

Regular Meeting of City Council  
February 11<sup>th</sup> 1878

Council called to order at 8.15 P.M.  
Mayor De Gross in the chair

Roll called and the following Members answered.

Alderman Brown, Crocker, Millitt, Mearns,  
Metz, Hall, Platt and Strong

Absent

Alderman Miller and Sherman  
Quorum present

The Journals of the meetings of Jan-  
y 7<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> were read and adopted

Petition of Robert Loring for permission to peddle  
Apples and other fruits without license to enable him to  
support his widowed mother and little brothers  
and sisters

On motion of Alderman Millitt the peti-  
tion was received and granted.

Petition of H. Montgomery for license to re-  
tail liquors in quantities less than one quart in  
ward 7409.

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

Petition of Dinslow for furnishing Rock for  
macadamizing streets

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

Petition of H. H. Senny for permission to cut down  
certain trees that obstruct the side walk on College Avenue

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

Petition of John Burrows for permission to erect  
a frame building on Colorado Street for a Shoemaker  
shop

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

Petition of Mrs. H. T. Horne asking for  
the refunding of two dollars paid by her for taxes  
on property not owned by her at the time of the  
assessment as the taxes has been paid by the person  
dwelling the property

On motion of Alderman Millitt the Peti-  
tion was referred to the Mayor with power to

act  
The City Engineer submitted the following  
Reports and Estimates

Austin January 4<sup>th</sup> 1878

H. Brown Esq  
Chairman of St. Louis

Sir

I have the honor to report that upon an examination of San Jacinto Street, between Peach and Walnut Streets, I find that the drainage from a ravine crosses the street about opposite the center of Block No. 162 and flows in a natural channel diagonally through lots 10, 11, & 12, of said Block, much to the injury of said lots.

In order to remedy the evil, it will be necessary to construct a stone wall containing about twenty perches, on the East side of the Street, and dig a ditch from this around the North West corner of the Block. The wall itself will cost about fifty dollars. The excavation of the ditch and the necessary filling will cost about fifty dollars more. I have to state that the street at this point is now in very good passable condition and that the lots referred to are not enclosed nor occupied.

Very Respectfully  
L. S. Anderson

City Engineer

On motion of Alderman Plate the report was referred to the Street Committee

Austin January 28<sup>th</sup> 1878

Col. H. Brown

Dear Sir

At your request I respectfully submit the following estimate for two stone walls 25 feet long by 4 feet high and an average thickness of 1 foot and 9 inches, which with the paving 25 feet long by 2 feet wide and 9 inches deep will contain about 25 1/2 Perches @ 2<sup>50</sup> City Stone would amount to \$63.75

If covered with Stone 105 Sq. feet @ 15<sup>00</sup> 15.75

Total

79.50

This Culvert is necessary at a point about opposite the middle of Block 61 South side of East Pecan Street in order to give access to the Wagon Yard on Groves

of - Goodman and might form part of a sewer which should extend along the whole front of said Block as well as the opposite one

Very Respectfully

L. S. Anderson

City Engineer

On Motion of Alderman Killeto the City Clerk was instructed to advertise for proposals for doing the work by putting written notices

The Report of the City Physician for the Month of January <sup>1848</sup> was read and received

The Report of the City Marshal for the month of January 1848 was read and received.

The Report of the City Doctor for the month of January 1848 was read and received.

Mayor Office Austin Texas

February 4<sup>th</sup> 1848

To the

Hon Board of Aldermen

City of Austin

Gentlemen

I have the honor to submit herewith the reports of the different City Officers for the Quarter ending January 31<sup>st</sup> 1848

As soon as I have time to examine these reports and should find any remarks or recommendations necessary I will communicate with your Hon Body

Very Respectfully

J. L. De Gress

Mayor.

The Report of the City Assessor for the Quarter ending January 31<sup>st</sup> 1848 was read and received.

The Report of the City Treasurer for the Quarter ending January 31<sup>st</sup> 1848 was read and received

On Motion of Alderman Platt the reports were referred to the appropriate Committees

Reports of Committees

To the

Hon Mayor & Board of Aldermen

City of Austin

Your Committee to whom the within request of Hope Hook and Ladder Company No 2 was referred. by leave to report favorable on the same, as on examination we find the

addition to the Truck house necessary and recommend the same be granted

Respectfully

L. F. Millet

J. J. Markley

— For Committee

On motion of Alderman Markley the report was received and adopted

Austin Texas January 15<sup>th</sup> 1848

To the

Hon Mayor and Board of Aldermen

Your Committee to whom was referred the within ordinance (An ordinance appropriating two hundred and fifty dollars for repairing the approaches to East Pecan St bridge) have the honor to report that they have carefully examined and investigated the same and respectfully recommend that it do not pass and submit herewith an Ordinance as a substitute for the same and earnestly recommend its passage

Joseph Halle

H. L. Strong

St Committee

On motion of

the report was received

By St Committee An Ordinance Appropriating the sum of Twenty eight hundred and five dollars for building and removing bridge

Alderman Markley moved to lay the ordinance on the table.

