

Improvements

Total

\$2000.00
\$7000.00

On Motion of Alderman Bremond the assessment on Block #174 Lots 1, 2, 3 & 4 remains as fixed by the assessor and Collector \$2800

On Motion of Alderman Bremond the assessment on the improvements on Block #174 Lots 1, 2, 3, & 4 was reduced to \$500.00 &

Petition of H. S. Harris stating that he is the agent for C. N. Kraft who owns Lot # - Block # 20 in Div C and that the City assessor has assessed the Lot at \$200.00 and the improvements at \$400.00 - making a total of \$600.00 he asks the assessment be reduced to \$500.00 - as he is willing to sell the property for that sum

On Motion of Alderman Robinson the petition was granted and the assessment fixed at \$500.00 -

* On Motion of Alderman Robinson the assessment on Block # 57 Div E Lots 33 & 34 with improvements remains as fixed by the assessor \$1000.00 -

On Motion the Court adjourned

John F. Herbert
City Clerk

Regular Meeting of City Council June 8th 1877

Council called to order at 12.30 P.M. Mayor Thaler in the chair.

Roll called and the following members answered.

Aldermen Bremond, Cook, Duffin, Taylor, James Haas, and Robinson

Absent Aldermen, Barman, Taylor & Hard
Quorum present

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

The Election Returns for Alderman in Ward No 7 was opened and read as follows.

Christen set as June 4th 1877

To the Mayor of the City of Austin and the Board of Aldermen thereof

(Extract) We, as Judges and Clerks of the Election held on the 4th of June 1877 in the City of Austin in the 7th Ward of said City for Alderman of the 7th Ward of said City do hereby certify that at this election held on the date aforesaid that for Alderman for said 7th Ward

P. H. Oberwetter received	21	votes
James O. Reilly	49	"
S. B. Withers	131	"
Edward Schultz	45	"

To all which we hereto sign our names as Judges and Clerks for the election held as before stated

R. M. Russell

Leslie Price

W. M. Metz

On Motion of Alderman Robinson the returns of the Judges of the Election in Ward⁷ was received

Alderman Robinson moved that S. B. Withers be declared elected Alderman in Ward⁷ and that he be sworn in.

The Mayor administered the oath to Alderman Withers and directed his name to be entered on the roll

On Motion the Council adjourned to meet as a Court of Appeals

John F. Harbor
City Clerk

Meeting of Court of Appeals

June 8th 1877

The Court of Appeals met at 1:30 P. M. Alderman Taylor President of the Board being absent. Alderman Robinson was called to the chair

Roll called and the following members answered Alderman Drummond, Cook, Duffenbaugh, James Maso Robinson and Withers

Absent Alderman Lammour Taylor & Ward
Quorum present

Petition of J. B. Statmaker stating that he is the owner of Lot #3 in Block #138 he shunts the value

place upon it is erroneous and asks that the assessment be reduced to \$450 -

On Motion of Alderman Bromond the petition was granted

Petition of Mrs L H Thompson stating that she is the owner of Lots # 5 + 6 in Block # 137 that the improvements are valued at \$1500 - she states that the improvements are very old and asks that she be reduced to \$800 - as she believes that would be a fair valuation

On Motion of Alderman Robinson the petition was granted

Petition of O H Wilkison stating that he is the owner of Lot # 2 in Block # 120 that the lot has been valued by the assessor at \$450 - that he is willing to sell the lot for \$200 - and asks that the assessment be reduced to \$200 -

On Motion the Court of Appeals adjourned to meet as City Council

John F. Herbert
City Clerk

Adjourned Meeting of City Council

June 8th 1877

Council called to order at 2 o'clock P M
Mayor Stulen in the Chair

Roll called and the following members answered
Aldermen Bromond, Cook, Deffentangle, James, Mason
Robinson Layton Thand Withers

Absent Alderman Lammour. Quorum present
The Minutes of the meetings of April 18th 26th May 7th 10th 12th 23rd + 30 was read and approved

On Motion of Alderman Bromond the further reading of the Journals was dispensed with

