

on Bonds that will fall due on the first day of January 1876. And that all money collected on the day of taxes or otherwise, be immediately turned into the City Treasury to replace said amount to the credit of the sinking fund, and that no appropriation be made until said borrowed money is replaced.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:
Yeas Alds, Cook Deffenbaugh, Goodale James, Lammour and Taylor.

Ald Chandler declined voting.

On motion the Council adjourned.

Fred Stegling Recorder.

Regular Meeting of the City Council
Council Chamber
Austin Texas Jan'y: 3^d 1876

The Council met pursuant to adjournment:
Mayor T. B. Wheeler in the chair. Present:
Alderman E. Bremond, F. W. Chandler, A. H. Cook, A. Deffenbaugh, F. O. Goodale D. A. James, J. Lammour, J. H. Robinson, D. Sheets and M. A. Taylor.

On motion the reading of the minutes were dispensed with.

Petitions read and disposed of.

De Cordova, Withers & Co in behalf of G. McMahon praying for a reduction of the assessment of said G. McMahon for the year 1875 on Lot 2, Division O. from \$3000 to \$1500. Referred back to petitioners to state the proper location of said property.

Louis Contardi & Co, praying for a licence to be granted them to retail liquors in Ward No. 1. Referred to Committee on Ordinances.

E. Koch and C. H. Buchner praying for the issuance of a licence to retail liquors in the 9th Ward. Granted.

R. Bertram, A. Von Rosenberg and seventy eight other citizens of Austin asking for the cleaning of Orange Street, and if possible to build a

bridge across Shiel Creek at the crossing of said street.

Referred to Committee on Streets with instructions to have a survey made by the City Engineer.

H. Mow. praying for the issuance of a licence to retail liquors in Ward 2. Granted.

C. S. West called the attention of the Council to the condition of San Antonio Street at its intersection with Bois D'Arc street, stating that the water flowing down Bois D'Arc street from Guadalupe street and from block No 73, the alley and down Pecan Street, instead of being carried off in ditches, was all flowing through block No 74. His private property, greatly to his damage; stating further, that he had individually expended three or four hundred dollars and the City had done some work, but four or five days more work was required; and asking the city to authorize him to expend his share in the repairing of this wash: stating further that he does not write this in a complaining spirit; that an embankment was required at the southwest corner of block No 73 on Pecan Street, so as to prevent all the water passing down the middle and north side of Pecan Street from passing through his yard and house.

Referred to the Committee on Streets, with authority to act in the premises.

W Hopkins representing that the road from Pecan Street to his residence has been and is now, almost impassable, that he had worked the road, digging a ditch nearly 1000 feet long, at an expense of \$45.00 to himself, and that it is necessary for a culvert to be built at the foot of the hill, which the petitioner proposes to do, provided the corporation will ratify what he has done and allow the expenses to be paid by him in full payment of his taxes for 1875 and 1876. which petitioner thinks can be done for \$150.00, including the work already done.

Referred to Committee on Streets.

Ed H Hoch also representing that a certain fruit stand lately erected on the side-walk at the intersection of Congress Avenue and Pecan Street was detrimental to their business, and asked the

removal of the same.

Referred to the Committee on Streets.

C. Martin, J. P. Schneider and others praying to prohibit the peddling of groceries in wagons. John Kirkpatrick, A. Elliott and others praying that no favorable action be taken on the foregoing petition, and that the licence on peddling be reduced to the lowest possible price.

On motion, the two petitions were referred to a select committee consisting of Alderman Chum and Goodale and Deffenbaugh.

Reports of officers received, and disposed of. City Marshall for the month of December 1878.

Accepted

City Physician for the month of December 1878-

Accepted.

City Sexton for the month of December 1878-

Accepted

Hon J. B. Wheeler, Mayor

Your Committee on ordinances, to which was referred the petition of sundry merchants, praying for a repeal of the ordinance imposing a licence upon the occupation of Street Drummers, have considered the same, and instruct me to report that it is the opinion of the Committee that no action on said petition be taken at this time. Your committee is of the opinion that further time should be given in which to observe the practical workings of said ordinance and that the same should not be hastily repealed.

J. W. Chandler

Chairman of Committee

On motion the report was received and adopted. The City Marshall's official bond was presented, and on motion, approved.

