City Council Chamber
Austin Texas Nov. 6th 1875.

The Council was called to order by Mayor T. B. Wheeler, Present: Aldermen — G. T. Boardman, E. Bremond, Wm. Bruggerhoff, C. H. Cullen, F. Dohme, J. H. Robinson and S. H. Todd
Absent: Aldermen — Ed. Christian, N. B. Mitchell, and B. Piper.
The Minutes were read and approved from Sept. 29th to Oct. 18th 1875, inclusive.
The reports from the judges of each ward of the city election held on the first Monday in November 1875 were consolodated into one report and signed to be correct by said judges. The same was presented, and the following resolution thereupon adopted;
Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin; That the following were elected by a majority vote at an election held in the City of Austin on November the first 1875 as appears from the elections returns, for the term of two years, beginning from the first day of November 1875 And that the Mayor be required to notify them to appear on Thursday evening next November 11th 1875 at the Council Chamber for installation at 7 o'clock P. M.
For Mayor T. B. Wheeler, for Marshal, Ed. Creary; For City Attorney, F. L. Britton; For assessor and collector Fred. Sterzing; For street commissioner and engineer C. D. Anderson; For city treasurer, James R. Johnson; For Alderman of the first Ward, D. A. James; for Alderman of the second Ward, E. Bremond; for Alderman of the third Ward, A. H. Cook, Jun. for Alderman of the fourth Ward, M. A. Taylor for Alderman of the fifth Ward, Fred. W. Chandler; for Alderman of the sixth Ward, J. Larmour; for Alderman of the seventh Ward, David Sheets; for Alderman of the eighth Ward, A. Offenbough; for Alderman of the ninth Ward, J. H. Robinson; for Alderman of the tenth Ward, F. C. Goodale.
A petition was read in reference to preserving the official reports and ballots of the election,

that the election at the proper time would be contested by Sneed & Archer, attorneys for Taylor Moore.
Reports of officers read and disposed of.
Assessor and Collector's, for the quarter ending October 30th 1875, and annual; referred to the Finance Committee;
Treasurer's, for the quarter ending October 30th 1875, and annual; referred to the Finance Committee.
City Marshals, for the month of October 1875, referred to the Police Committee.
City Physician's, for the month of October 1875, and annual received.
City Sexton's, for the month of October 1875, referred to the Cemetery Committee.
On motion the Council adjourned to Monday November 8th 3.30 o'clock P.M.

Fred Sterzing
Recorder.

City Council Chamber
Austin Texas November 8th 1875.

Council met pursuant to adjournment, Mayor T. B. Wheeler presiding. Present: Aldermen G. T. Boardman, Wm Brueggerhoff, O. H. Cullen, F. Dohme, J. H. Robinson and D. H. Todd. Absent: Aldermen E. Bremond, Ed. Christian, N. B. Mitchell and S. Piper.
The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.
Petitions read and disposed of.
J. Condon, asking for the issuance of a license to sell spirituous and malt liquors in quantities less than one quart in Ward No 10. Granted.
S. Weil, asking for the issuance of a license to sell liquors (spirituous and malt) in quantities less than one quart in Ward No 2. Granted.
John B. Patterson & Bro. praying permission to erect a wooden shed 24 x 14, to be attached to the building now occupied by them on Block No 61 Pecan street, said building to be covered within and to be used for a general store room. On motion the petition was laid over for action by the new Board of Aldermen.

