Regular Meeting of City Council
July 2" 1877

Council called to order at 6 o'clock P.M.
Mayor De Gress in the chair
Roll called and the following members answered
Aldermen Bremond. Cook Deffenbaugh. James
Maas. Robinson. Taylor Ward and Withers
Absent Alderman Larmour. Quorum present
The Journal of last Meeting (June 26) was read
the Mayor stated to the Council that Mr Beal the gentleman
in charge of the Arsenal building in Ward #7 was present
and would like to make a statement to council regarding
the complaint made by citizens of that ward. and requested
Council to hear him before action was taken on the Journal
of last Meeting. Permission being granted Mr Beal sta=
ted that there was no powder stored in the building but
simply a small lot of fixed Ammunition, in fact a
smaller quantity than is kept on hand by any of the
Gunsmith's stores in the heart of the City
Alderman Ward moved to strike out of the
proceedings of last Meeting all that portion which refers
the petition of Citizens of Ward #7 to the City Marshal
for the abatement of the storage of Ammunition in the
Arsenal building as complained of in said petition
Carried
Alderman Taylor moved to amend that portion of
the report presented by the street Committee which was
adopted at the last Meeting granting 75 feet of ground to
Clavit Roberts for certain purposes by striking out 75 feet where
it occurs in the report and inserting 100 feet, Carried
On Motion the Journal of last Meeting was
approved as amended

Petitions

Petition of John D Elliott stating that he had
printed the finale report of Mayor Wheeler in pamphlet
form and issued 1000 copies and that on account of
some errors he was compelled to republish the 1000
copies and that the same expense was incurred as
in the original publication and asked Council to
make an appropriation in the sum of Ten or
fifteen dollars to reimburse him
On Motion of Alderman Bremond the petition
was referred to the Printing Committee

Petition of Capital Ice Company asking that they be allowed to pay their ground rent in City Warrants instead of U S. Currency.

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

Petition of J M Letton complaining of the large number of Dogs allowed to run about the Market House and asking some steps be taken to stop the nuisance

On Motion of Alderman Ward the petition was referred to the Committee on Market House

Petition of G H Erwin stating that in February 1876 he was employed by a committee of the Council to fill the fire Cisterns and was to receive the sum of $156 in U S Currency. That he now has to pay the City a debt not exceeding $50. That as he received from the City its City Warrants in payment of his Claim. he asks that he may pay the debt due the City in its Warrants instead of U S currency which is stipulated

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

Petition of C D Kitchen City Sexton Asking that certain accounts due him by the City be approved and paid

On Motion of Alderman Bremond the petition was referred to the Cemetery Committee

Petition of Austin Gas Light and Coal Co Making certain propositions for Furnishing Gas, Lighting Extinguishing & Refitting in repairs the Gas Lights in the City

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

Petition of Citizens of Ward 7 asking for the repairing and improving Chestnut St from Congress Avenue to East Avenue and making a dedication for the same

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

Reports of city officers

The Reports of the City Marshal, City Physician and City Sexton for the Month of June was presented read and received

Reports of Committees

Austin Texas June 28th 1877

Hon J C De Graw

Mayor of Austin

Sir

Your Committee on Streets to whom was referred the petition of Henry Glass for permission to set up a stand for the sale of Notions on the sidewalk on Congress Avenue. Respectfully report that they have examined the matter and recommend that the petitions be not granted

Respectfully

J H Robinson

M A Taylor

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

Austin Texas June 25" 1877

To the Hon Mayor and

Board of Aldermen City of Austin

We the Committee appointed by your hon body find on examination of the petitions of Mrs A. Brass is correct and recommend that the amount of Six dollars and five cents be refunded or credited on her tax rolls

Respectfully

Submitted

Ab H Cook Jr

A Deffenbaugh

Louis Maas

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

To the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Austin

Gentlemen

Your Committee appointed for the purpose of defining the duties of Market Master and Health Inspector, have carefully examined the City Ordinances defining the duties of these offices and respectfully state that they believe that no further action is necessary or required by the City Council in regard to these offices at this time