The following bills were presented:

Peter Helton, for boarding J. W. Meyer (pauper) one month \$20.00. On motion the bill was allowed.

R. C. Stewart (two bills) for work on streets amounting to \$52.25. Referred to Committee on Streets

Hook & Ladder Co No 1, for repairing their engine room, amounting to \$60.00.

On motion the bill was allowed.

Alderman Sheeks offered the following which was unanimously adopted.

Be it resolved by the city council of the City of Austin: That the Finance Committee be required to hold a regular meeting every week, for the purpose of approving claims against the city; and that no approval of a claim shall be valid unless the same is made at such regular meeting; and that a majority of said Committee shall constitute a quorum for approving or rejecting claims.

The mayor stated that it was in order to elect a President of the Board of Alderman, whereupon motion Alderman J. W. Chandler was elected President of the Board of Alderman by acclamation. Alderman Sheeks offered the following which, on motion, was referred to a committee of the whole council.

Be it resolved by the city council of the City of Austin. That the members of the association of the Texas Veterans of 1836, be and they are hereby invited, to hold their next anniversary in this city; and that we promise to make their stay among us on that occasion as pleasant as may be in our power.

Alderman Taylor offered the following, which was referred to Committee on Ordinances.

Resolved by the city council of the City of Austin. That all that portion of Ordinance No 47, be and the same is hereby repealed so as to permit the city collector to not turn over the dues and unpaid taxes to the city attorney.

Alderman James offered the following, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Resolved by the city council of the City of Austin: That a Committee on Licenses and Assessments be created, whose duty it shall be at the beginning of the year to fix the rate of taxation on all taxable property, and the amount of tax on each and every occupation or business, and report the same to the board of Alderman for approval, and to hear and determine all questions that may arise between the city Assessor and property owners as to the proper valuation of their respective taxable property.

The following Communication was received and on motion accepted

I will sell the Mules, Cart and Hearnings and all pertaining to the same, for \$250.⁰⁰. The City now owes the team for 24 days work at \$3.⁰⁰ per day amounting to \$72.⁰⁰ which I will not charge to the City if you will purchase the outfit.

Dan Wilkin

Alderman Diamond moved that the collector furnish to the Council at its next meeting a statement of the City's indebtedness, and that each Alderman then appeal in an earnest way to their constituents to pay their taxes, and if they fail to do so that then the City Council will be required to sell more bonds to meet the City's dues. - Carried. On motion the Street Committee was authorized to advertise and receive proposals for the Lighting, Furnishing Oil and Keeping in repair the Street Lamps.

On motion the Council adjourned to Monday Jan'y 10th 1876.

Fred Gierzing
Recorder.

Adjourned Meeting of the City Council Council Chamber

Austin Texas Jan'y 10th 1876

Council met pursuant to adjournment; Mayor J. B. Wheeler in the chair. Present; Aldermen E. Diamond, J. W. Chandler, H. H. Cook, H. Deffenbaugh, J. O. Goodale, D. A. James, J. Lanom, J. H. Robinson and D. Sheets. Absent. W. A. Taylor.

The minutes from December 6, 1875 to January 10th 1876, inclusive; were read and approved.

Petitions read and disposed of.

E. Hertsberg asked to be licenced for 15 days only so, on account of his discontinuing business for a while. Laid on the table.

Petition of A. Johnson asking for licence to issue for retailing of Vinous and spirituous liquors in quantities of ~~not~~ less than one quart in Ward No. 9. Granted.

Petition of E. S. Mathews asking permission

to erect a wooden stairway on the corner of Pecan and San Jacinto Streets in block No. 67. to be put up on the side of San Jacinto Street, and to be 3 feet wide. Referred to Committee on Streets.

Seers & Duff asking for a licence to issue to sell, spirituous and small liquors in quantities of less than one quart. in ward No. 9 on Congress Avenue. Granted.

Condora. Withers & Co. praying in behalf of C. McMahon for the reduction of the assessment for the year 1878 on said McMahon property, situated in outlet 2, Division A City of Austin, from \$3000.⁰⁰ to \$1500.⁰⁰. Granted.

