

Regular Meeting of City Council  
January 7<sup>th</sup> 1898

Council called to order at 7.45 P M  
Mayor DeBress in the chair

Roll called and the following Members  
answered

Aldermen Crow, Miller, Markley, Platte  
Shukan and Strong

Absent Aldermen Crooker, Mellett, Metz  
and Kalle

Quorum present <sup>Dec 7 + 22</sup>  
The Journals of the last two meetings, were  
read and approved

Petitions of B F Flink, H V Phelpsott, R H Hellenborg  
and 51 other citizens, asking that the Ordinance passed  
December 7 closing the City Market House during certain  
hours be rescinded

Alderman Platte moved that the petition be  
received and referred to Market House Committee

Alderman Miller moved to refer the petition to  
a special Committee of three

Aldermen Platte, Miller and Markley were ap=  
pointed on the Committee

Aldermen Kalle and Mellett came in answered  
and took their seats

Petition of Francisco Robilo for License to sell  
Liquors in quantities less than one quart in Ward No 2  
Block No 70

On Motion of Alderman Miller the petition was  
received and granted

Petition of Sam Harwood for permission to establish  
a Shooting Gallery on Pecan Street

On Motion of Alderman Platte the petition was  
received and granted

Alderman Metz came in answered and took  
his seat

Alderman Miller moved that the petition of  
Louis Moore for permission to establish a Shooting  
Gallery on Pecan Street which was laid on the table  
on the 7<sup>th</sup> of December last be taken from the table

The Yeas and Nays ordered and the Motion  
Carried by the following vote

Yeas Aldermen Crow, Miller, Mellett, Markley,  
Metz, Kalle, Platte, Shukan and Strong Nays None

On motion of Alderman Miller the petition of Louis  
Moore was granted

Petitions of Citizens of Wards. 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, and 10  
asking that additional Street Lamps be erected in said  
Wards

On motion the petitions were received and referred  
to Committee on Streets

Report of City Marshal for the month of December  
1877 was presented and read

On motion the report was received  
Report of City Physician for the month of December  
1877 was presented and read

On motion the report was received  
Report of City Custodian for the month of December 1877  
was presented and read

On motion the report was received  
By Ordinance Committee An Ordinance giving  
the City Assessor and Collector of Taxes for the City of Austin  
credit for the uncollected Poll Tax for the year 1876, said  
Tax having been declared unconstitutional

The Ordinance was read the first time  
Alderman Platt 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 <sup>carried</sup> by the following vote  
Yeas Aldermen Brown, Miller, Keillett, Mearns, Metz,  
Nalle, Platt, Shuman and Strong Nays none

The Ordinance was read the second time <sup>and passed</sup>  
Alderman Strong 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, Miller, Keillett, Mearns, Metz,  
Nalle, Platt, Shuman and Strong Nays none

The Ordinance was read the third time  
Alderman Keillett moved that the Ordinance do pass  
The Yeas and Nays Ordered and the Ordinance passed  
by the following vote

Yeas Alderman Brown, Miller, Keillett, Mearns, Metz,  
Nalle, Platt, Shuman and Strong, Nays none

By Ordinance Committee. An Ordinance Providing  
for the Redemption of Real Estate sold for Taxes and  
bought in by the Collector of Taxes for the City of Austin  
The Ordinance was read first time and passed to second

reading

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 Aldermen Larrow, Miller, Millitt, Montley, Mottz, Halle, Platt, Shukan and Strong Nays none

The Ordinance was read the second time and passed to third reading

Alderman Miller 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 Aldermen Larrow, Miller, Millitt, Montley, Mottz, Halle, Platt, Shukan and Strong Nays none

The Ordinance was read the third time

Alderman Miller moved that the ordinance do pass

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

Yeas Aldermen Larrow, Miller, Millitt, Montley, Mottz, Halle, Platt, Shukan and Strong Nays none

Alderman Miller moved that the City Attorney be requested to investigate the legality of the City Council passing an Ordinance regulating the carrying of Deadly Weapons and to report to the City Council as soon as practicable

Carried

The Committee appointed to receive proposals for the Codifying and Digesting the Charter and Ordinances of the City submitted the following

Austin Peas

Dammy of "S" & Co.

To the Hon City Council

Austin Peas

Your Committee to whom was assigned the duty of soliciting and receiving proposals for the Codifying and Digesting the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Austin have the honor to report that they have waited upon many of the principal Attorneys in the City and had advertised in the Democratic Statesman for bids for doing the work. That on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of December 1844 at 12 O'clock. A.M. at the Mayor's office they received and opened the bids, and after a careful examination of the same, your Committee respectfully recommend that the work be done, and that the Contract

for said work be awarded to John H. Robertson Esq, he being the lowest and best bidder

Respectfully Submitted  
 H. L. Miller Chairman  
 J. C. De Gross  
 G. Brown

On motion of Alderman Martley the report was received and adopted

Alderman Miller moved that a committee of three be appointed to supervise the digesting and Codifying the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Austin and that the Contractor be allowed 11 weeks days to complete the work

Alderman Miller Martley and Brown were appointed on the Committee

Alderman Brown submitted a communication from the Superintendent of the Houston and Texas Central Railway Co regarding the Culverts and ditches on their line of road between East Avenue and their Round House which had been complained of by the City authorities