Petition R J Loving Henry North, J H McLaughlin + others complaining of the lateness of the hours that services are held at the Colored Baptist and the African Churches and by their loud voices made by the persons on the night of their meeting, disturbing the whole neighborhood

On Motion of Alderman Robinson the Petition was read

Petition of Anna Graps asking to be refunded the sum of \$6²⁵ which she states she has paid twice to the City Collector as taxes on Lot #7 Block #62 for the year 1875

On Motion of Alderman Cook the Petition was referred to a special Committee of three to be appointed

The Mayor appointed Aldermen Cook, Saffinbaugh and Maco as the special Committee

Petition of Mr. Noye stating that he is the owner of Lots #7 & 8 in Block #157 and Lot #1 in Block #175 that the City Assessor assessed the property for 1876 at \$2500. That the Board of Assessors raised the assessment to \$3800. making an increase of \$1300 and he asks that he be relieved from the payment of the additional taxes which amount to 18²²

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

Petition of John Ireland stating that he is the owner of the north half of Block #169 in the City of Austin and that Mr. Lawrence owns the other half. That he is trying to dispose of his part of the block but finds it difficult to do so on account of the alley being closed and asks that the City open the alley running through said Block

Alderman Robinson moved that the petition be received and that the City Marshal be directed to notify the parties causing the obstruction by giving them ten days notice to remove said obstructions and to report his action to the City Council

Carried

Petition of John Goodson stating that Cisterns belonging to the Central R.R. situated opposite his house in Ward #10 are covered with water and refuse filling up or dripping and asking the City Council take such action as they deem proper

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

Petition of A. Blumke stating that he is the owner of Lots #10 8 1/2 of #3, Lots #3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 & 18 in Div C Block #33. but saw Block #4 Lots #16, 17, & 18 which he rendered to the assessor for 1876 at \$4000. And that the Board of Assessors raised the assessment to \$6600 making an increase of \$2600 over my assessment and asking that the amount be reduced to his original assessment

On Motion of Alderman Cook the petition was

received

Alderman Hard moved to lay the petition of A. Blumstein on the table

Carried

The Mayor submitted the following
To the Hon Mayor & City Council of the
City of Austin

In obedience to your request we have investigated the condition of the three yards in the corporate limits, and whilst we do not purpose to condemn them as detrimental to the health of the neighborhood we are constrained to say that the offensive odor and effluvia arising therefrom place them under the head of nuisances, and we recommend that they be abated.

We would also invite your attention to the condition of the farms and creeks of the County Jail and Court House Capitol and Land Office also the creek at the Graded School House and many other places, such as the Living Stables which have no cesspools and consequently waste their filth on the streets and alleys thereby creating nuisances and danger to the health of the City. We therefore earnestly represent the necessity of procuring a set of the orderless excavating apparatus for the purpose of cleaning such places, and that the City authorities should compel the owners or keepers of all such establishments to prepare suitable receptacles for their waste water and be required to empty them by the orderless process alone and that said sanitary provisions be enacted and put in force at the earliest practicable period.

June 5, 1877

J. M. Litten M.D.

R. M. Swearingen M.D.

Q. H. Starnes M.D.

On Motion of Alderman Cook the report was received

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By City Atty. An Ordinance Regulating Hides Yards

The Ordinance was read and passed to its second reading

Alderman Taylor 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 Alderman Fremont Cook Safford
Davis, Moor, Robinson, Taylor, Hard and Withers
Nays none

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 motion to further suspend the rules carried unanimously.

The Ordinance was read the third time

Alderman Taylor moved that the ordinance do pass the Yeas and Nays ordered and the ordinance passed by the following vote

Yeas Aldermen 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000

The Mayor presented the names of the following persons who had been appointed and asked their confirmation as Police Officers. A. J. Denny, E. C. Green, & John Farrell.