Wm. Brueggerhoff praying permission be given him to erect a stairway of three feet in width on Mulberry Street to the entrance of the basement story of a three story brick building to be built upon his lot No 6, block No 111, on corner of Congress Avenue and Mulberry street.

Referred to Street Committee.

H. Hook and C. A. Buchner, asking that no action be taken on their petition presented at a former meeting, asking for the removal of a fruit stand, situated on the side track of Pecan Street, with the intersection of Congress Avenue.

Referred to Street Committee.

Reports of Officers received and disposed of.

Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Austin.

Gentlemen - I have the honor to state that the tools of the city are worn out and uncerivable, and respectfully request that the following tools be purchased. 6 Shovels. 6 Picks and Handles. 3 stone Hammers and Handles $\frac{3}{4}$ doz Axes and Handles. I have also to represent that that the approach to the stone bridge across Shoal Creek on College Avenue cannot be made by the force at present under my charge, without entirely neglecting for at least a month, all other work in the City. The 3 carts and teams belonging to the city have all they can do to keep up with the usual wear and tear of the streets.

A portion of the wooden bridge near the south-west corner of the Capitol square has fallen down, on account of the earth having been washed away.

from under the sills. This bridge can be replaced with a stone box culvert, at a cost of about \$200.⁰⁰. The two wooden bridges at the intersection of Cypress Street and Congress Avenue; these two bridges can also be replaced by stone arches, with economy and benefit to the city, at a cost of about \$150.⁰⁰ each

C. D. Anderson
City Engineer & St. & Com.

On motion the report was referred to Street Committee.

Austin Texas January 10th 1876

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Austin.

In compliance with a resolution passed by your body on Jan'y 3rd 1876. requiring me to make a report of the outstanding indebtedness of the City of Austin up to date, I beg leave to submit the following report.

Bonded debt \$7,000.⁰⁰ - Warrants drawn by Mayor Glenn, Nos: 53, 1186, 1244, & 1281, \$229.⁰⁰
Warrants drawn by Mayor J. B. Wheeler \$20684.¹⁹
Total \$97,883.¹⁹. The following warrants drawn by the present administration, and not due, are Nos: 637, 638, & 639 payable in one, two and three years, with two percent interest from March 30th 1875, to Silsby Manufacturing Company amounting to \$14,300.⁰⁰ also Warrants Nos 1015, 1016, & 1017 payable in six, nine & twelve months with interest at ten percent per annum from October 2nd 1875 to Washington Fire Company No 1, amounting to \$21.00.⁰⁰. The total amount of Warrants now on the market payable at sight amounts to \$14,283.¹⁹. I would further state that I have turned over to the City Attorney in compliance with article 47 of the City Code, the uncollected tax receipts for 1875 amounting to \$9849.¹⁶¹/₂, with two per cent added \$984.⁷² making a total of \$10,284.⁰⁷¹/₂.

Very Respectfully Your Obedient Servant

Fred Sterging

City Assessor & Collector.

Alderman Bromond moves that a select committee of five be appointed in conjunction

with the Mayor and Assessor and Collector, to meet together and ascertain the amount of revenue arising from Licences, Taxes, and other sources, and to estimate what amount of necessary expenses it takes to run the City Government for this year, and report the amount of taxes required to meet the expenses of the year 1876.

The motion was adopted and the Mayor appointed Aldermen Bremond, Sheeko, Robinson, Chandler, and Goodale.

On motion of Alderman Bremond the financial report of the Assessor & Collector was referred to the above select Committee of five.

Office of City Attorney Austin Texas Jan 8th 1876
To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Austin

Gentlemen - I have the honor to submit the following for your consideration;

The amount of delinquent taxes for the year 1875 which were turned over to me yesterday by the Assessor for collection, amounts in total to \$9849.64^{cts} and are assessed against 1457 individuals, 1000 of these debtors owe less than \$2.⁰⁰ each; 178 each owe \$10.⁰⁰ and over 35 of this number each owe \$50.⁰⁰ and over. Upon examination of these accounts I find that many of the persons assessed and now owing their taxes are insolvent, and judgments against them in the courts would not only be worthless; but would involve the city for all costs of suits. - Therefore I have to request that your Honorable body appoint a Committee of Councilmen, of such number as you may deem best, to whom the City Attorney shall refer all accounts against persons deemed insolvent, and that said committee shall advise and direct the City Attorney regarding the same. The propriety of this request will be seen upon examination of Article 47, page 34 of the city ordinances, which directs the City Attorney to proceed at once to collect all these taxes by suits in the courts. Each case filed in the Justice's Court will average a cost of \$4.⁷⁵ and estimating that a thousand of these persons owing taxes are insolvent, (and this is a fair estimate) the useless

