Regular Meeting of City Council
February 17, 1845
Council called to order at 8:15 A.M.
Mayor as President in the Chair
Roll called and the following Members answered.

Almonrner Loomis, Binkley, Kellett, Hardy
Kathy Hale, Platt, and Strong
Absents

Almonrner Kellett and Sheep.

Govermnor present

The Journals of the Meetings of Jan
7th and 14th were read and adopted.

Petition of Robert Bovino for permission to hold
affairs and other fruits without license to enable him
to support his widowed mother and little brothers
and sisters.

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

Petition of Jno. Montgomery for license to retail liquors in quantities less than one quart in
warranted.

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

Petition of Simonce for furnishing Rooks for
measuring stone.

On Motion of Alderman Kellett the petition was
received and referred to Streets Committee.

Petition of Mrs. Ed. Barry for permission to cut down
certain trees that obstruct the side walk on College Avenue.

On Motion of Alderman Loomis the petition was received and referred to Streets Committee.

Petition of John Bovino for permission to erect
a frame building on land now owned for a Sharonian
shop.

On Motion of Alderman Hardy the petition was
laid on the table.

Petition of Mrs. H. L. Corse asking for the refunding of two dollars paid by her for taxes
on property that owned by her at the time of its
assessment, as the taxes have been paid by the person
holding the property.

On Motion of Alderman Kellett the petition was referred to the Mayor with power to
The City Engineer submits the following Reports and Estimates.

Acting January 14th 1878

Hon. Ed.,

Chairman of St. Louis,

Sir:

I have the honor to report that upon an examination of Sandpans St., between Blake and Holcomb Sts., I find that the drainage from a service curve the street about 10 feet from the center of Block 85, and flows in a natural channel directly through Lots 10, 11, and 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 260 feet in length, on the East side of the street, and dug a ditch from this around the North West corner of the Block. The wall shall cost about fifty dollars, the excavation of the ditch, and the necessary filling, ten and about fifteen dollars more. I have to state that the ditch at this point is now in very poor possible condition and that the lots referred to are not in- cluded nor occupied.

Very Respectfully,

J. F. Underwood,

City Engineer.

The question of Alderman Plato's report

was referred to the Board Committee.

Acting January 20th 1878

Hon. Ed.,

Dear Sir:

At your request I respectfully submit the following estimate for two stone walls 20 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 250 cubic yards and cost about $100.00. The amount of 300 by 50 at 10 cents.

Total

77.00

This culvert is necessary at a point about opposite the middle of Block 61 South side of East James Street in order to give access to the Wagon Yard on James.
of Goodman and might form part of a sewer which should extend along the whole front of said blocks as well as the opposite one.

Very Respectfully,

To the

Mayor and Council 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, 1878.

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,

To the

Mayor and Council of Aldermen
City of Austin

[The report of the City Clerks for the Quarter ending January 31, 1878 was read and received.

The report of the City Treasurer for the Quarter ending January 31, 1878 was read and received.

On motion of Alderman Plato the reports were referred to the Assessment Committee.

In the

Mayor and Council of Aldermen
City of Austin.

Your Committee to whom the within report of Ye Old Hands and Ladder Company No. 1 was referred, beg leave to report favorable on the same, as on examination we find the
addition to the funds hence necessary we recommend the same be granted.

Respectfully,

J.C. Keillett
J.G. Martley

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

Curtis Depo. January 15, 1875

To the

Hon. Mayor and Board of Aldermen
Hon. Committees to whom was referred the within
ordinance (An Ordinance authorizing two hundred
and fifty dollars for repairing the approaches to East
Pomw. St. Bridge) have the honor to report that they
have carefully examined the same and respectfully recommend that it be
referred for further examination. An Ordinance as a
substitute for the same and respectfully recommend its
passage.

Joseph Halse
J. G. Strong

On motion of
the report was received
By the Committee the Ordinance authorizing the
sum of Twenty Eight hundred and five dollars
for building and removing bridge,
Alderman Martley moved to lay the Or
dinance on the table.