The Yeas and Nays called and the nomination was confirmed by the following vote

Yeas Aldermen 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000

Nays Aldermen Siffert and Taylor

The Committee to whom was referred the matter of taking up Hydrants on Congress Avenue & Pease Street submitted the following

Hon Mayor and City Council
Gentlemen

Your Committee to whom was referred the matter of taking up and removing Fire Hydrants from the Avenue and Pease Street, after conferring with the Chief of Fire Dept recommend that at least Ten be taken up and submit the enclosed ordinance and ask its passage

R B Wheeler Mayor
J H Robinson
S A James

On motion of Alderman Cook the report was read and the Ordinance Authorizing that certain Fire Hydrants be taken up and removed from the Avenue and Pease Street

The Ordinance was read and passed its first reading

Alderman Taylor moved that the rules be suspended 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 Drmond, Cook, Duffenbaugh, James
Mason, Robinson, Taylor, Hard and Withers

Nays None

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

Alderman Cook moved to further suspend the rules
and put the ordinance on its third reading

On the motion to further suspend the rules
Carried unanimously

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 Drmond, Cook, Duffenbaugh,
James Mason, Robinson, Taylor, Hard and Withers

Nays None

Alderman Taylor moved that a Committee
of three be appointed to ascertain the cost of procuring
a set of the Ordinance excavating apparatus and report at
the earliest date

Aldermen Taylor, Drmond and Withers
were appointed on the Committee

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

By Alderman Hard, Be it resolved by the
City Council of the City of Austin, That the City Marshal
be and he is hereby authorized and instructed to sell
to the highest bidder at public Auction after giving Ten
days notice thereof, The Buildings known as the small
Fox Hospital Buildings, situate about one and one
half miles south of Austin. Carried

On Motion the Council Adjourned to 8
O'clock P.M. Tomorrow June 9

John F. Herber
City Clerk

Adjourned Meeting City Council June 9th 1877

Council met pursuant to adjournment
at 3.15 P.M. Mayor Wheeler in the Chair

Roll called and the following Members answered
Alderman, Bremond Siffenbarger, James
Larson, Robinson Taylor and Hard
Absent Alderman. Cook Maas and Withers
Quorum present

On motion of Alderman James the Marshal
was directed to bring in the Absentees

Alderman Cook Maas and Withers. came
in and answered

The Mayor stated that the business before
the Council was the examination of the returns
of the Judges of the special Election held on the 4th
day of June 1877 for Mayor of the City of Austin
and appointed Aldermen Maas Hard and
Siffenbarger as tellers to examine the returns.

Col. Trigg informed the Council that he had
been with the City Clerk a fortnight signed by a
number of voters against the qualifications and installa-
ment of J. C. DeBuss as Mayor of the City of Austin

Alderman Hard moved that the tellers proceed
to examine the elective returns

The Tellers opened the Elective returns in the
presence of the City Council and after examining them
reported as follows

Names	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
J. C. DeBuss	52	31	15	18	51	25	61	79	40	56	428
Jeff Chayster	23	48	38	31	52	29	57	40	46	56	421
James Neil	67	20	17	15	5	9	46	23	36	46	284
James S. Ballough	2	1			7	1	8	6	6	3	34
Ben Henriks	37	42	16	4	4	2	28	9	29	22	183
Rodney Platt	25	10	11	8	10	11	39	27	83	35	259
J. R. Cummings	1	2	2	4	3	2	19		6	2	41
A. H. Cook Jr	10	6	6	7	2	2	2	1	2	7	45
John H. Glenn		140	105				1				245

We the undersigned Committee do hereby
submit the foregoing as the number of votes which each can-
didate received named respectively in the Election for Mayor
held on the 4th day of June 1877

A Siffenbarger

Low Mass
R H Hard

On motion the report was received
Alderman Duffenbaugh moved that candidate receiving the highest number of votes be declared elected to the office of Mayor and that he be sworn in

Alderman Taylor moved as a substitute to the motion of Alderman Duffenbaugh that the whole matter be referred to a special committee of three substitute accepted

The Yeas & Nays ordered with the following result
Yeas Aldermen Cook, Duffenbaugh, James, Robinson & Taylor.

