

on motion the petition was granted

On motion the Court of Appeals adjourned to Tuesday the 6th inst at 12 o'clock P.M.

John F. Herbert

Deputy City Marshal and
City Recorder

Regular Meeting

Council Chamber

June 5th 1876

Council called to order at 4.30 P.M. Mayor Wheeler in the Chair

Roll called and the following members answered
Aldermen Bremont, Chandler, Cook, Saffenburg &
Goodall James, Larmon, Robinson and Shuck

Absent Alderman Taylor. Quorum present

On Motion of Alderman Robinson the reading of the Journals was dispensed with

Petition of L. H. Johnson, J. R. Grump and others asking certain repairs made to the public Well at the corner of N. 4th and Humboldt Streets

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

Petition of W. B. Smith asking permission to store 200 Cans of Oil in Warehouse near central R.R. freight depot

On Motion of Alderman Bremont the petition was laid on the Table

Petition of R. M. Castelman asking the removal of certain obstructions in the Street on Block 11.06

On Motion of Alder Shuck the City Engineer and City Marshal were directed to remove the obstructions complained of

X Petition of Mr. Gray asking to be refunded the sum of Thirty seven and 50/100 the amount paid by him to the City of Austin for License as Auctioneer as he had discontinued the business

On Motion of Alderman Shuck the petition was laid on the Table

Petition of S. A. Tournequest asking the issuance of a license to retail Liquor in quantities less than one

grant in Ward 9

On Motion of Alderman Shanks the petition was granted and the Mayor authorized to grant the required license

Petition of A. L. Austry & asking that they be paid the sum of \$113.23 (for groceries furnished small pox hospital) in U.S. currency instead of city warrants

On Motion of Alderman Robinson action was postponed to next meeting.

Petition of F. Shaffer asking certain repairs to blank running path Feb 10 tomorrow

On Motion of Alderman Bremond action was postponed to next meeting

Petition of C. L. Nitschki City Engineer asking that a new gate be made to the city cemetery as the old one is worthless

On Motion of Alderman Cook the petition was received and referred to the Cemetery with power to have the necessary work or repairs done at once

Petition of L. E. Miller A. H. Brown and others asking the cleaning and paving of the gutters on the East side of Pecan St

On Motion of Alderman Robinson action was postponed to next meeting

Petition of M. S. Matthews asking to be refunded the amount of license paid for keeping a feed store as he has discontinued the business

On Motion of Alderman the petition was laid on the table

Petition of M. S. Mather President of Austin City Water Company asking authority under their contract to place the water on certain blocks on which they have extended their mains

On Motion of Alderman Bremond the petition was referred to Committee on Streets and Finance

Reports of Officers

Mayor Wheeler submitted the following Report

Mayors Office

Austin Texas Jan 5th 1896

To the

Board of Aldermen of the City of Austin
Gentlemen

As you are aware it was my duty under the Ordinance of the City to make a report to your body

on the first Monday in May, but owing to protracted illness I have not been able until now to perform that duty.

In regard to the financial condition of the City I refer you to the reports of the Assessor & Collector the Treasurer and City Clerk which were submitted to your body at your last regular session.

While our City is not specially embarrassed its financial condition is not so good as we desire to see it. But this seems to be attributable more to the lack of power to collect taxes promptly than it does to any extravagant expenditures on the part of the City government. There are now due the City between \$20,000 and \$30,000 in back taxes mostly due on real estate.

Heretofore as you know we have had no authority to enforce the collection of this tax, but we hope soon to be able to collect taxes from all promptly and uniformly in proportion to the amount of property each owns in the City. Then there will be no necessity or even excuse for a floating debt, a misfortune to which we were compelled to submit under the former Constitution and laws. In this connection I feel it my duty to make a few suggestions which I trust you will consider in the spirit in which they are offered, and if you think proper adopt them as your future policy.

I Provide at once for the sinking fund and interest due on the bonded debt by instructing your Finance Committee by resolution to make an estimate what amount of the years income is necessary for that purpose and authorize the Assessor and Collector to have an additional column in his assessment rolls in which that special tax shall be entered and compel him to collect from each tax payer that special tax in money. By that means the interest fund will always be in readiness.

While each year enough sinking fund will accumulate to retire a portion of the bonds, and the bonded debt can be annually reduced.

II. At the regular session on the first of each month make appropriations in the following order

I Provide for the Maintenance and necessary expenses of the Fire Department

II Provide for the payment of the Water and Gas bills

III Provide for policing the City, Feeding prisoners, Paupers and all necessary actual expenses of the City government.

IV Provide that what remains after the above appropriations are paid shall be expended in repairing and keeping in repair the streets of the City

I am induced to make these recommendations that we may keep our disbursements within our income, and to do this we must know how much we receive and what we expend each month

That the disbursements shall not exceed the appropriation let the Mayor keep a memorandum of the amount of warrants he issues on each appropriation and hold him responsible if he issues more warrants for any purpose than the appropriation for said purpose.