The following resolution was introduced:
Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin: That one-hundred dollars is hereby appropriated out of any money in the City Treasury to pay W. G. Thomas City Attorney for extra services performed in compiling the City Code by order of the City Council — and that the Mayor is hereby required to draw his warrant in favor of W. G. Thomas for said amount.
The yeas and Nays being called the resolution passed by the following vote:
Yeas: Ald. Boardman, Bruggerhoff, Robinson and Todd.
Nays: Ald. Cullen and Dohme.
The following Resolution was introduced by Alderman Bruggerhoff, to wit:
Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin That the amount of License paid by Job Smith to the City of Austin for Gift Enterprise paid during this year, be refunded to him, to the amount of the unexpired licenses, which was ~~collected and~~ cancelled by resolution of the City Council; that the Mayor be and is hereby instructed to draw his warrant on the Treasury of the City for said amount due said Jobe Smith
The Yeas and nays being called the resolution passed by the following vote:
Yeas: Ald. Boardman, Bruggerhoff, Cullen, Dohme, Robinson and Todd. Nays — none.
An account of R. S. Bacon for services rendered as Registrar of voter from Sept. 20th to Nov. 30th 1875 inclusive, the same showing 1400 registered and transferred, was presented, and on motion the sum of one hundred and fourty-five dollars allowed for said services.
On motion the Council adjourned to Thursday 11th inst. 7 o'clock P. M.

Fred Sterzing
Recorder.

City Council Chamber,
Austin Texas Nov. 11th 1875.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment, Mayor T. B. Wheeler in the Chair. Present:— Aldermen: G. T. Boardman, E. Bremond, Wm. Bruggerhoff, O. H. Cullen, Ed. Christian and J. H. Robinson.

Absent: Aldermen F. Dohme, N. B. Mitchell, S. Piper and S. H. Todd.

The Minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved.

Petitions and other business of like character were, on motion, dispensed with.

The annual reports of the Assessor & Collector and Treasurer for the fiscal year ending October 30th 1875 were presented by the Finance Committee as examined and approved.

On motion they were received.

Alderman Bremond then moved that the Council adjourn sine die.

Before the motion was put, Mayor T. B. Wheeler made a few parting remarks and expressed his thanks for the unanimity whilst associated together as the city's common Council.

Alderman Bremond's motion was then put and unanimously carried.

Next in order was the installation of the officers elect.

T. B. Wheeler, Mayor elect, was then sworn into office by E. W. Shands, notary public, for the ensuing two years, and the following Aldermen elect for the ensuing two years:

D. A. James of Ward No. 1; E. Bremond of Ward No. 2; A. H. Cook of Ward No. 3; M. A. Taylor of Ward No. 4; T. W. Chandler of Ward No. 5; J. Lamour of Ward No. 6; David Shucks of Ward No. 7; A. Deffenbaugh of Ward No. 8; J. H. Robinson of Ward No. 9; F. O. Goodale of Ward No. 10, were sworn into office by Mayor T. B. Wheeler and seated.

Ed. Creary, City Marshal elect; F. L. Britton City Attorney elect; James R. Johnson City Treasurer elect; Fred Sterzing City Assessor & Collector elect; C. D. Anderson City Engineer elect, were sworn into office

by F. B. Wheiler, Mayor for the ensuing two years.
The roll was then called.
Present:- Aldermen. D. A. James, E. Bremond, A. H. Cook jr. M. A. Taylor, F. W. Chandler, J. Larmour, David Sheeks, A. Deffenbaugh, J. H. Robinson and F. O. Goodale.
The following standing committees were then appointed by the Mayor, to wit:
Finance - E. Bremond, chairman; David Sheeks and F. W. Chandler.
Street - J. H. Robinson, chairman; D. A. James and M. A. Taylor.
Market House - J. Larmour, chairman; A. H. Cook and A. Deffenbaugh.
Cemetery - M. A. Taylor, chairman; A. H. Cook jr and F. O. Goodale.
Fire Department - J. H. Robinson, chairman; M. A. Taylor and D. A. James.
Police - J. H. Robinson, chairman; F. O. Goodale and E. Bremond.
Ordinance - F. W. Chandler, chairman; David Sheeks and Larmour.
Printing - David Sheeks, chairman; A. Deffenbaugh and D. A. James.
Charity - M. A. Taylor, chairman; A. H. Cook jr. and F. W. Chandler.
The following address from the Mayor was read, received and ordered to spread upon the journal, to wit:
To the Board of Aldermen of the city of Austin:
Gentlemen - I congradulate you upon your election by your fellow-citizens to the position which you now occupy - a position which in importance is second to none in the city government. Your body is the legislative department of our city government, and to you the people look for good and wholesome laws for their protection, and for the advancement of our growing city. As the city ordinances make it my duty, as Mayor from time to time to make to you such suggestions as may seem proper, you will pardon me for calling your attention to a few matters which I think need at this time your especial attention.
For some reason a great portion of our citi-