costs to the city, should suit be brought in all cases of delinquents of 1875 would amount to not less than \$4,700.⁰⁰. In addition to the above, I obtained possession of on the 6th instant, a mass of unpaid tax rolls, running back to the year 1870, which are all subject to the above remarks to a greater extent than those before spoken of.

Respectfully

D. L. Britton

City Attorney.

On motion the above report was referred to the select committee of City and the City Attorney to meet and consult with them on the above report.

On motion, the Committee on Streets were granted further time for receiving proposals for lighting, furnishing Oil and keeping in repair the Street Lamps.

Resolved January 10th 1876

To the Honorable S. B. Wheeler, Mayor.

Your committee to whom was referred the petition of the City Water Co., asking for a lease of a certain portion of the River Walk, do hereby recommend that it be granted.

J. H. Robinson

D. A. James

M. A. Taylor

Committee

On motion, an ordinance No 64 to be entitled, an ordinance leasing a portion of the City River Walk, to the City Water Co; was taken up and read the first time.

On motion the rule was suspended and the ordinance read the second time.

On motion the rule was further suspended and the ordinance read the third time and passed by the following vote.

Yeas - Alderman Bremond, Cook, Deffenbaugh, Goodale, James Lamour and Robinson.

Nays - Alderman Shuks.

Alderman Chandler was excused from voting as he being a stockholder in said Company.

Alderman James introduced the following

resolution, which on motion was referred to the Police Committee

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin.
That the Police force of this city shall hereafter consist of the City Marshall and eight duty officers.

That the city marshall shall discharge a sufficient number of the present force to reduce the same to eight

That the police shall be under the immediate control and supervision of the City Marshall, and he is hereby authorized to discharge any one of the force whenever in his judgment the interest of the city and police seems to require the same, and to fill any and all vacancies that may occur on the force, reporting his action in this behalf to the next regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen for approval. In all cases where a policeman has been discharged by the city marshall, as herein authorized, the city marshall shall not only report the facts of such discharge, but his reasons for so doing; and any policeman so discharged, shall if he feels aggrieved thereby have the right to appeal to the Board of Aldermen to have his grievances redressed.

Alderman Sheeks introduced the following which on motion, was referred to the Police Committee

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin
That the committee on the police be required to inquire, whether or not, one Mat Burnham; who was killed, within a month past in the city was shot by a member of the City Police force, and if he was shot by a member of the police force, then said committee will report to this board the name of such policeman and under what circumstances said Burnham was shot, giving such facts as will enable this board to determine whether such policeman acted according to law or not.

Alderman Bremond moved that the Chief of the Fire Department be instructed to have the old Hand Engine stored under a shed, or some other place, to keep it from being exposed to the weather. — Carried —

The Mayor appointed C. L. Nitschke City Sexton

and asked the Council for confirmation. the Ballot was taken Yeas 5 Nays 2. When upon C. L. Pitcock was declared City Sexton for the ensuing term of office.

Alderman James introduced the following which upon motion was referred to the Select Committee of 5 on taxes &c

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin That the Board of Aldermen now proceed to elect a City Clerk, who shall hold his office till the next regular election for city officers.

That the city clerk shall keep a record of the proceedings of the City Council, and keep the records of the Mayors and Recordors counts and act as general financial clerk of the city; and shall also perform the duties now performed by the Market Master, thereby dispensing with that officer.

That the City clerk shall receive a compensation monthly for his services at the rate of _____ dollars per annum.

The Market House Committee was requested to confer with the Ordinance Committee and draft an ordinance regulating the Markets for the ensuing year, and make a report at the next meeting.

On motion the Council adjourned to Monday January 24th 1876.

Chas. Stirling
Recorder

Adjourned Meeting of the City Council.

City Council Chamber.

