
the whole bank and to assess the property of the City
at a price not less than $1000. I have the honor
to report that I have complied with your
instructions, the property I settle to the Ross & Delaware
for the sum of $1000 in U.S. Currency and have
deposited the amount with the City Auditor and
Collector.

Very Respectfully,

By your orders.

City Marshal

On Motion of Alderman Plato the report was
received and adopted.

He is honor the Mayor then called Alderman
Plato to the chair and then stated that his name
has been connected with the Ordinance providing for
the creation of the Peace Books wanted here.
The desired in justice to himself and for the informa-
tion of the people of the City to go over the action of
the City Council on said Ordinance. The Ordinance
was introduced at the Meeting of Council held
March 8 and read first time, a motion was
made to suspend the rules and pass the ordinance on
its second reading. This motion was lost by the
following vote:

Rays Alderman Keller, Killett,
Reed, Hall, Plate, and Strong, Rays Alderman
Brow and Kirkley. On motion the ordinance was
then referred to the Ordinance Committee.

At a Meeting of Council held March 11, the
Ordinance was reported back with a verbal state-
tment from the Chairman of the Committee, Aldeman
A. V. McColley. That the Committee were not in
favor any report. The Ordinance was then read
the second time. Alderman Kirkley moved to lay
this Ordinance on the table which motion was lost.

The Council then adjourned but was immedi-
ately re-convened for the purpose of considering a Com-
mittee in addition, from the Assessor and Collector, after
which the Council adjourned. The Council was reconvened
at 9:30 P.M same day by the Mayor at the request
of John Alderman, Brow, Kirkley and Sheehan.

Upon the convening of the Council, Alderman Kirkley
states that as he was one of the Members who had
requested this call, he had done so for the purpose
of taking further action upon the Senate Ordinance.

Alderman Brow, offered a resolution that the Mayor
be requested not to bring this Ordinance before the
Council until the next regular Meeting. A point of
Order was raised that the resolution was contrary to
the provisions of the Charter and could not be entertained
by the Mayor. Alderman Brow then informed the
Mayor that he would lay due consideration to
their wishes. The Mayor then states that the Ordinance
had been acted upon in the usual manner and as
organized by the rules regulating the proceedings of
the Council, and adds whether any Alderman
could speak in an attempt to their action when
the Ordinance came up for Amendment, written
or committee which was then in order, as far as
he was concerned he had not told any body
what his action would be in case the Ordinance
was passed and came to him for approval or veto. The vote upon the adoption of the rules was the only vote ordered by the Council, by 18 to 14. The Mayor stated that the Council ordered all the proceedings had on this rule never published so that the people could judge intelligently upon the action of the Council.

Alderman Platt rose to a question of privilege and stated that his name had also been used in connection with this ordinance. He referred to his report on the final Martine house ordinance, and stated that he as well as the votes were opposed to the limits presented in said ordinance. And that both of them were in favor of free market, whereas the people desired them, that he had made a motion to exclude the 9th and 10th wards from the operation of said ordinance which motion was lost.

Alderman Platt moved that all the proceedings relating to the Martine ordinance be published. He received no second.

This hour the Mayor resumed the chair and made the following appointments on standing committees of the Council:

On Fire Department
- C. Tugnaw and J. J. Keeney, chairman.
- M. Freiling
- C. Tugnaw and J. J. Keeney, chairman. E. Revens, vice

Rathoff Platt transferred to Ordinance Committee

On Ordinance
- Rathoff Platt and H. K. Miller, reagent
- C. Tugnaw, reagent
- J. J. Keeney, reagent
- H. K. Miller, reagent

Act in March 30, 1878

To the Hon. Mayor and Board of Aldermen

Gentlemen

Your Committee to whom was referred an Ordinance prohibiting certain manufactures or industries from locating by the city of Austin, have the honor to report that they have carefully examined the same and respectfully present themselves an Ordinance as a substitute and recommend its passage.

Sam. H. Darcy, Chairman
To the Hon. Mayor
Of Ordinance Committee
On Motion of Alderman Keittel the report was read and adopted.

All Ordinances Examining certain Industries or Manufacturers carried on in the City of Austin from Local Taxes.

Alderman Souther moved to suspend the rules and put the ordinance on the third reading.

The Mayor and City Council ordered and the Motion to suspend the rules carried by the following vote: Alderman Souther, Alderman Keittel, Alderman Starkweather, Neilson, Sheehan, Strong and Van Zandt.

Alderman Platt The Ordinance was read the third time.

Alderman Souther moved that the Ordinance do pass.

The Mayor and City Council ordered and the Ordinance passed by the following vote: Alderman Souther, Alderman Keittel, Neilson, Sheehan, Starkweather, Strong and Van Zandt.

Alderman Platt

The Motion of Alderman Souther the latter day if not read to the Committee.

Alderman Souther moved to take up the Ordinance providing for the erection of Pecan Street Mental Asylum which passed its third reading March 11, 1878. Carried.

Alderman Sheehan moved that the Ordinance be laid on the table. Carried.

By Alderman Souther, it is requested by the City Council of the City of Austin, that the sum of Twenty-five and $5.00 dollars be and is hereby appropriated for the payment of the account presented by Mrs. Ramsey against the City for damage done to her furniture and clothing at the time of the shooting of her Williams at her house on the 8th day of March 1878.

The Resolution was read.

Alderman Souther moved to suspend the rules and put the Resolution on its second reading.

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to suspend the rules carried by the following vote:

Year Alderman Store, Brother Kellest, Plant
Ravew, Shekow Strong and Vanglow Store home.

The Resolution was read the second time.

Alderman Store moved to further suspend the rules and put the Resolution on its third reading.

The Yeas and Nays ordered and the motion to further suspend the rules carried by the following vote:

Year Alderman Store, Brother Kellest, Plant
Ravew, Shekow Strong and Vanglow Store home.

The Resolution was read the third time.

Alderman Store moved that the Resolution do pass.

The Yeas and Nays ordered and the Resolution passed by the following vote:

Year Alderman Store, Brother Kellest, Plant
Ravew, Shekow Strong, and Vanglow Store home.

By committee on Fire Department, the Ordinance
Appointing the sum of Fifteen thousand dollars for
the purpose of purchasing and erecting a Fire Alarm
Bell on City Marshal house.

The Ordinance was read.

Alderman Raven moved that a Committee of
Three be appointed to prepare suitable resolutions on
the death of Alderman Mantle. Carried.

Alderman Raven, Kellest and Strong were
Appointed on the Committee.

On Motion of Alderman, Committee the Same
Adjoined.