Alderman Miller introduced the following  
 Be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin that the communication received from the Vice President and Genl Superintendent of the Houston and Texas Central Railway with reference to the drainage of said road be referred to the Committee on Streets and that they be a special Committee with authority to act with the proper officers of the said road for the purpose of agreeing upon the most practicable drainage of the water dammed by the said road between East Avenue and the Round House of said Company and in case said Company shall fail to make the necessary drainage, the Committee is hereby instructed to cause the Culverts between the points named that now drain the water through the Road bed to the damage of the property lying south of said Rail road track to be filled in

L. Brown  
 The Ordinance Appropriating Twenty Eight hundred dollars for building a Rock Bridge across Haller Creek on Pecan Street and the removal of the Iron Bridge now crossing Haller Creek on Pecan Street to the crossing of Haller Creek on Cedar Street, which passed its second reading December 7<sup>th</sup> 1899 was taken up this hour the Mayor stated that the ordinance had been read the second time is now open for amendments

Alderman Brown offered the following substitute  
 Be it Ordained by the City Council of the  
 City of Austin, that the sum of Two hundred and fifty  
 dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary be and  
 the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of repairing  
 and making safe the approaches to the bridge on Pecan  
 Street across Haller Creek

Alderman [unclear] moved to lay the substitute on  
 the table Motion lost

Alderman Markley moved that the substitute be  
 adopted Carried

On Motion of Alderman Miller the substitute was  
 referred to the Street Committee

The Ordinance appropriating One hundred dollars for  
 the purchase of Desks and Chairs for the Council Chamber  
 which passed its second reading December 7<sup>th</sup> 1877 was  
 taken up and read the third time

Alderman Miller moved to lay the ordinance on  
 the table Motion lost

Alderman Miller moved that the ordinance  
 do pass

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

Yeas Aldermen Millitt Markley Metz; Miller  
 Plott and Strong

Nays Aldermen Brown Miller and Shukan

By Alderman Markley Be it Resolved by the City Council  
 of the City of Austin, that from and after the first day of  
 January 1878 that the pay of the Police Force shall be fixed  
 at the rate of Seventy five dollars per month, payable in City  
 Humants and that no Police Officer shall be entitled to any  
 arrears fee from said date

By Alderman Miller A Resolution Providing for  
 the receiving by the City of Austin the Stamp or Humants of  
 said City in payment of all dues rents or indebtedness  
 of every character due or to become due said City except  
 License or occupation Tax

On Motion of Alderman Markley the resolution was  
 referred to the Finance Committee

His Honor the Mayor stated to Council that the  
 interests on the Bonded debt due Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1878, had been  
 forwarded to New York through the Banking House of  
 Eugene Brumond and that the Silver Coin in the City Treasury  
 had been taken by him in par and that he had paid the

City one Eighth of one per cent for Exchange

Alderman Miller moved that the matter of the indebtedness of the City of Austin to Hallen and Shelly be referred to a special Committee of three for investigation and report  
Carried

Alderman Miller Platt and Halle were appointed on the Committee

On Motion of Alderman Markley the Mayor was added to the Committee

By Alderman Miller a Resolution Providing for the erection of Five Street Lamps in Ward No. 4 and defining their location

On Motion the resolution was referred to the Committee on Streets

By Alderman Markley A Resolution Providing for the erection Six additional Street Lamps in Ward No. 5 and defining their location

Alderman Platt moved to lay the Resolution on the Table.

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On Motion of Alderman Miller the resolution was referred to Committee on Streets

By Alderman Markley, Be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin that His Honor the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to appoint Two Mounted Policemen and that said Mounted Policemen be required to furnish their own Animals and equipments. And be it further resolved that the sum of Ten dollars in City Warrants per month be allowed said Mounted Policemen for keeping and feeding of said Animals

On Motion of Alderman Halle the Resolution was laid on the Table

The following Communication was received from the City Water Company

Austin Texas

Dec 15<sup>th</sup> 1877

Hon J. L. De Gous

Mayor of the City of Austin

Dear Sir

I have the honor to inform you that the City Water Company have Completed their Reservoir under their Contract with the City of Austin of date April 18<sup>th</sup> 1877 with a capacity of 2,570,000 gallons in complete operation. Would respectfully ask you to direct the City Engineer to measure and report upon the

same

I have the honor to remain  
 Your most Obedt Servt  
 M J Master  
 Pres City Water Co

attached find copy of Contract

On motion of Alderman Miller the Communication  
 was received

Alderman Hall moved that the Communication  
 be referred to a special Committee of Five, and that the  
 Committee be authorized to command the services of the  
 City Engineer and ascertain if the Water Company have complied  
 with the terms of their Contract and that the Committee  
 report at next Meeting

Carried  
 Aldermen Hall, Brown, Strong, Platt and  
 Hartley were appointed on the Committee

Account of Paul Bonelli for Paving and Benching  
 done on private property on Dean St by order of the  
 Street Committee

Alderman Hall moved that the Street Committee  
 approve the account for the work done where the City  
 Marshal had notified the parties owning the lots to have  
 such work done and the said parties having failed to comply  
 and that the Ordinance Committee be requested to prepare  
 an Ordinance regulating the paving &c of Private property  
 Carried

The Gas Company presented accounts for Gas furn-  
 ished the City for the months of November & December 1844

On motion of Alderman Hall the accounts of  
 the Gas Co were referred to the Street Committee for invest-  
 gation

On motion the Council adjourned  
 Adjourned July 4<sup>th</sup> 1848

John J. Herbert.  
 City Clerk