Austin Texas. Jan. 24th 1876

The Council Met pursuant to adjournment, Mayor J. B. Wheeler in the Chair. Present, Alderman F. W. Chandler, A. N. Cook Jr., A. Deffenbaugh, F. C. Goodale, S. A. James, J. Darnour, J. H. Robinson, S. Shuck, and M. A. Taylor. Absent, Alderman Beaumont.

The Minutes of Jan. 10th 1876. Were read and approved. Petitions read and disposed of.

Thomas Patton, J. E. Camp and other Butchers, asking that there be a change made in the ordinance regulating the Market to wit: To extend the Market limits to old City limits, to prohibit the peddling of Butcher meat, to establish the Market hours to 9 o'clock, to erect a bell on the Market House, that all country produce be required to be sold at the Market House Etc.

Referred to Market House Committee.

J. B. Hunter representing that forage had advanced in price to such an extent with no probability of a decline until next harvest; that he feels justified in asking that for the months of February, March, April and May, the price of feeding and keeping the City horses be raised from \$14⁰⁰ the present rate to \$16²⁵. Referred to Committee on Streets.

J. Neilman, W. Gans and others, Calling attention to the impassable condition of Oak Avenue between the Blind Asylum and Bois d. Arc Street, and asking that said street be improved without delay. Referred to Committee on Streets.

Of S. W. C. Baker, J. E. Raymond, and fifty four other Citizens of the City. Asking that the City Council invite the Surviving Texas Veterans to hold their next Anniversary in this City. Referred to a Committee of the whole Council.

Of J. Cheekaw, C. F. West and twenty one other Citizens Calling attention to the condition of Bois d. Arc Street between blocks 74 and 79. Stating that the street is almost impassable for travel at that point. Stating further that it could be remedied by filling up the drain where it now crosses that street and opening it through from block No. 79 across the street to block No. 74. This would be cheaper than to attempt to bridge the drain as it now stands; requesting that a Committee of the Council be appointed to examine into this matter and report on the most feasible means of opening up Bois d. Arc Street at the point indicated for the purpose of travel. Referred to the Committee on Streets with instructions.

to comply ^{in accordance} with request of petitioners.

Or Arthur C. Judge Supr. of Austin Gas Light and Coal Company, proposing in behalf of said Company to erect on the present line of Gas pipes on either side of the street in such manner as the Council may direct, provided the City furnish the Lamps and Posts, said Company to furnish service pipes cocks, and burners, and connect said service pipes to Mains, complete and ready for burning Gas for the sum of \$6.00 per Lamp in U.S. Currency, or its equivalent in City Warrants, said Company proposing further, that if the City will increase the number of Gas Lamps on their present line of pipes to fifty, an increase of twenty eight Lamps, to furnish that number with four feet of Gas per Lamp per hour: to light, extinguish, keep clean, and in repair said fifty Lamps, and to light same one half hour before Moon sets, and extinguish same one half hour after Moon rises: to burn all Nights Cloudy Nights for the sum of \$6.50 per Lamp per Month in U.S. Currency or its equivalent in City Warrants: and payments to be made on the first day of each Month, Referred to Select Committee, consisting of Alderman Deffenbaugh, Taylor and Sarmour.

The following report was read and accepted

Austin Jan. 24th 1876

To the Hon. Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

Of the City of Austin:
Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following statement of Work done by the street force during the present Month up to date without extra cost to the City together with Work requested by Citizens:

Work done:

Filling Mud hole at intersection of Lavaca and Live Oak Street, grading Hickory Street between Colorado and Lavaca ditching for drainage on West side of Colorado, between Hickory and Bois d'Arc, ^{putting in gravel in front of engine house on Bois d'Arc} grading approaches to bridge on Street Rail Way crossing of Water Creek: filling holes and cleaning out gutters on Pecan Street, throwing sand on crossings on Congress Avenue, Pecan Street and Cypress St. filling alley between Pecan and Pine, hauling and cutting wood for Mayors Office, repairing bridges on head of Congress Avenue, and at intersection of Mesquite and Colorado Sts, grading Lumber at intersection with Brazos Street, hauling rubbish from private premises when the material was suitable for repairing the streets, a good deal of time has been lost

in account of bad weather:

Work requested to be done:

