Called Meeting of City Council
December 7th 1877

Council called to order at 7.50 P.M. Mayor DeGress in the Chair

Roll called and the following members answered

Aldermen Miller Markley Metz. Nalle Platt and Strong

Absent Aldermen Crow, Crooker. Millett and Shehan, Quorum present

Alderman Nalle moved a call of Council hall pretained and the Marshal was directed to bring in the absentees

The Journal of last meeting was read

Alderman Miller moved that the call of the Council be suspended. Motion lost

Aldermen Crow and Crooker came in and answered

On Motion of Alderman Nalle the call of the Council was suspended

On Motion of Alderman Nalle the Journal of last meeting was approved

His Honor the Mayor stated that he had called the council together for the purpose of laying before them for their action the report of the Finance Committee and the unfinished business from last meeting

The Finance Committee submitted the following report.

Austin Texas
December 7th 1877

To the
Hon the Mayor and Board of Aldermen
Austin Texas

Your Committee to whom was referred the report of the City Treasurer at the last regular meeting of the board. Respectfully report that they have carefully examined the same and find it correct Viz. Total amount of Cash in City Treasury $3625.20 of this amount there is $1519.75 in silver

There is now due in this City and being paid Interest on City Bonds amounting to $480 This amount can be paid out of the silver, and we see no reason why the balance of the silver, amounting

$1069.^{75}$ could not be exchanged for U.S. currency without loss to the City

The deficit in the amount of Cash now in the Treasury to meet the interest on City Bonds due in the City of New York on the first day of January next amounts to $1269.^{10}$

In view of all the facts your Committee would respectfully recommend that the Mayor be directed and authorized to dispose of the Silver now in the City Treasury, and should there not be in the Treasury to meet the interest maturing and payable in New York City on the first day of January. that he be empowered to negotiate for such an amount as may be required to meet the deficiency and be further authorized to issue the necessary amount of City Warrants required to meet the deficit

Respectfully Submitted
Joseph Nalle
L. H. Crooker
Finance Committee

On Motion of Alderman Platt the report of the Finance Committee was received and adopted

On Motion the Ordinance Making an appropriation for the purpose of purchasing Desks and Chairs for the Council Chamber which passed its first reading December 3" 1877. was taken up and read the second time and passed to third reading

On Motion the Ordinance Appropriating Twenty Eight hundred dollars for building and renovating Bridges which passed its first reading December 3" 1877 was taken up and red the second time and passed to third reading

Alderman Platt 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 was lost by the following Vote

Yeas Aldermen Crooker. Nalle. Platt and Strong.

Nays Aldermen Crow. Miller Markley and Mills

Petition of Louis Mercer for permission to establish a shooting gallery on Pecan Street

On Motion of Alderman Nalle the petition was

laid on the table

Petition of John D Elliott for permission to copy certain bids for the City Printing

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

Alderman Nalle moved to reconsider the the vote whereby the petition of John D Elliott was laid on the table

The Yeas and Nays ordered and the motion to reconsider carried by the following vote

Yeas Alderman Brown Brooker, Markley Nalle Platt and Strong

Nays Alderman Miller and Reid

On motion of Alderman Nalle the petition of John D Elliott was received and granted

The Committee on Market House submitted the following report

Austin Texas

December 7th 1877

To the

Hon Mayor and City Council

Your Committee on Market House to whom was referred the petitions of E P Haughn, P B Martin G Frick and other butchers doing business in the City Market House asking that the hour for closing the City Market House be changed from 8 o clock A M to 9 o clock A M, Respectfully report that they have examined the matter and recommend that the petitions be granted, and that the ordinance which passed its first reading on Dec 3rd 1877 Regulating the opening and closing of the City Market House be passed

Respectfully submitted

T J Markley

W A H Miller

On motion the report of the Committee on Market House was received and adopted

On motion the ordinance regulating the opening and closing of the City Market House which passed its first reading on December 3rd 1877 was taken up and and read the second time

Alderman Nalle 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 Crow. Crooker. Miller Markley Metz. Nalle. Platt 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 Alderman Crow. Crooker. Miller. Markley Metz. Nalle. Platt and Strong
Nays None
On Motion the Council Adjourned

John F. Herbert.
City Clerk

Called Meeting of City Council
December 22° 1877
Council called to order at 7.55 P.M.
G Crow President of the Board of Aldermen in the Chair
Roll called and the following members answered.
Aldermen Crow Crooker. Miller, Metz Platt and Sheehan
Absent Aldermen Millett Markley Nall and Strong
On Motion of Alderman Platt the Council adjourned to next regular meeting

John F. Herbert
City Clerk