zens have failed for the last two years to pay the tax due the city. I trust that your body will, at an early day, take action on this matter, and compel all delinquents to settle without delay. The floating debt of the city amounts now to about one-half of the taxes due and unpaid, and if you could devise some means to collect the tax, we could liquidate the entire debt, and have funds enough to pay all necessary expense of the government until we could begin to collect the taxes for next year. And I would here most earnestly recommend that, as soon as the floating debt is liquidated that we establish a rule that no warrant shall issue for any purpose without the money is in the treasury to pay said warrants. By that means we can establish a cash basis for all the city's transactions. The city can be improved without paying extravagant prices for work, and her employes and laborers will not suffer a loss at her warrants being discounted. If we would run the city government successfully without increasing the taxes or augment the city debt, we must make our city disbursements less than our income, and I must respectfully ask your body to assist me in making all nessary reforms to bring about that desired end. And I here ask that your committees investigate thoroughly their respective departments and recommend, without hesitation, all reforms which may be deemed necessary for the good of the city. I am satisfied that your body as well as myself, would receive all such recommendations with plasure, and act upon them honestly and faithfully, as to you would seem best for all concerned.

I respectfully call your attention to the ground recently purchased as an addition to the city cemetery. It should, without delay be properly enclosed and laid off i.e. lots, streets and alleys. The lots in the old cemetery have all been sold, and parties are anxious to secure ground

in the addition. You can therefore see the necessity of early action on your part.
There is one other matter to which I wish to call your attention, and that is our city market. It may seem premature, as we can make no change until next March, but I wish to make a few suggestions for your consideration. As you know, at the beginning of my administration three years ago, the minimum price of Market stalls was $300. There has been a gradual reduction from that time until now the price is only $100. Experience teaches me that there should be a still further reduction; in fact that the price on the stalls should be merely nominal. The butcher loses nothing by high stall rent. He charges it to the consumer. And for the city to get high rents for stalls, she is indirectly making the consumers pay exhorbitant prices for meat. This it seems to me, is not the true policy. We should do all in our power to make provisions cheap. We have no market debt. We need only enough funds to pay a market master and for necessary repairs. That amount can be raised by a nominal rent on the stalls and privileges of marketing. Then let us consider how cheap — not how high — we can rent our market places.
Another innovation I would recommend for your consideration is, that the farmers or any other persons who have a hog, a beef or other fresh meat of their own raising, be permitted to sell any quantity, at any place in the city free of charge, except a nominal fee paid the Market Master for inspecting said meat.
I respectfully submit these rude suggestions, and hope you will take them and mature a liberal market system by the time we can make the change. Finally let us all strive to forget the asperities engendered by the late contest, and try to emulate each other in serving Austin and her people. As representatives of the people let us forget all passed differences, and work together for the general good, knowing no section dick

or nationality. If we can and will do that, your constituents will never regret that they selected you to represent them in this Council. But they will be faithfully served, and Austin will continue to advance in wealth beauty and prosperity and when your terms have expired, the Austinians will rise up and bless you as faithful servants. Let us all forget self and self-interest, and have an eye single to the public good and all will be well.
I remain, most respectfully, your obedient servant.

T. B. Wheeler, Mayor.

On motion the Council then adjourned to Monday, 15th inst. 7 o'clock P. M.

Fred Sterzing
Recorder.

City Council Chamber.