Grading the street leading to Barbecue grounds, and building bridge across Waller Creek on same street, opening and grading Orange Street West to Shoal Creek, and a bridge across Shoal Creek, two stone Culverts over branch running through to the North sub-division on the West, a wooden bridge across ditch on Magnolia Avenue, grading College Avenue east of the Capitol to connect with Bastrop road requiring stone Culvert over ravine, and a stone bridge over Waller Creek draining and grading between freight depot and Street Railway, draining and guttering Cypress Street east from Congress Avenue, and paving drain across Sabine Street between blocks 35 and 36, grading Pecan Street at crossing of branch near South West corner of James St. Raymonds requiring the rebuilding of the present Culvert on account of its bad construction and insufficient capacity, building stone Culvert over branch near same place on the road leading to the Military Institute, Stone Walls on the cor of Ash and San Jacinto Streets, Stone Culvert or paving for drainage on San Jacinto between blocks 95 and 96. Widening the stone bridge on Pecan Street between San Antonio and Nueces, substitution of a stone bridge in place of the iron one across Waller Creek, and grading the street to full width at that point.

Most of these necessary improvements already desired should be made by contract, and would cost not less than fifteen or twenty thousand dollars, in order to accomplish more work in less time the city should be provided with a plow and two or three light scrapers (Gagnia) R. D. Anderson.

City Engineer and Street Commissioner
Committee on streets to whom was referred petitions of William Brueggerhoff and E. J. Matthews, asking the right to erect stairways from the sidewalks into their buildings reported back the same without having taken any action thereon, on motion action was postponed until the next regular meeting of Council.

Reports of Committees

Austin Jan'y 24th 1876

To His Honor the Mayor and City Council:

We the Committee on Market House recommend that the license be assessed at one hundred and twenty five dollars for each and every Butcher, allowing each

(And every) Butcher one stall free of rent except such premium as may be bid on preference for stall.

Granting the privilege to Butchers to sell in any part of the City, by paying one hundred and twenty five dollars license for each stall store or place of business.

No Butcher shall be allowed to sell and deliver Butcher Meat in any part of the City, unless sold or delivered from his licensed place of business.

J. Larmour
H. Deffenbaugh
Ab. N. Cook Jr

On Motion the report was received and referred to the Committee on ordinance to draft an ordinance in compliance therewith, and report said ordinance at next meeting.
To the Hon. the Mayor.

Your Committee to whom was referred the petition of Jacob Fontain make the following report:
The said Fontain agrees to keep from one to seven, as the case may be persons not able to support themselves at the rate of twelve dollars per month for each so referred, the foregoing proposition, we respectfully recommend

M. A. Taylor
J. H. Chandler

On Motion the report was unanimously adopted
To the Board of Aldermen.

Of the City of Austin

Your Committee to whom was referred a resolution requiring them to enquire into and report the probable amount of expenditures of the City Government for the year ending 1876, and also the probable amount of receipts for the same year, beg leave to report, that they find from an estimate made by the City Officers hereto attached marked "A." that the expenses of running the the City Government for said year will perhaps be \$56,467. which amount it is essential to raise for that purpose unless the board can devise some way for curtailing the expenses. To meet this demand the Committee find that if a tax of one per cent is levied and collected on the taxable property of the City which is estimated at \$5,000,000, the City would receive from that source, \$50,000. the receipts from other sources including license tax etc for the last year amounted to about \$33,000. if the same amount is realized this year from those sources it would give a total of \$83,000.

Under the Charter, one half of the revenue must be applied to the payment of the indebtedness of the City, \$41,500. This income as the proposed income of the city for defraying the expenses of the government only will leave a deficit of \$14,467. to make the \$56,467.

There is a delinquent list of the last year of \$9,349.16. but your Committee cannot say how much of that sum can be collected, but they regard the realization of one half of it as extremely doubtful. Your honorable body will see that if the City Charter is complied with, and the powers of the City Government to tax are exhausted, it will then be impossible to continue so heavy an outlay as is contemplated in the estimate above referred to.

They therefore respectfully recommend that the "Ad Valorem" tax for the year be fixed at one per cent.

And further, that the Council discontinue all expenditures that can possibly be dispensed with.

S. Check. of the Com.

J. W. Chandler.

J. C. Goodale.

On Motion, action upon the report was postponed, until the first Meeting in February next.