The Yeas and Nays ordered and the motion to lay on the table carried by the following vote  
Yeas Aldermen Larver, Crocker, Millet, Markley and Metz

Nays Aldermen Halle, Platt and Strong  
The ordinance appropriating Two hundred and fifty dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary for the repairing of the approaches to East Pecan St Bridge which was read the first time Jan'y 7<sup>th</sup> 1848 and referred to St Committee, was taken up and read the second time

Alderman Halle moved that the ordinance be laid on the table

The vote. The Mayor cast his vote in the negative and the motion to lay on the table was lost

Alderman Harkley moved to amend the ordinance by striking out Two hundred and fifty and insert six hundred dollars

Alderman Larow moved to lay the ordinance on the table

Carried

Alderman Millitt moved that the Street Committee be instructed to examine the bridge on East Cedar St and report as early as practicable its condition and an estimate of the probable costs of repairs

Carried

By Alderman M'Alle, an Ordinance Appropriating Twelve hundred dollars for the building of a bridge across Fuller Creek on Cedar Street

The Ordinance was read

Alderman Platt moved to suspend the rule and put the ordinance on its second reading

The Yeas and Nays Ordered and the motion to suspend the rule was lost by the following vote

Yeas Alderman Millitt, Metz, M'Alle, Platt and Strong

Nays Alderman Larow, Crocker and Harkley  
Austin Texas February 4<sup>th</sup> 1848

To the

Hon Mayor and Board of Aldermen  
Austin Texas

Your Committee to whom was referred an Ordinance entitled an Ordinance, authorizing the Publishing of the proceedings of the City Council in the German language, Respectfully Report

That in so much as the German population of this City are <sup>an</sup> intelligent and educated class of people, nearly all of whom can read English, and taking into consideration the present depressed financial condition of the City, We deem it inadvisable at this time to incur the expense of this additional publishing. We therefore recommend that it do not pass

Respectfully

H. M. Strong

J. J. Harkley

R. Platt

On Motion of Alderman Metz the report was received and adopted

Austin Texas February 4<sup>th</sup> 1848

Hon J. L. G. Young

Mayor City of Austin

Sir

In answer to your favor of Jan'y 26<sup>th</sup> attached hereto I beg leave to refer as follows

I referred your communication to Geo A. Nagle Chief of the Fire Department whose opinion in the matter you will please find on the back of your letter.

I further have to say that I examined the premises personally, and it is my opinion that the occupation of the late Campbell and Deats building as a Blacksmith shop is dangerous in regard to fire.

I suggest that in the event of the removal of the present wooden floor and the construction of side walls of brick or stone I could see no serious objection to its occupation for the purpose of a Blacksmith shop.

Respectfully

L. F. Hallett Com. Fire Com.

T. J. Mackey

On motion of Alderman Crocker the report was received and adopted.

The Austin Gas Co. submitted the following

To the

Hon. Mayor and City Council

City of Austin

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Board of Directors of the Austin Gaslight and Coal Co. to submit to you the following propositions

We will run service pipes to and fit up completely for burning Gas any of your Oil Lamps on our present line Mains on either side of the Streets as you may direct, free of charge.

We further propose, that provided that you will increase the number of gas lamps on our present line of Mains to forty (40) being an increase of fifteen and will light extinguish and keep them in repair we will furnish said lamps with gas at the rate of \$4.00 per thousand cubic feet.

Respectfully

Arthur C. Judge.

Sup<sup>t</sup> Austin Gaslight & Coal Co.

July 5<sup>th</sup> 1898

On Motion of Alderman Martley the communication was received and referred to Street Committee

Austin Texas January 10<sup>th</sup> 1848  
To the Honorable Mayor and City Council  
of the City of Austin

Gentlemen

In consideration of the unsatisfactory character of the Oil street lamps on Congress Avenue, said lamps frequently not burning at all or so dimly as to be of no practical use, We the undersigned tax payers of Wards 1 and 10 do hereby petition that all Oil lamps on Congress Avenue in our respective Wards be converted into gas lamps signed E. Polansky, A. Bahr, R. Campbell and 19 others

On Motion of Alderman Martley the petition was referred to the Street Committee

By Alderman Platt An Ordinance to Regulate the Apportionment of Property of Companies and Corporations within the City of Austin

The Ordinance was read

Alderman Halle moved to suspend the rules and put the Ordinance 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, Millett, Martley, Metz, Halle, Platt and Strong Nays none