Austin Texas Nov. 15/75.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment. Mayor T. B. Wheeler in the chair. Present:- Aldermen E. Bremond, A. H. Cook jr, F. W. Chandler, A. Deffenbaugh, F. O. Goodale, D. A. James, J. Larmour, J. H. Robinson, D. Shelks and M. A. Taylor.
The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.
A petition from C. Hson was read, stating that he had taken out a city license to sell beer on the first day of October 1875 for which he paid the sum of $6.25 and had not used the same on account of not procuring a suitable house. And therefor asked that the said amount be allowed to him on his barroom license when due.
On motion the same was allowed.
A petition from J. B. Patterson & Bro was read, asking permission to erect a wooden shed on Block No 61, Pecan street, which is within the fire limits.
On motion, the petition was referred to the Fire Committee.
A petition signed by M. Williams, Meyer and Hirsh and forty-seven other merchants, was

read, asking that a sufficient license tax be levied upon runners or drummers on the streets.
On motion the petition was referred to the Ordinance Committee.
The following communication was read and referred to the Fire Committee, to wit:

Austin Tex, Nov. 15th 1875.

To his Honor the Mayor and Board of Aldermen
Gentlemen — Since my last report the Department has been called out but once, and that only to an alarm caused by the burning out of a flue in the Avenue Hotel.
The new Hook and Ladder Truck is now ready for services and I have placed her on the corner of Pecan and Colorado streets until a suitable place can be had for her. I would most respectfully suggest that a house be built for her by the city on the Market House Hill just east of the Market House.

Respectfully submitted.
Jos. A. Nagle, Chief of Fire Dept.

Ald. Deffenbaugh introduced an ordinance providing for the appointment of a city clerk.
The ordinance was read, and on motion referred to the Ordinance Committee.
Ald. Deffenbaugh introduced a resolution to authorize two thorough accountants to be appointed and over haul the vouchers of the administrations of Mayors Brown, Glenn & Wheeler, Whose duty it shall be to make a full and correct exhibit under oath to the city Council of the financial trasactions of said administrations.
Read and referred to the Ordinance Committee.
Ald. Sheets moved that the different Committees to whom matters were referred be required to make their reports at the next meeting.
Carried.
Ald. Taylor introduced a resolution against the validity of the amendments to the City Charter, adopted by the people of the city of Austin on the first Monday of November 1875.
The resolution was read, and on motion referred to the Ordinance Committee.
Ald. Chandler moved that the proper officer

be authorized and directed to received the ad-valorem tax for the year 1875 from the Houston & Texas Central Rail Road as apportioned by the Comptroler of the State.
On motion the same was referred to the Finance Committee.
Ald. Sheets moved to reconsider the motion referring Ald. Chandler's motion to the Finance Committee. Carried.
On motion Ald. Chandlers motion to receive the tax was then adopted.
Ald. Robinson introduced an ordinance No. 65 entitled "An Ordinance to amend Article No. 325 of the city Code".
The ordinance was read, On motion the rules were suspended, the ordinance read the second time, On motion the rules were further suspended, the ordinance read the third time, and passed by the following vote;
Yeas— Aldermen Bremond, Cook Chandler Deffenbaugh, Goodale, James, Larmour Robinson, Sheets and Taylor.
Nays — none
The bonds of Fred Sterzing Assessor & Collector, and James R. Johnson Treasurer were presented and on motion of Ald. Cook approved.
Ald. Robinson moved that further time be granted to Mr Ed. Creary for the presentation of his bond. Carried.
Alderman Sheets introduced an ordinance intitled "An Ordinance to regulate the fees of the City Attorney"
The ordinance was read the first time
Ald. Taylor moved to amend by striking out the words "Two dollars" in plea of guilty and insert the words of one dollar.
The Yeas and nays being called on the adoption of the amendment; and the amendment lost by the following vote;
Yeas— Aldermen Cook, Deffenbaugh, Goodale, Larmour and Taylor.
Nays— Aldermen, Bremond, Chandler, James, Robinson, and Sheets.
A motion was made to suspend the rules to