Exhibit "A"

Estimate of actual expenses of the City for the year "1876"

Sinking Fund.		10,000 00
Floating debt.		17,835 00
Interest on bonds		7,700 00
Exchange		175 00
<u>Austin Water Company.</u>		
For 50 Hydrants @ \$80.00.		4,000 00
<u>Fire Department.</u>		
Salary of 2 Engineers @ \$12,000.00.	24,000 00	
Repairs and fuel	1600 00	4,000 00
<u>Police Department.</u>		
Salary of City Marshal	1800 00	
Police Officers, including Deputy & Market Master	14,580 00	
Incidental Expenses	300 00	16,680 00
<u>Streets and Bridges</u>		
Labor & Material	8,000 00	
Four Cart Drivers at \$36.00 each per Month	1728 00	
Feeding four Horses at \$15.00 " " "	720 00	
Shoeing Horses & repairing Carts.	150 00	
Carriage fund.		66,978 00

Amount brought over

		6647 00
Fees for Street Laborers	100 00	
Feeding Prisoners (Street Gang)	2,000 00	
City Attorneys fee (Worked out)	700 00	
Salary of City Engineer	1200 00	14,598.00
<u>Street Lamps</u>		
Oil Lamps	3074 40	
Gas	2415 10	
12 New oil Lamps @ \$12.50	150 00	5639 50
<u>Charity</u>		
Feeding Paupers & Medicines	1800 00	
Burying " " Coffins	600 00	2400 00
<u>Fuel</u>		
For Mayors Court Room & Officers	50 00	50 00
<u>Printing & Stationery</u>		
Market House	1500 00	1500 00
Repairs, Painting & Glazing	1000 00	1000 00
<u>Salaries</u>		
Mayor	2000 00	
City Attorney	600 00	
Treasurer	600 00	
Recorder	500 00	
City Sexton	500 00	
" Physician	300 00	4500 00
<u>Rents</u>		
Mayors Court room & Engine Room No 2, 1st (Cm)	1650 00	
Work & Ladder House, No 2, & Meeting Room, (Washington)	450 00	2100 00
<u>Total</u>		92,167 00

The Mayor suggested the opening of the continuation of Cypress Street east of East Avenue, and stated that he and the Street Committee had been authorized by the old "Board" to purchase or make a compromise with the property holders for part of their property for opening said street, and that he had consulted with the owners of said property with reference to giving part of their land for that purpose, and that they all agreed to give their pro-rata, except Mr. B. C. Stanley, who refused to donate any part of his property whatever, and that the only arrangement that could be made with him, was the payment of the sum of \$300.00.

Whereupon Motion of Alderman M. A. Taylor, the Mayor was authorized to pay to Mr. B. C. Stanley a City Warrant of \$300.00 for opening of the street of the required width by the following vote - Yeas - Aldermen, Chandler, Cook, Safford, Giddens, James, Garrison, Robinson, Phelps and Taylor.

The Mayor appointed Aldermen Taylor and Giddens to tender him the warrant.

A warrant in favor of the Houston and Texas Central Rail Road amounting to \$11.55 for freight and Insurance on goods for the Fire Department was presented, and on Motion was ordered to be paid in Cash.

Alderman Phelps introduced an ordinance to be entitled, An Ordinance to reduce the expenses of the City Government and provide for the proper appropriation of the revenue of the City, which on Motion, was referred to the Committee of the Council.

Alderman Taylor introduced an Ordinance declaring the Amendments to the City Charter adopted at the Election, Nov. 1st 1875 null and void, and that no Warrant shall be drawn on the City Treasurer under and by virtue of said Amendments, and the City Treasurer be prohibited from paying any Warrant drawn under the provisions of said Amendments, That all officers elected under said Amendments be declared Vacant Etc. - Referred to Committee on Ordinance.

Alderman James introduced an Ordinance to be entitled "An Ordinance to prohibit Animals running at large within the City" which on Motion was referred to Ordinance Committee.