Very Respectfully

J C De Gress

M A Taylor

D. B Withers

Louis Maas

Committee

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

The Mayor nominated Val C Giles as Market Master and Health Inspector and asked council to confirm him

Alderman Duffenbaugh and Taylor were appointed Tellers, and after the vote was taken they announced the result as follows

For confirmation 6 votes, against confirmation 5 votes

Austin Texas. July 2nd 1877

To the
Hon Mayor & City Council. City of Austin
Gentlemen

In compliance with endorsement on the petition of John Ireland asking that certain obstructions be removed from the Alley on the South half of block 109, I would respectfully state that the owner of said property has been notified to have the obstructions removed within a period of ten days.

I have also notified Genl Steele the Adjt Genl to cause the removal of what Ammunition that there may be stored in the house in Ward 4 as prayed for in the petition of Citizens from said Ward within the same period

I would also report to your hon body that the bridge across Cypress Street on the West side of Congress Avenue is impassable, the planks being broken and worn out

Respectfully
Ed Gray
City Marshal

On Motion of Alderman Hart the report was referred to Street Committee

Alderman Taylor moved that the Fire Committee be requested to confer with the Officers of Washington Fire Co and Hope Hook & Ladder Company and ascertain what is required to put the room lately occupied as a Mayors Court room in proper condition for the meeting rooms for the two companies Carried

111 By Alderman Robinson fixing the Salary of the City Engineer of the City of Austin

The Ordinance was read

Alderman James moved to amend Section One

by striking out Fifty dollars and inserting Seventy five dollars. And that he be required to take charge of the City Carts and prisoners working on streets

On Motion the amendment was adopted

The Ordinance as amended was read and passed to its second reading

Alderman James moved to suspend the rules and put the ordinance on its second reading

Alderman Ward moved to lay the ordinance on the table

The Yeas and Nays ordered on the Motion to suspend the rules, carried by the following vote

Yeas Aldermen Brennand Cook. Deffenbaugh. James Robinson. Taylor and Withers

Nays Maas and Ward

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

Alderman Taylor 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, Brennand. Cook. Deffenbaugh James, Robinson. Taylor and Withers

Nays Aldermen Maas and Ward

The Ordinance was read the third time

Alderman Cook moved that the ordinance do pass

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

Yeas Aldermen Brennand. Cook. Deffenbaugh. James. Robinson. Taylor and Withers

Nays Aldermen Maas and Ward

By Alderman Cook. Be it Resolved by the City Council. That as C D Anderson City Engineer is absent from the City without leave. that his pay be suspended for the number of days that he may be absent

On Motion of Alderman Withers the Resolution was laid on the table

By Alderman Cook Be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin

Section I That the Mayor be and he is hereby requested and directed to immediately prepare and present to the City Council a full and complete list of the names of all persons who now hold commissions as special Policemen of the City of Austin

Section II Be it further Resolved that the Mayor be and he is hereby directed to immediately furnish the City Council with his reasons in writing for the appointment of any and all persons whom he may have Commissioned as Special Policemen

Section III Be it further resolved that the Mayor be and he is hereby requested and directed to immediately prepare and furnish the City Council with a written statement containing such information as he may possess touching the moral character of all persons who have been commissioned by him as Special Policemen

Alderman Ward moved as a substitute for the resolution of Alderman Cook that all appointments of Special Policemen be revoked. Adopted

On Motion the Council adjourned

On Motion [illegible]

John F. Herbert.
City Clerk

Approved July 7th 1877

Called Meeting of City Council
July 7th 1877

Council called to order 6.45 P.M. Mayor De Gress in the chair

Roll called and the following Members answered.

Aldermen James Mace Taylor. Ward and Withers.

Absent Aldermen Bremond. Cook Deffenbaugh. Larmour. and Robinson

No Quorum

The Mayor directed the Marshal to bring in the absentees.

Alderman Bremond came in and answered. Quorum found

Alderman Ward moved a call of the house and that the absentees be brought in Call sustained