

Regular Meeting of City Council  
April 1<sup>st</sup> 1845

Council called to order at 7.45 P.M.  
Mayor De Gues in the chair

Roll called and the following members  
answered

Aldermen Crow, Crooker, Millett, Platt  
Sheehan and Strong. Absent Aldermen  
Mottz and Valle. Quorum present

The Journals of the meetings of February 13<sup>th</sup>  
15, 16, 22, 23, 28, and March 4, 6, 8, 19 and 11 were  
read and approved

His Honor the Mayor appointed Aldermen  
Crow, Platt and Crooker as Tellers to open and  
examine the Election returns for Aldermen in the  
4<sup>th</sup> Ward held March 23<sup>rd</sup> 1848 and in the 5<sup>th</sup> Ward  
held March 30<sup>th</sup> 1848 to fill vacancies

The tellers after opening and examining the  
returns reported the following as the vote cast, to wit,

For Alderman in Ward No 4 E Raven 35  
Frank Cottow 1. For Alderman in Ward No 5  
V E Vaughan 87 F Scheiffer 35.

On Motion of Alderman Crooker, E Raven  
and V E Vaughan were declared elected Aldermen  
for Wards Nos 4 and 5.

Aldermen Raven and Vaughan were then  
qualified and took their seats

His Honor the Mayor appointed Aldermen Crow  
and Platt as tellers to open and examine the  
returns of an Election held March 18<sup>th</sup> 1848 for  
Officers of the Fire Department, who after examining  
the returns reported the following as the vote cast  
for the several candidates to wit, For Chief of Fire  
Department Jos A Nagle 101 J W Robinson 9  
Beatterny 3. For Assistant Chief of Fire Department  
to F Millett 67 F Hulkelus 40. Beatterny 3.

For Recorder of Fire Department F Richman  
105. D Corwin 3 Beatterny 1.

The Council then by Ballot unanimously  
confirmed Jos A Nagle as Chief to F Millett as  
assistant chief and F Richman as Recorder of the  
said Fire Department

Petition of H. B. Keston asking to be

refunded the sum of \$18<sup>45</sup> said amount being in excess of what is required by ordinance and which was paid by petitioner to the City for license to sell buttermilk for three months

On motion of Alderman Platt the Petition was received and granted

Petition of Austin Gaslight Company, asking that Gaslights be established along the lines of their pipes instead of the kerosene lamps now used by the City

On motion of Alderman Crooker the petition was received and referred to the Street Committee.

Petition of Drs J. H. McLaughlin, R. M. Swearingin, J. D. Manning and J. J. Tobin stating that they have established an institution for the treatment, care and relief of the sick, and making provisions for the care and treatment of the indigent sick which the city is compelled to provide for

On motion of Alderman Crooker the petition was received and referred to the Charity Committee

Petition of City Water Company asking that payment be made them for the rent or use of 67 fire hydrants and three street watering fountains for the quarter ending March 31<sup>st</sup> 1878 amounting to \$1400

On motion of Alderman Platt 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 Vaughan the petition was received and granted

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

On motion of Alderman Crooker the petition was received and referred to the Street Committee

The following petitions for permissions and license to retail spirituous liquors in quantities less than one quart, were presented

John Shere on lot #1 Block #19 on Congress Avenue  
in Ward #1. A. Dublun on lot #4 Block #25  
in Ward #1 John Gordon Block #1 Div "U" in  
Ward #9

On motion of Alderman Platt the petitions  
were received and granted

Petition of Alfred Smith for permission to  
deposit wood upon his lots in the first and second  
blocks on West Pecan Street was presented

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

Petition of J. H. Schenck together with a propo-  
sition to supply the city with Lamp posts and  
lights for street purposes

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 Millitt the petition was  
received and referred to the City Attorney for his  
opinion as to the authority of Council granting such  
petition

Petition of Mrs Mary Duffaw asking that  
the assessment on her property for the year 1894 be  
reduced from \$2400 to \$2300

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

The following petitions for the establishments  
of markets for the sale of butcher's meat outside of  
market limits were presented.

To E. Beckatz 430 on corner of Cherry and  
Colorado streets. Wm J. L. Hamel on Red River street  
N. E. corner on West Pecan Street Peter Schmidt  
on corner of Guadalupe and Magdalena Avenue

On motion of Alderman Millitt the petitions  
were received and granted

Petitions from 156 citizens and taxpayers asking  
for the erection of a Market House on Block #0  
59 near Pecan Street City of Austin

On motion of Alderman Crocker the peti-  
tions were received and referred to the  
Committee on Market House

Petition of Mrs Mary Ramsey asking

Payment in the sum of \$25.<sup>25</sup> for damage done to clothing etc at the time of the shooting of one Williams at her house on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March 1848

On Motion of Alderman Platt the petition was received

Austin Texas April 1<sup>st</sup> 1848

To the

Hon Mayor and City Council of the City of Austin Gentlemen

Your Committee to whom was referred petition from Citizens and Freemen asking that a Fire Alarm Bell be purchased and placed upon the Market house. Respectfully recommend the purchase of a bell of the weight of 3000 pounds and placed as desired

L. F. Millet

J. Sheehan Committee

On Motion the report of the Committee was received.

