

the benefit of the citizens in Ward #7 was requested to report at next meeting.
On Motion of Alderman Bremner the Council adjourned.

Approved September 21st 1877

John H. Herbert,
City Clerk

Regular Meeting of City Council September 3rd 1877

The Meeting was called to order at 8:30 P.M.
Mayor DeGress in the chair

Roll called and the following members answered:
Aldermen Cook, Deffenbacher, James, Mason, Robinson, Taylor, Hard and Hethers

Absent Aldermen Bremner and Garrison
Unofficial present

The Journal of the Meeting of August 27 (last meeting) was read

Alderman Hard moved to correct the Journal by striking out the motion to reconsider the adoption of the report of the committee on the payment of certain fees to the Mayor. Carried

On Motion of Alderman James the Journal as amended was approved

Petition of R. C. Koberg and Joseph Kalle asking authority to build a platform with shade over it for the purpose of receiving tolls, on Pease Street adjoining Poggi's Store

Resolution of Alderman Cook the petition was referred

To the Committee on Fire Department

Petition of J. E. Wadsworth M.D. stating that on the first of October next he will establish a Hospital for the care and treatment of all diseases and propose to take such patients as the City may have for Hospital treatment for the sum of one dollar per day which amount shall cover all expenses

On Motion of Alderman Hard the petition was referred to a special Committee of three together with the City Physicians

Aldermen Hard Taylor and Moore were appointed on the Committee

Petition of August Kuhlbaeh, asking a reduction in his Taxes for the year 1876

On Motion of Alderman Hard the petition was laid on the table

Petition of the Austin Gas Light and Coal Co with proposals to Light and keep in repair certain Oil Lamps and increasing the number of Gas Lights

On Motion of Alderman James the petition and proposals were referred to a special committee of three for investigation and report

Aldermen James Hard and Withers were appointed on the Committee

Petition of President of the City Water Company asking Council to locate the hydrants contracted for on Lavaca and Cherry streets as the company are now ready to erect the same

On Motion of Alderman Hard the petition was referred to the Committee on Streets

Reports of City Marshal, ~~City Engineer~~ City Physician and City Sexton for the month of August was read and received

The City Engineer submitted the following
Austin Sept 3rd 1877

Hon. Mayor and Board of Aldermen
of the City of Austin
Gentlemen

I have the honor to report that the work of the City during the month of August consisted of the usual repairs on Bridges and Streets, Cleaning of gutters &c.

A considerable amount of grading has been done on East Congress Street and on Red River Street between

Blocks #13 + 14 also on Mulberry Street between Garaca and Nueces. The approaches to the Bridge at intersection of Mulberry and Nueces Sts are about completed, and two more days work on Mulberry street with the same force would put that street in excellent condition. I again report the Bridge over Waller Creek at the crossing of Cedar Street as being unsafe, and being so much decayed as not to admit of repairs. This crossing should be abandoned or another bridge placed there. I would suggest that the Iron Bridge on East Pecan be transferred to that point and a Stone Bridge substituted where the Iron one now stands. The Stone Bridge on West Pecan Street is also unsafe, the arch being cracked. It is also too narrow for the travel that passes over it. The span of this bridge is only ten feet and it could not be extended the width of Pecan Street without much cost.

The approaches to north end of Bridge across the Colorado River at foot of Congress Avenue is so narrow, and the banks on either side so steep as to endanger the public safety, and as the question has been raised as whether it is the duty of the Bridge Company or that of the city to do this work, the point should be definitely settled, and the responsible party required to widen said approach sufficiently and render it secure against accidents. The Central and International & Great Northern Railroads have not yet made the required alterations and improvements along their lines.

A large amount of other work has been petitioned for by Citizens in every quarter, and now would seem to be the most favorable time, by reason of cheapness and abundance of labor, to prosecute these necessary improvements of this city. The force under my charge at present is by no means sufficient, and I respectfully ask that it be increased to a reasonable extent.