put the ordinance on its second reading. The motion was lost by the following vote:
Yeas- Aldermen Bremond, Chandler, Goodale, James, Robinson and Sheeks.
Nays- Aldermen- Cook, Deffenbaugh, Larmour and Taylor.
The Mayor then nominated Dr. J. W. Stalnaker for city Physician and asked for confirmation; the ballot was spread and counted, resulting:
Yeas- five, Nays- five.
The Council failed to confirm the appointment.
The Mayor then appointed C. L. Nitschke for City Sexton and asked for the confirmation; The ballot was spread and counted, resulting
Yeas- three, Nays- seven
The Council failed to confirm the appointment.
A list of seventy-three names of colored folks, parties who having purchased ground in the City Cemetery from Alexander Canes a former Sexton, was presented and on motion referred to the Cemetery Committee.
On motion, the Council adjourned to Saturday 20th inst. 7 o'clock P.M.

Fred. Sterzing
Recorder.

City Council Chamber

Austin Texas Nov. 20th 1875.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment, Mayor T. B. Wheeler in the chair. Present- Aldermen C. Bremond T. W. Chandler, A. H. Cook, A. Deffenbaugh, F. C. Goodale, D. A. James, J. Larmour, J. H. Robinson, D. Sheeks and M. A. Taylor.
The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.
A petition from J. Greenberg was read, asking the privilege to sell liquors in any quantity within the corporate limits of the city, free of license tax. On motion, the petition was rejected.
A petition from Carl T. Wirtzenread was read, asking to procure a lease of a portion of the river walk between block No. 181 and the river bank, for the purpose of establishing thereon

a furniture Factory. The petition was referred to the Committee on Streets and requested to make their report at the next meeting.
The following was received from the Committee on Cemetery, to wit:

To the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the city of Austin:

The Committee to whom was referred the Cemetery papers have the honor to report as follows — We as a Committee have visited the City Cemetery and after carefully examining the grounds, we find them in good condition. The Avenues and the lanes are kept in good condition and as far as possible they have been graveled. The evergreens have been in many places properly trimmed and their general growth cared for. The flowering shrubs have had some attention. The lots in part of the city ground have been carefully cleaned. In short, we find that a proper interest has been shown to our departed friends. The new ground, we find a few confused lanes and Avenues, brushed out and in many cases improperly, with great discrepency as to the lines of the same.
We also find the major part of the grounds, not well suited for the purposes for which it was purchased. It will cost a great out lay of money to make it suitable for burial purposes. A part of the labor of your Committee will of necessity have to be postponed for the want of time to complete the same.

M. A. Taylor, A. H. Cook, T. O. Goodale,

The Committee on Ordinances made the following report:

Hon. T. B. Wheeler — Mayor of the City of Austin,

Your Committee on Ordinances, to whom was referred a petition of a large number of citizens and merchants of this city, asking that a certain class of dealers upon the streets of said city, be declared Drummers, and for an ordinance fixing a license upon all such persons, and the amount as well as the penalty for any violation of such ordinance, have

had the same under consideration and instruct me in behalf of the Committee, to report it back to the Board of Aldermen, with the accompanying Ordinance, and recommend its passage.

F. W. Chandler, chairman Committee,

An Ordinance No. 66, to be entitled, "An Ordinance Defining and Levying an occupation tax upon Street Drummers".

The ordinance was read the first time. On motion the rules were suspended, the ordinance read the second time. On motion the rules were further suspended, the ordinance read the third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas — Aldermen Bremond, Chandler, Cook, Deffenbaugh, Goodale, James, Larmour, Robinson, Sheeks and Taylor.

The Committee on Ordinances, reported the following:

Austin Texas November 20th 1875.

To the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the city of Austin,

Gentlemen — Your Committee on Ordinances to whom were referred the eight Whereases and one Resolution declaring that certain amendments to the City Charter which were submitted to the voters of the city at the last election and by them, then adopted, are no part of the Charter of the City, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration.