Nays Aldermen Bremond, Larmour, Moas, Hard and Withers. The vote being a tie the Mayor voted in the affirmative and the resolution to refer to a committee carried

The Mayor appointed Aldermen Hard, Duffenbaugh and Bremond on the committee

The Protest filed by Col Trigg against the qualification and installation of J C De Gress was read

Alderman Larmour moved to lay the protest on the table

The Yeas & Nays ordered and the motion to lay on the table was lost by the following vote

Yeas Aldermen Bremond, Larmour, Moas, and Withers

Nays Aldermen Cook, Duffenbaugh, James Robinson Taylor and Hard

Alderman Taylor moved that the protest be received and referred to the committee appointed to investigate the qualification of the Mayor elect and that the committee have power to send for persons and papers

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

Yeas Aldermen Cook, Duffenbaugh, James Robinson Taylor and Hard

Nays Aldermen Bremond, Larmour, Moas and Withers

On motion of Alderman Taylor the council adjourned to 8 o'clock P M

Adjourned Meeting City Council

June 9th 1877

Council met pursuant to adjournment
Mayor Wheeler in the chair

Roll called and the following members
answered

Aldermen Brumond Cook. Seffenbange James
Lammour Maas. Robinson. Taylor Ward and Withers
Absent none

The committee appointed to examine the
matter of Election of Mayor and protest of citizens
submitted the following report.

Austin Texas June 9th 1877

Hon J. B. Wheeler Mayor and City Council
of the City of Austin Texas

Two of your Committee to whom was
referred the matter of Election of Mayor, and the
protest of citizens in regard to the same, beg leave to
respectfully report

I That we find that J. C. De Gress in said
Election received 28 votes, that being the highest
number received by any Candidate

II That we believe that under our City Charter the
Mayor is a member of the City Council, and that
the City Council under Article 4 have the power
to judge of the elective returns and the qualifications
of its own members, and that therefore the City Council
has the undoubted right to determine the fact as to
whether or not the candidate who received the highest
number of votes for Mayor is eligible to the office

III We find further that on June 4th 1877 J. C. De Gress
was on the list of retired officers of the United States
Army. From the evidence taken by your Committee
and an examination of the laws upon the subject
that at said date J. C. De Gress received from the U. S.
Government \$1650 - a year. That he was retired
under the Act of August 3rd 1861 on the 30th Decem-
ber 1871 for wounds received during the late war.

That in the judgment of your Committee the position
of a retired officer of the Army is not such an office
as is contemplated under Article 8 of the Charter
and that therefore the said De Gress is eligible
to fill the office of Mayor

IV Your Committee believe further that Art 8

was intended to prohibit any person from holding the office of Mayor who at the same time was in the active discharge of the duties of some other office created either under the State or Federal authority, and that retired Army officers has no duty and can have none to perform under the laws of the U.S. and that the sum of \$1650 - paid to J. C. De Gress yearly as a retired officer by the Government, was intended and is a remuneration for past services and not as a reward for any labor or services he now performs as a retired Army officer, or that he is liable to perform. Wherefore your Committee consider that they are of the opinion that J. C. De Gress is eligible to the position of Mayor.

Robert H. Ford
Chairman

E. D. Bromond

I can not concur in the above. I believe that J. C. De Gress is ineligible under article 8

A. Deffenbaugh.

On motion of Alderman James the report of the Committee was rejected.

Alderman Macao moved that the majority report be adopted.

The Yeas and Nays ordered and the motion of Alderman ^{Macao} to adopt the majority report of the Committee carried by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Bromond, James, Larmon, Macao, Ford and Withers.

Nays Aldermen Cook, Deffenbaugh, Robinson and Taylor.

Mayor Wheeler read his final Report to the City Council giving a detailed account of his administration from the time of his first election as Mayor to the present time, together with a statement of the liabilities and assets of the City.

Alderman Taylor moved that the report of the Mayor be referred to a special Committee of three.

Carried.

Aldermen Taylor, Robinson and Cook were appointed on the committee.

By Alderman Cook. Be it resolved by the City Council that the thanks of the City Council be tendered to the outgoing Mayor the Honorable

T. B. Wheeler for his uniform impartiality in the discharge of his onerous duties and for his utmost zeal and integrity, he has ever performed for the good of the City and for the welfare of her people.

On motion of Alderman Taylor the resolution was adopted.

X Alderman Taylor moved that J. B. De Gros Mayor elect be qualified. Carried.

The oath of office was administered by the Hon. T. B. Wheeler X

Mayor De Gros before taking the oath made a short address which was well received by the Council.