Reports of City Physician, City Sexton and City Marshal for the month of March were read and received

Austin Texas March 9<sup>th</sup> 1848

To the

Hon the Mayor and City Council Gentlemen

By Resolution passed by your Honorable body this day directing me to sell at private sale the one Mule, Cart and Harness the property of the city at a price not less than \$105<sup>00</sup>. I have the honor to report that I have complied with your instructions. The property I sold to Mr Ross McDonald for the sum of \$115<sup>00</sup> in U.S. Currency and have deposited the amount with the City Crier and Collector

Very Respectfully

Ed Lorenz

City Marshal

On Motion of Alderman Platt the report was received and adopted

Then Hon the Mayor then called Alderman Lorenz to the Chair and then stated, that his name had been connected with the Ordinance providing for the erection of the Pease Street Market house

He desired in justice to himself and for the information 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<sup>th</sup> and read first time, a motion was made to suspend the rules and put the ordinance on its second reading. This motion was lost by the following vote. Yeas Aldermen Miller, Millett, Metz, Halle, Platt, and Strong, Nays Aldermen Brown and Bartley. On motion the ordinance was then referred to the Ordinance Committee.

At a meeting of Council held March 11<sup>th</sup> the Ordinance was reported back with a verbal statement from the Chairman of the Committee, Alderman H. A. H. Miller, that the Committee could not agree upon any report. The Ordinance was then read the second time. Alderman Bartley moved to lay the ordinance on the table which motion was lost.

The Council then adjourned but was immediately re-convened for the purpose of considering a communication from the Assessor and Collector, after which the Council adjourned. The Council was re-convened at 7:30 P. M. same day by the Mayor at the request of three Aldermen, Brown, Bartley and Sheehan. Upon the convening of the Council, Alderman Bartley stated 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 market ordinance. Alderman Brown 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. The Chair sustained the point of order but informed the Council that he would pay due consideration to their wishes. The Mayor then stated that the ordinance had been acted upon in the usual manner and as required by the rules regulating the proceedings of the Council, and asked whether any Alderman could speak for or other as to their action when the ordinance came up for amendment, rejection or commitment 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 suspension of the rules was the only vote  
 ordered by the Council by Yeas and Nays. He then asked  
 that the Council order all the proceedings had on this Ordinance  
 published so that the people could judge intelligently  
 upon the action of the Council

Ulderman 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 minority report on the first  
 Market house ordinance, and stated that he as well as Mr. Hall  
 were opposed to the limits presented in said ordinance,  
 and that both of them were in favor of free markets - whenever  
 the people desired them, that he had made a motion to exclude  
 the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> words from the operation of said ordinance  
 which motion was lost

Ulderman Platt moved that all the proceedings re-  
 lating to the market ordinance be published, but it re-  
 sisted no second.

His Honor the Mayor resumed the chair and made  
 the following appointments on standing committees of the  
 Council.

On Fire Department

V. E. Tanyhan vice J. J. Martley, deceased.

On Printing

V. E. Tanyhan vice J. J. Martley, deceased. E. Rowen vice  
 Radcliff Platt transferred to Ordinance Committee

On Ordinances

Radcliff Platt vice H. A. Miller resigned

On Market House

V. E. Tanyhan vice J. J. Martley, deceased, E. Rowen vice  
 H. A. Miller, resigned

Austin March 30<sup>th</sup> 1878

To the

Hon. Mayor and Board of Aldermen  
 Gentlemen

Your Committee to whom was referred an  
 Ordinance exempting certain manufactories or industries  
 from taxation by the City of Austin, have the honor to  
 report that they have carefully examined the same  
 and respectfully present herewith an Ordinance as  
 a substitute and recommend its passage

Saml H. Brady City Atty

H. H. Strong

of Ordinance Committee

On Motion of Alderman Nettell the report was received and adopted

An Ordinance Exempting certain Industries or Manufactories carried on in the City of Austin from City Taxes.

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Alderman Crocker moved to suspend the rules and put the Ordinance on its third reading. The Yeas and Nays ordered and the Motion to suspend the rules carried by the following vote

Yeas Alderman Brown, Crocker, Nettell, Ransom, Shuckan, Strong and Vaughan. Nays

Alderman Platt

The Ordinance was read the third time. Alderman Crocker moved that the Ordinance do pass.

The Yeas and Nays ordered and the Ordinance passed by the following vote

Yeas Alderman Brown, Crocker, Nettell, Ransom, Shuckan, Shuckan, Strong and Vaughan. Nays Alderman Platt

His Honor the Mayor appointed Alderman Crocker, vice Alderman Nettell resigned, on the special Committee to investigate the claim of Haller & Shelly against the City of Austin.

On Motion of Alderman Crocker the City Attorney was added to the Committee.

Alderman Crocker moved to take up the Ordinance, providing for the creation of Pecan Street Market House which passed its second reading March 11<sup>th</sup> 1848. Carried

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

By Alderman Brown. It is resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, that the sum of Twenty five and 25/100 dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the payment of the account presented by Mrs Ramey against the City for damage done to her furniture and clothing &c at the time of the shooting of one Williams at her house on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 1848

The Resolution was read.

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

The Yeas and Nays ordered and the motion

to suspend the rules carried by the following vote

Yeas Alderman Brown, Crocker, Killelt, Platt  
Raven, Sheehan, Strong and Vaughan Nays None

The Resolution was read the second time

Alderman Crocker 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

Yeas Aldermen Brown, Crocker, Killelt, Platt  
Raven, Sheehan, Strong and Vaughan Nays None

The Resolution was read the third time

Alderman Crocker moved that the Resolution do  
pass

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

Yeas Aldermen Brown, Crocker, Killelt, Platt  
Raven, Sheehan, Strong, and Vaughan Nays None

By Committee on Fire Departments, An Ordinance  
Appropriating the sum of Fifteen hundred dollars for  
the purpose of purchasing and erecting a Fire Alarm  
Bell on City Market House

The Ordinance was read

Alderman Raven moved that a Committee of  
three be appointed to prepare suitable resolutions on  
the death of Alderman Martley

Alderman Raven, Killelt and Strong were  
appointed on the Committee

On Motion of Alderman Crocker the Council  
adjourned

Witness my hand and seal this 1st day of  
April 1885