The ayes and nays ordered and the motion
to lay on the table carried by the following vote:

Ayes, Aldermen Halse, Corliss, Keillett, Martley
and Strong

Nays, Aldermen Halse, Clark and Strong.

The Ordinance authorizing Two hundred and
fifty dollars or as much thereof as may be necessary
for the repairing of the approaches to East Pomw.
St. Bridge which was read the first time Jan. 7, 1875
and referred to the Committee, was taken up and
read the second time.

Alderman Halse moved that the ordinances
be laid on the table.

The vote, the Mayor cast his vote in the neg
sitive and the motion to lay on the table was laid
Alderman Kellie moved to amend the ordinance by striking out one hundred and fifty and inserting six hundred dollars.

Alderman Kellie moved to lay the ordinance on the table.

Alderman Kellie 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 cost of repairs. Carried.

By Alderman Hall, an Ordinance authorizing Twelve hundred dollars for the building of a bridge across Fuller creek on Cedar St.

The Ordinance was read.

Alderman Plott moved to suspend the rule and pass the Ordinance on its second reading.

The Yeas and Nays ordered on the motion to suspend the rule were had by the following vote:

Yea: Alderman Kellie, Kitzig, Hall. Plott and Strong

Nay: Alderman Lowry, London and Reading.

Austin, Texas February 14th, 1878

To the Honorable 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 as much as the German population of this City are 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. The same is inadvisable at this time to be done. The expense of this additional publishing. We therefore recommend that it do not pass.

Respectfully,

J. S. Strong
J. D. Wursty
P. Plott

On Motion of Alderman Kellie the Ordinance was recessed and adopted.

Austin, Texas February 14th, 1878

From J. L. to E. C.
May City of Austin

Sir,

In answer to your favor of Jan 26th attached hereto I beg leave to report as follows:

I referred your communication to Joe A booth 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 lamp hill and Kent building as a blacksmith shop is dangerous in regard to fire.

I suggest that in the event of the removal of the frame wooden floors and the construction of fire walls of brick or stone I could see no serious objection to its occupation for the purposes of a blacksmith shop.

Respectfully,

Joe A. Booth

To the city council and city manager

City of Austin

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Board of Directors of the Austin Gas Light and Coke Co. to submit to you the following proposition.

The work now under way to complete for burning the new oil lamps on our street lines is on either side of the street as you may direct. Free of charge.

The further proposition that provided, you will increase the number of gas lamps on our street lines if think fit, being an increase of fifteen and will light extinguish and keep them in repair, we will furnish same lamps with gas at the rate of 500 per thousand cubic feet.

Respectfully,

Arthur G. Jones

July 5th, 1876

Capt Austin City Light and Coke Co.
On Motion of Alderman Karr, the aforesaid petition was referred to the Ethics Committee.

Austin, Texas, January 25, 1838

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, I wish lamps frequently and uniformly at all
or as closely as to be of real practical use. The undersigned, the payers of Hanks 1 and 10, do hereby petition that all oil lamps on Congress Avenue in
our respective wards be converted into gas lamps.

Respectfully submitted,

The Motion of Alderman Karr, the petition
was referred to the Ethics Committee.

By Alderman Platt, an Ordinance to
Regulate the Use of Property of Corporations within the City of Austin
The Ordinance was read.

Alderman Nalle moved to suspend the rules and
pass the Ordinance on its second reading.

The Yes and Noye Ordered, and the Motion to
suspend the rules carried by the following vote.

Nalle, Alderman Nalle, Alderman Smith, Alderman Karr
Nalle, Platt and Strong. 

The Ordinance was read the third time.

Alderman Platt moved to further suspend the
rules and pass the Ordinance on its third reading.

The Yes and Noye Ordered and the Motion to
further suspend the rules carried by the following vote.

Nalle, Alderman Smith, Alderman Karr, Platt
Nalle, Platt and Strong.

The Ordinance was read the third
The Ordinance was passed by the following vote.