The Ordinance was read the <sup>second</sup> time

Alderman Platt moved to further suspend the rules and put the Ordinance on its third reading the Yeas and Nays ordered and the motion to further suspend the rules carried by the following vote

Yeas Alderman Brown, Crocker, Martley, Millett, Metz, Halle, Platt and Strong Nays none

The Ordinance was read the third time

Alderman Platt moved that the Ordinance do pass

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

Yeas Alderman Brown, Crocker, Millett, Metz

Nalle, Platt and Strong

Mayor Alderman Brown and Mortley  
Alderman Mortley, By Authority of the  
I. O. O. F. tendered an invitation to the Members of  
the Board of Aldermen and City Officers to participate  
in their celebration on the 5<sup>th</sup> inst.

On motion of Alderman Platt the invitation  
was accepted

By Alderman Mortley, Resolved by the City  
Council of the City of Austin, That the Freedom  
of the City be and the same is hereby tendered to  
the Right Worthy Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of the  
State of Texas during their sojourn in the City  
on motion the Resolution was adopted

By Alderman Platt an Ordinance providing for  
the collection of Taxes in current money

The Ordinance was read

On motion of Alderman Brown the ordinance was  
referred to the Finance Committee

Alderman Mortley asked to be excused  
for the evening Request granted

By Police Committee an Ordinance appropriating  
the sum of Eighty dollars and fifteen cents for the  
purchase of Police Equipments

The Ordinance was read

Alderman Meillett moved to suspend the rules and  
put the Ordinance on its second reading

The Yeas and Nays ordered and the rules were  
suspended by the following vote

Yeas Alderman Brown, Crocker, Meillett, Metz,  
Nalle, Platt and Strong Nays None

The Ordinance was read the second time

Alderman Meillett moved to further suspend the  
rules and put the Ordinance on its third reading

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

Yeas Alderman Brown, Crocker, Meillett, Metz,  
Nalle, Platt and Strong Nays None

The Ordinance was read the third time

Alderman Nalle moved that the Ordinance do  
pass

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

Yeas Alderman Brown, Crocker, Meillett, Metz,



Halle Platt and Strong Mayo Home

His Honor the Mayor stated to the Council that there was a vacancy on the Police Force caused by the resignation of Officer Jas H Farrell and presented the names of D B Withers and L P Hicks for the position and stated that the one receiving the greatest number of votes would be appointed to the vacancy.

Alderman Crow and Metz were appointed tellers who after receiving and counting the votes announced the following, For Withers 3. For Hicks 3 and one vote no.

His Honor cast his vote for L P Hicks and he was confirmed as Police Officer.

By Alderman Keilitt, Resolved that the number of Oil Street lamps be reduced to the number of rods exceeding 25 and that the Street Committee be authorized and directed to locate this number at such places as they may deem proper, and that the City Marshal be required to see that said lamps are kept properly lighted.

Alderman Platt offered the following substitute.

Be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, That on and after the 15<sup>th</sup> day of February 1878, that the use of gaslights by the City of Austin, except that used in the City Hall building and the oil lamp lights on all the streets of the City except Pecan street from Colorado Street to East Avenue, and on Congress Avenue from the Capitol fence to the Colorado River and at all bridge crossings now in use, be and the same is hereby discontinued and that the City Marshal is hereby instructed to cause Oil lamps to be put in place of the gaslights discontinued by this resolution.

Substitute lost  
On Motion of Alderman Platt the Resolution of Alderman Keilitt reducing the number of Oil lamps to 25 was adopted.

By Alderman Platt, Be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, That the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized and directed to have sold at public Auction to the highest bidder for Cash in United States Currency on Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> day of February A.D. 1878 at 12 O'clock

No. at the S.E. Corner of Block N<sup>o</sup> 40 City of Austin All Carts Horses Mules and Harnesses belonging to the City of Austin Except the one used for Sanitary purposes

Alderman Brown moved that the resolution be referred to the Finance Committee Lost

Alderman Platt moved that the Resolution be adopted Carried

On Motion the Council adjourned  
approved March 4<sup>th</sup> 1848

John F. Herbert  
City Clerk

Called Meeting of City Council

February 6<sup>th</sup> 1848

Council called to order at 8.30 P.M.  
Mayor De Russ in the chair

Roll called and the following Members answered, Aldermen Brown, Metz, and Shukan

Absent Aldermen Crocker, Mellett, Miller, Martley, Wall, Platt, and Strong. No quorum

Alderman Brown moved a call of the Council,

Call sustained and the Marshal was directed to bring in the absentees

Alderman Platt and Crocker came in and answered and took their seats

On Motion of Alderman Metz the call was suspended

On Motion of Alderman Shukan the Council adjourned

approved March 4<sup>th</sup> 1848

John F. Herbert  
City Clerk