Respectfully

L. D. Anderson

City Engineer

On Motion of Alderman Ford the report of the City Engineer was received and accepted.

Alderman Withers moved that the Petition for the digging a public Well in Ward 7 which was referred to the Street Committee on the 4th of July last, be taken from the Committee and referred to a special Committee of three with power to act.

Alderman James moved that the motion of Alderman Withers be amended by striking out the words with power to act and insert the following in stead, to investigate

and to report at next meeting

The Motion as amended was adopted
Aldermen Withers, Bromond and James were
appointed on the Committee

Report of Printing Committee

Austin Texas Sept 3rd 1844

Your Committee to whom was referred the petition
of J D Elliott City Printer for relief of fifteen dollars
from having twice printed and covered one thousand
copies of Ex Mayor Wheelers report, find that one edition
has been paid for, the claim made is for a small allowance
to cover a portion of the loss for printing an other thousand
copies. The first edition contained some typographical errors
which were not discovered until after the publication had
left the binding. The errors had been marked in the proof
by J D Elliott but were not corrected by the printer.
and we think the equities are with him and especially as
both editions were used either by the City or Ex Mayor
Wheeler. Your Committee recommend the allowance
of fifteen dollars and that a warrant issue in full
satisfaction of the claim.

U. S. Offenberg.
Daniel A. James
D. J. Withers

Committee

On motion of Alderman Withers the report of the
Committee was received and adopted

By Alderman Taylor

To the Hon Mayor and City Council

Your Committee to whom was referred the probability
of disinfecting a Feather bed used one year ago by persons
having small pox have you the report of the Physicians of the
City

M. A. Taylor.

M. A. Taylor M. D.

Austin Texas

In answer to your question in regard to the
possibility of disinfecting thoroughly, feathers, that were
used twelve months before by persons suffering from
small pox (it being understood that new bedding will
be used, the original being destroyed)

The undersigned, residing physician in the City
of Austin Texas, being well as shown previous, that should
the feathers be subjected to a high temperature, in either

air, water or steam there will be no further danger of con-
minuting - will fix by the use of such feathers subjected to
such tests

H A Morris
J Cummings
U E Carothers
J H McLaughlin
Rich H L Smith
J B Hoodin
J H Stalmater
M A Taylor

Alderman Cook moved that the report be received
and adopted. Lost

Alderman Robinson moved that the City Marshal
buy the Feather Bed and all other articles which would
be liable to impart small pox, and to dispose of all other
property which is not considered dangerous, to the best interests
of the city, that he ascertain the value of the Feather Bed in
order to make a just settlement for same. Carried

Alderman Hard moved that the City Marshal
be allowed a sufficient amount of money to carry out
the resolution of Alderman Robinson. Carried

Report of Street Committee
To the Hon Mayor and City Council

Our Committee to whom was
referred the improvement of Pecan Street, have the honor
to make the following report.

First the property holders on either side of said
street shall be required to curb the said street from
Congress Avenue, to the street first below Brassie
store, and the city be required to lay down flat stone
in the bottom of the gutter not of more than eight inches
in width, and from said flat surface stone, the curb
stone pavement be laid about two feet towards the
center of the street, and that the Mayor be authorized
to advertise for proposals for said work as provided for
by ordinance

J H Robinson
M A Taylor
Daniel A James

Committee

On Motion of Alderman Hard the report of
the Committee was received and adopted

By Alderman Doffenbaugh. Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin that the Street Committee be authorized and directed to place a Lamp Post and Lamp at the 3^d Baptist Church (Colo) on Robinson Hill

On Motion of Alderman Hard the resolution was adopted

By Alderman James. Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin. That Morris & Co be employed to clean the Pavement at the City Market House and that the sum of Fifteen dollars be appropriated for that purpose