This course will place our financial condition before your body each month and if any of the appropriations are extravagant they can be revised and reduced each month, which will certainly be an improvement upon the present system

I ask that when you make an appropriation you review each item carefully, and make at this as well as all other sessions just such appropriations for each department as you may deem necessary

Hoping that you may see proper to adopt these suggestions or something similar I remain

Yours Obedt Servant
J. B. Wheeler

On Motion of Alderman Cook the report was received

Report of City Marshal for the month of May was received

Report of City Physician for the month of May was received

Report of City Sexton for the month of May was received

Reports of Committees

To the Hon Mayor and City Council

Your Committee on Streets to whom was referred the petition of E. W. Shanks, J. H. Penn and others asking the City to sprinkle boulevards Avenue and Pecan Sts have carefully examined the same and recommend that the Mayor be authorized to advertise for proposals for the same

J. H. Robinson
S. A. James

Committee

Austin May 20th 1876

On Motion of Alderman Hoffmeyer the report was received and action postponed to next regular meeting.

To the Hon Mayor and City Council

Your Committee on Streets to whom was referred the petition of B M Broadwater A S Judd and others asking to leave a portion of the river walk for foundry purposes, recommend that no action be taken on the same until after the International Railroad Company have located the crossing for their bridge across the Colorado river

J H Robinson
B A James

May 20th 1896

Committee

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

To the Hon Mayor and City Council

Your Committee on Streets to whom was referred the petition of Jenkins & Co have carefully examined the same and recommend that it be not granted

J H Robinson
B A James

May 20th 1896

Committee

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

To the Hon Mayor and City Council

Your Committee on Streets to whom was referred the petition of J W Smith, asking the construction of a culvert on the Street running North and South at a point East of Block No 52, 5th E. 18th Ave to report that they have performed the duty assigned them, and have given directions to the City Engineer to have the necessary work done

J H Robinson
B A James

May 20th 1896

Committee

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

To the Hon Mayor and City Council

Your Committee on Streets to whom was referred the petition of Ed Greany City Marshal asking compensation in addition to that of salary as City Marshal, for superintending

the working of the City carts and prisoners on the public streets.
 Respectfully recommend that the working of the City carts
 and City prisoners be done under the direction of the City
 Engineer, and that the City Marshal be paid a fair com-
 pensation for the time that he has had charge of said carts
 and prisoners

May 20th 1876

J. B. Robinson
 Samuel A. Jones
 Committee

Alderman Brumond moved that the report of the
 Committee be received and adopted so far as the City carts
 and prisoners be worked under the direction of the City
 Engineer, and to strike out that part allowing compensation
 to the City Marshal

Carried

Austin Texas

June 5th 1876

Hon. J. B. Wheeler

Mayor of Austin

Sir

Our Committee appointed to examine the
 the lot assessment rolls of this City and equalize the same.
 have done all that was in their power to do in the short
 time allowed, viz from May 8th to June 2nd, and respectfully
 forward to your Hon body the attached schedules 71001 to 10
 inclusive. We do not claim that every alteration we
 have made is correct, but it is as near as we it was in
 our power to make it from the data before us

We would state we have examined every lot and block
 and have endeavored to do justice to each and every tax
 payer. We would respectfully call the attention of your
 Hon body to the present survey and map of the City, and
 would respectfully suggest that a new map be made by
 a correct survey by the city engineer and that such
 map be made by separate wards

The short time in which we had to perform
 the duty assigned us, has compelled us to employ a
 horse rugging which we respectfully ask your Hon body
 to allow a reasonable compensation

Respectfully submitted

S. A. Jones
 A. B. Bennett

Committee

By Alderman Bremond. An ordinance⁷ authorizing the funding of Twenty thousand dollars of the floating debt of the City of Austin.

Ordinance read first time and passed to its second reading by the following vote

Yeas, Aldermen Bremond, Chandler, Cook, Duffenbaugh, Goodale, James, Larmon, Robinson, & Shuts Nays None

On Motion the rules was suspended and the ordinance was put on its second reading and passed by the following vote

Yeas Aldermen Bremond, Chandler, Cook, Duffenbaugh, Goodale, James, Larmon, Robinson & Shuts

On Motion the rules was further suspended and the ordinance put on its third reading and final passage Yeas & Nays called and the ordinance passed by the following vote, Yeas Aldermen Bremond, Chandler, Cook, Duffenbaugh, Goodale, James, Larmon, Robinson and Shuts

By Alderman Goodale Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, that the contract existing between the City of Austin and John Gordon, for Lighting, Extinguishing and keeping in repair the public Street Lamps, be and the same is hereby annulled, and the Mayor is requested to notify said Gordon of the same. Resolved further that said Gordon be requested to put the street lamps in as good repair and condition as he received them and that the City Marshal be instructed to examine all public street lamps and report the results of his inspection to the Mayor, and in case the said lamps are found to be in bad condition the Mayor shall withhold any money due said Gordon on his contract until the lamps are reported by the City Marshal to be in good condition