F. L. Britton Esq. City Attorney in behalf of the Officers of the City presented to the Hon. T. B. Wheeler the retiring Mayor an Elegant Gold Watch and Chain as a token of their esteem.

On motion the Council adjourned.

James F. [Signature]
City Clerk

Court of Appeals

Called Meeting June 15/77.

The Court met at 12.30 P.M. M. A. Taylor President of the Board of Aldermen in the Chair. Roll called and the following members answered.

Aldermen Bremond, Duffenbaugh, James Lammour, Robinson Hard and Withers.

Abraham Alderman, Clerk. Quorum present. Petition of T. J. Moore, stating that he had tendered his assessment to the apportion on Lot #607 in Block #122 at \$1600- and that it had been raised to \$2000 and asking that it be reduced to \$1600.

On motion of Alderman the petition was granted and the apportion fixed at \$1600-.

Petition of B A. Rogers stating that he owns and is assessed on 22 Lots in Canterbury Square ^{Block #33 Div C} and that the assessment is greater than it should be and asking that it be reduced

On Motion of Alderman Bremond the Lots was assessed at \$75 - each

The assessment on the following property was increased to wit

J. Warren Block #40 Div E Lots #10, 11, + 12 from \$1500 to \$2500

Oliver Brush, Block #58 Lots #9, + 1/2 of #10 from \$4000 - to \$4500 -

Mrs E J Talbot Block #69 South 1/2 of Lot #4 and improvements from \$2000 - to \$3000 -

W R Thompson, Block #91 Lot #3 from \$200 - to \$300 -

Amelia Draf, Block #93 2/3 of Lot #8 from \$200 - to \$300 -

Robert Martson Block #95 Lots #1 + 2 from \$1500 - to \$1800 -

L. Eilers Block #96 Lot #6 from \$900 to \$1000 -

Laura Steiner Block #97, 3/4 of Lot #1, and Lot #2 from \$5400 to \$8000 -

Oliver Brush Block #97 South 1/2 of Lot #6 from \$3500 to \$4000

W H Stafford Block #111 North 1/2 of Lot #3 from \$3000 to \$3500

W Druggershoff Block #111 Lot #6 from \$7800 - to \$8000 -

A B Palmer Block #112 Lots #2, 3, 4, 5 + 6 from \$4000 to \$4500

Danpaw & Herman Block #117 from \$2000 - to \$2400

W C Foster Block #20 Lots #7 + 8 from \$900 to \$1000 -

Mrs H M Hayden Block #121 Lots #1 + 2 from \$1500 to \$1700

Lovins & Christian Block #123 Lot #3 from \$4000 to \$7000 -

F F Swash Block #4 Div B Sub Div Block #1 Lot #4 from \$150 - to \$200. and improvements from \$200 to \$300

On Motion of Alderman

James the Court adjourned sine die
 John L. Herbert.
 City Clerk

Called Meeting of City Council
 June 15th 1877

Council called to order at 1:40 P.M.
 Mayor DeShues in the Chair.

Roll called and the following Members answered
 Aldermen Bromond, Daffentangle, James Larnour,
 Robinson, Taylor, Ford and Withers

Absent, Aldermen Cook and Maco
 Priors present

The Mayor informed the Council that he had called them together for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Finance Committee on the settlement of the claim of the Selby Manufacturing Co whereupon the Committee submitted the following Report.

Austin Tex as June 15th 1877

To the

Hon Mayor and Board of Aldermen
 Your Committee on Finance to whom was referred the settlement with the Selby Manufacturing Company of their claim against the City amounting to \$1500 in City warrants held by them and interest on same for two years @ 10% making the claim \$1800.

Your Committee after carefully examining said claim find it a just one and the debt was created by purchase of Steam Fire Engine Washington #1

Your Committee would respectfully recommend that the Mayor of the City be authorized to issue Austin City 20% bonds at par to pay the indebtedness and further that as the City bonds are of the denomination of \$500 each and there would be a fraction remaining over the \$1800, would recommend further that the sum of two hundred dollars in City warrants now outstanding be received through the same parties and included for the \$2000 of City bonds.