Unfinished Business

Being in order, a Motion being made by Alderman Phelps

(Chandler)

to postpone the ~~reading~~^{third} of the reading of the ordinance of A. H. Cook for asking the privilege of erecting a gateway on the south side of block No 70 was carried

The Matter of inviting the Texas Texans to hold their anniversary in this city was taken up, when upon Motion of Alderman Chandler, a Committee of three Aldermen, and a Committee of five Citizens were appointed to solicit subscriptions from the Citizens for their entertainment. The Mayor then appointed as the Committee of Aldermen, J. H. Robinson, A. H. Cook Jr. and J. W. Chandler, The Committee of Citizens; S. W. C. Baker, Leander Brown, George W. Glasscock, J. H. Raymond and R. M. Castleman.

Alderman Cook moved that the City Council proceed to the election of City Clerk; action on Motion was postponed until next Meeting.

On Motion the Council adjourned to Saturday January 29th 1876

Chas. Stirling
Recorder

Adjourned meeting of the City Council Council Chamber

Austin Texas January 31st 1876

Mayor J. B. Wheeler in the chair. Present Aldermen, J. W. Chandler, A. H. Cook, A. Deffenbaugh, J. O. Goodale, D. H. James, J. Lammie, J. H. Robinson, D. Shooks and M. A. Taylor.
Absent. E. Bremond.

An ordinance, entitled "an Ordinance to reduce the expenditures of the City Government and provide for the proper appropriation of the revenue of the city, introduced at the last meeting, and referred to a Committee of the whole Council was taken up.

On motion the Council went into a Committee of the whole to consider the above mentioned ordinance. The ordinance was read. On motion first section was adopted as introduced

To wit: That no number of regular policemen employed by the city, shall not exceed eight.

The second section of the ordinance was on motion stricken out.

The third section of the ordinance was amended to read as follows; to wit: That the city market master be required to discharge his duties as now provided by ordinance, and he shall be the health officer of the city. His duties shall be provided by ordinance and he shall make monthly reports of his action as Market Master and Health Officer.

The fourth section of the ordinance was amended to read as follows. to wit: That the city assessor & collector be allowed the sum of Eighteen Hundred dollars, arranging the commissions so as not to exceed the above amount, and that the salary of a clerk shall not exceed the sum of eight hundred dollars per annum.

On motion of Alderman Taylor further action on the ordinance was postponed to next meeting.

The city Council then convened with a quorum present.

Alderman Sheeks moved that the mayor and city Marshall be authorized and instructed to discharge all policemen except the eight regular police as recommended by the Committee of the whole Council. Carried.

John Condons bond for the faithful compliance of his contract for lighting and keeping in repair the street lamps, was presented and approved.

Report of Committee.

To the Honorable mayor of the city of Newtue
Your select Committee to whom was referred the settlement with B. O. Starley for damages arising from the opening Street.

Have the honor to make the following report.

We have agreed with B. O. Starley a settlement for the sum of Three Hundred dollars in warrants, bearing interest at the rate of Ten per cent per annum, and seven dollars and fifty cents in money. The seven dollars and fifty cents is for the moving the said Starley's fence to the proportion of street. The above

sum is not one half the cost of marring
the said fence. Your Committee respectfully
recommend a settlement as above indicated
W. A. Daylor (Chairman)
H. O. Goodale.

On motion the report was received, approved
and unanimously adopted.

A petition was presented from S. J. Bowles a
deaf and dumb man, asking that a license
be granted him gratis to sell maps, books,
pictures and Spectacles.

On motion the petition was granted.

On motion the Council adjourned.

Jed Stirling
Recorder

Regular meeting of City Council
Council Chamber Austin Tex Feb 7th 1876

Mayor J. B. Wheeler presiding.

Aldermen present: J. M. Chandler
Ab. H. Cook Jr. A. Deffenbaugh, H. O. Goodale,
D. A. James, J. Lamour, J. H. Robinson and
W. A. Daylor.

Aldermen absent: E. B. Remond, E. D. Shicks

The minutes of January 24th and January
31st were read and approved.

Reports of Officers received and disposed
of. —

Mayors Office Austin Texas Feb 7th 1876
To the Board of Aldermen of the City of Austin
Gentlemen.

Under the ordinances of the City, it
again becomes my duty to make a report to
your body.

I herewith transmit the reports of the
Recorder and Treasurer, which will show you
the receipts and disbursements of the past
quarter. The expenditures have again been greater
than the receipts; a result that we must
guard against in the future. and I ask your
body to scrutinize these reports and see if any
of the expenditures have been unnecessary