The Yeas and Nays being called the resolution passed by the following vote

Yeas Aldermen Bremond, Cook, Duffenbaugh, Goodale, James, Larmon, Robinson & Shuts and Taylor, Alderman Chandler being out when the resolution was read was excused from voting

Nays None

By Alderman James Resolved That the City Marshal be and he is hereby requested to open the Alley running East and West through Blocks 146 & 147 to their full width and that for the purpose of enabling him to do so the City Engineer shall establish

and stake out the true lines of said Alley through said blocks

The Yeas and Nays being called the resolutions passed by the following vote: Yeas ^{Alderman} Bremond, Book, Goodale, James Larimer, Robinson & Shuts. Nays Alderman Chandler, Duffenbaugh & Taylor

By Alderman Goodale Be it resolved that the City Marshal be instructed to keep oil lamps burning at dangerous places such places to be designated by the Street Committee and such lamps to be maintained, lighted and extinguished by the City and that all lamps not used be taken down and stored by the City Marshal Carried

By Alderman Book Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin that the Cemetery Committee be instructed to see if they can devise some means to enclose the new grounds at the City Grave yard, as the lots now in the old Cemetery are all taken up and parties now wishing to purchase lots to bury their loved ones are deprived for the simple reason that there is no fence around the grounds recently purchased by the City Carried

Alderman Duffenbaugh presented the following, considering the liability to accident and the consequent suspensions of the water supply by the City Water Company and that the time for the completion of the Reservoir as stipulated in the Contract between the City and the said Company has long since expired, that be it resolved that the City Water Company be required to immediately provide tanks to hold not less than (30,000) thirty thousand Gallons

On Motion of Alderman Bremond the communication and resolution was laid on the table

By Alderman Book, An Ordinance granting the right of way through the City of Austin to the Austin Mineral and Water Railroad Company

On Motion of Alderman Bremond Action on the ordinance was postponed to next regular meeting

By Alderman Shuts Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin that the Committee on Finance and the Committee on Ordinances be instructed to report on ordinances at the next meeting of this Board providing for the necessary appor-

provisions to be made in accordance with the recommendations of the Mayor made at the present meeting Carried

On Motion of Alderman Shuko His Honor the Mayor was granted leave of absence without day on account of ill health

By Alderman Taylor, Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, That the present room occupied by the Mayor's Office be repaired and rented and if acceptable turned over to some organized fire company

On Motion the resolution was referred to a special committee ^{of five} to be appointed

Alderman Taylor, Robinson, Lormour, James, and Chandler was appointed on said committee

By Alderman Cook, Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin That the City Marshal be authorized to employ a suitable person as City Pound Keeper at a salary not to exceed Forty dollars per month

The Yeas and Nays being called the resolution passed by the following vote

Yeas Alderman Bremond, Chandler Cook, Deffenbaugh, Goodale, James, Lormour, Robinson
Nays Alderman Shuko

On Motion of Alderman Robinson the Council adjourned subject to the call of the Mayor

John F. Herbert
Recorder

Board of Appeals Council Chamber

June 6th 1896

The Board of Appeals met at 12 o'clock, P.M. pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Chandler President in the Chair

Roll called and the following members answered
Aldermen Bremond, Cook, Deffenbaugh, Goodale, James, Robinson & Taylor. Absent Aldermen Lormour & Shuko

On Motion of Alderman Cook the report of the Birchoffs on Lots No 9, 10, 11, & 12 in Block # 162 which was fixed at \$2000 - on the 3rd must be reconsidered and the appraisement fixed at \$1500

On Motion Alderman Bromond was excused from attendance this day

Petition of J. Loeschmann asking a reduction on assessment of Lot #4 Block #158

On Motion the petition was not granted

Petition of H. Blinsky stating that his Block #26 Division "E" had been raised from \$2000 to \$2500. and asking a reduction

On Motion was not granted

On Motion the Court of appeals adjourned to June 7th 1876 at 12 o'clock M

John F. Herbert
Recorder

Called Meeting

Council Chamber June 6th 1876

Council met at 1:30 P.M. Mayor Wheeler in the Chair

Roll called and the following members answered, Aldermen Lechmiller, Cook, Deffenbaugh & Goodall, James Robinson and Taylor

Absent Alderman Bromond Larmon and Shuck

Quorum present

The Mayor informed the Council that he had called them together for the purpose of taking action on lighting street lamps, whereupon Alderman Goodall presented a petition of John Gordon asking that he be allowed to continue the lighting of the Street Lamps to the end of the present month, as he had laid in sufficient supply of Oil and his employees was engaged to that time and he was compelled to pay them for the month

Alderman Deffenbaugh moved that Mr. Gordon be allowed to continue the lighting of the Street Lamps for the present month

Alderman Leach offered the following Amendment, Provided said Gordon will agree to keep said lamps lighted to the satisfaction of the Street Committee and City Marshal

Amendment accepted and the resolution