On Motion of Alderman Cook the resolution was adopted

To the Hon Mayor and City Council of the City of Austin

Respectfully

At a meeting of the Travis County Medical Society, on motion it was resolved that your honorable body be requested to allow said medical Society to hold their meetings in the City Hall twice a month

Yours Respectfully,

J. H. Stetson M.D.

Account of H. F. Clark for furnishing 52 perch of stone for walls of bridge on Avenue A amounting to 65⁰⁰ ordered by J. B. Wheeler while Mayor of the City

On Motion of Alderman Hard the account was referred to the proper officers for approval

Account of Martin Bulger & Co for work on stone bridges amounting to 440⁰⁰

On Motion of Alderman Robinson the account was ordered paid.

The Ordinance Regulating and fixing the Salary of Policemen of the City of Austin which was presented, read and referred to the Police Committee on 15th day of August 1877 was taken up and read the second time

Alderman James 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 Alderman James No. 4. Yeas and Nays

Trays Aldermen Cook, Daffentaylor, Robinson, and Taylor

Report of S J Dowdy accountant on the examination of Books & accounts of the city

Austin Aug 28th 1877

To the
Hon J C De Gress
Mayor of Austin
Dear Sir

In compliance with your instructions, I have examined the Books of the City of Austin in the City Clerk's Office from November 1st 1876 to July 31st 1877 inclusive, and respectfully call your attention to the following viz To Warrant #1289 favor of Mrs Durr for amount of \$1⁰⁰ but charged on Record Book as \$100⁰⁰ said warrant is still in the hands of the City Clerk, the owner having never called for it, also to error in addition of 10 in the recapitulation of warrants on June 9th 1877, also Warrant #1626 favor of H Norris issued for \$1,4⁰⁰ and only charged for \$16²⁶, making an over charge against the City of \$98²⁶.

I also call your attention to the amount of \$1294.00 charges in Ledger to endorsements &c when it should be credited, and to Interest &c credited with \$29⁰⁰ when it should be debited, these accounts have since been corrected and properly posted. I also compared the last report of the City Clerk with accounts in the Ledger and find them to correspond. I also checked every voucher for each Warrant issued and find the same correct.

In conclusion I will state that Captain Herbert rendered me every facility during his spare time while I was investigating the books, and that the accounts mentioned above are simply clerical errors and do not affect his report in the main.

Respectfully

Yours obedient servant
Sam J Dowdy

On Motion of Alderman Ward the report of Sam J Dowdy was received and adopted

The Mayor nominated Ellis Monroe as special Police Officer and asked his confirmation

On Motion of Alderman Ward the nomination of Ellis Monroe was confirmed

On Motion the Council Adjourned

Approved September 3rd 1874

John F. Herbert,
City Clerk

Called Meeting of City Council
September 6th 1874

Council called to order at 12.15 P.M.
M. A. Taylor President of the Board of Aldermen in
the chair.

Roll called and the following members answered
Aldermen. Cook, Deffenbaugh and Withers

Absent. Aldermen Brimond, James, Larmon,
Maas, Robinson and Ward.

Alderman Cook moved a call of the
Council. Call sustained and the Marshal was
directed to bring in the absentees.

Aldermen Brimond and Robinson came
in and answered. *Quorum present*

The President stated to Council that he had
called them together for the purpose of laying before
them the official of the Mayor of Paris Texas for as-
sistance. That city having recently been mostly destroyed by
fire and its citizens are in a destitute condition.

Alderman Robinson moved that Council Adjourn
to 8 o'clock this P.M. on account of there not being a
sufficient number of members present to pass an ordinance
making the necessary appropriation. *Carried*

At the adjourned meeting there were but three
members in business transacted and they left the Coun-
cil chamber at 9.15 with the understanding to meet at
12 M. Sept 7th

12 o'clock Sept 7th 1874 *No quorum - no
business transacted*

Approved September 21st 1874

John F. Herbert
City Clerk