Alderman Platz and Strong

Aye Alderman Broun and Meikleby
Alderman Meikleby, Ray Autry 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 3rd
On motion of Alderman Platz the invitation was accepted
By Alderman Meikleby, Read by the City Clerk of the City of Austin. That the freedom of the City be and the same is hereby tendered to the Right Worship Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F. of the State of Texas during their sojourn in this City
On motion the Resolution was adopted

By Alderman Platz an Ordinance providing for the collection of Sales in Current Money

The Ordinance was read
On motion of Alderman Broun the ordinance was referred to the Finance Committee

Alderman Meikleby asked to be excused for the evening because of illness

By Police Committee an Ordinance authorizing the sum of Eighty dollars and fifteen cents for the purchase of Police Equipment

The Ordinance was read

Alderman Meikleby moved to approve the same and put the Ordinance on its second reading

The Aye and Noes ordered and the rules were suspended by the following vote

Aye Alderman Broun, Tottenham Meikleby, Hall, Platz and Strong

The Ordinance was read the second time

Alderman Meikleby moved to further approve the rules and put the Ordinance on its third reading

The Aye and Noes ordered and the motion to further approve the rules carried by the following vote

Aye Alderman Broun, Tottenham Meikleby, Hall, Platz and Strong

The Ordinance was read the third time

Alderman Meikleby moved that the Ordinance do pass

The Aye and Noes ordered and the ordinance passed by the following vote

Aye Alderman Broun, Tottenham Meikleby, Hall, Platz and Strong
Salle, Rato, and Strong, May T. Rome

His Honor the Mayor stated to the Council that there was a vacancy on the Police Force caused by the resignation of Officer Joe N. Gee, and pursuant to the Warrants of the Mayor and the Police for the purpose and stated that the one receiving the greatest number of votes would be appointed to the vacancy.

Aldermen Brown and Kelly were appointed tellers who after receiving and counting the votes announced the following: For Thomas 3, for Yorko 3 and one void.

Yorko cast his vote for 2 P. Yorko, and he was confirmed as Police Officer.

By Alderman Rotel, Resolved that the number
of Oil Street lamps be reduced to the number of 25, and that the Street Committee be authorized and directed to locate the number of such places as they may deem proper, and that the City Engineer be required to see those said lamps are kept burning.

Alderman Platt opposed the following substitute:

By it Resolved by the Auj Council of the City of Austin, that on and after the 19th day of February 1875, that the use of gas lights by the City of Austin, be kept that were in the Auj Police building and the oil lamp lights on all the streets of the City of Austin, from Colorado Street to East Avenue, and on Congress Avenue form 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 Engineer is hereby instructed to cause oil lamps to be put in place of the gas lights discontinued by this resolution.

On Motion of Alderman Platt the Resolution of Alderman Rotel reducing the number of Oil Lamps to 25 was adopted.

By Alderman Platt, 2d 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 extending the 9th day of February 1875, at 12 o'clock...
At the S.E. Corner of Block No. 90 City of Austin All Carts Horses Mules and Wagons belonging to the City of Austin except the one used for Police purposes

Alderman Brown moved that the resolution be referred to the Finance Committee. Seconded by Alderman Platt seconded that the resolution be accepted. Carried on Motion the Council adjourned.

Passed March 4, 1878

[Signature]

City Clerk

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Called Meeting of City Council
February 6, 1878

Council called to order at 8:30 P.M.
Mayor De Has in the chair.

Roll called and the following Members answered:
Alderman Brown, Ketz, and Shewan
Absent: Alderman Brown, Merriett, Miller

Mayor called to order. Plato, and Strode, to Gunn.

Alderman Brown moved a call of the Council;

Call sustained and the Marshal was directed to bring in the absent.

Alderman Plato and Merriett came in and answered and took their seats.

On Motion of Alderman Ketz the call was prolonged.

On Motion of Alderman Shewan the Council adjourned.

Passed March 4, 1878

[Signature]

City Clerk