Your Committee believes that when the Legislative Department of the Government adopted a law that simple fact would require that any other Department of the government should scrutinize it closely before declaring it null and void, and disregarding it.

They understand further that the highest and wisest judicial tribunals of the land both State and National, have declared that a law must be closly and obviously in conflict with the fundamental law — the Constitution — before a court will declare it void — and that a law may be in part constitutional and in part unconstitutional, and in that case the part which is constitutional will stand, and the

other part be disregarded. — Your Committee have not been able to discover such a clear and obvious violation of the constitution, in the Act of April 27th 187-, as would warrant a court of competent jurisdiction in pronouncing it unconstitutional. Nor could your committee advise the adoption of the Resolution even if it were apparent that there was foundation for reasonable apprehensions that the Legislature had violated the constitution in adopting said Act, because they do not see how any action they may take in this matter will settle the question. No one is bound by the decision that the City Council may make. It is a question purely for the Courts of the country. If the Council should say that the Amendments are valid some one who feels aggrieved may take his case to the courts, and have them declared nul, or if the Council declare them invalid some one may take his case to the courts and have them declared valid, and have us compelled to observe them.

Your Committee think that since the Legislature enacted the law, and the City Council saw proper to refer the Amendments to the people and the people in their wisdom saw proper to adopt them, and since any decision that the Council may make, setting them aside, could bind no one, it would be unwise to attempt to destroy them by a mere vote of the Council. They therefore recommend that said Whereases and Resolution do not pass.

The report was received, and on motion of Alderman Taylor, laid upon the table.

The Committee on Ordinances reported the following:

Austin Texas, Nov. 20th 1875

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

Gentlemen — Your Committee on Ordinances to whom were referred the Preamble and Resolution on the subject of making "a full and correct exhibit of all the financial transactions of the administrations from the beginning of Mayor Brown's administration to the

present time, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and they recommend that the same do not pass in the form in which they were presented, for the following reasons;

1st Because the wages of two thorough accountants for making such exhibit could not fail to amount to a very considerable sum of money.

2nd Because such exhibit would necessarily be lengthy and the publication of the same in the Daily papers would incur a heavy printers bill.

3rd Because it is believed that the same object can be accomplished in a manner that will be much more economical, and thereby save the city almost free from expense.

Your Committee with a view to economy and at the same time deferring to the demands for a full and complete statement, beg leave to report the following resolution and recommend that it be adopted.

Be it resolved by the City Council of the city of Austin: That a committee of four of the members of this Board of Aldermen be appointed by the Mayor whose duty it shall be to examine all the books, accounts and vouchers beginning with the first day of the administration of Ex. Mayor Brown and extending through all subsequent administrations down to the 10th day of November 1875 and make an exhibit of all the moneys paid out and for what purpose, and of all the moneys received and from what source during said time, and report the same to the City Council.

Your Committee beg to add that they think that the members of the Board may be intrusted to make such report, and that it might be relied on without requiring the members of the committee to be sworn. And that the question as to whether the exhibit shall be printed in whole or part is one that can be better determined when the report is made and the length of it ascertained.

On motion the report was received; and the resolution adopted.

The Mayor appointed on that committee, Aldermen Taylor, Deffenbaugh, Cook and Larmour.
Ald. Sheets in behalf of the Committee on Ordinances, asked for further time to report upon the "ordinance providing for a city clerk" Granted.
Ald. Robinson in behalf of the Committee on Fire Department, asked for further time to report upon the locating the Truck of Hose Hook & Ladder Company No. 2 Granted.
Alderman Sheets asked leave to withdraw ~~moved~~ that the ordinance introduced at the last meeting "to provide and regulate the fees of City Attorney" be withdrawn, Carried.
On motion, a select committee of four were appointed, consisting of Ald Robinson, Chandler, Bremond and Larmour, to draft a new ordinance in refference to the fees of City Attorney and present the same at the next meeting.
The Committee on Fire Department reported the following:

Austin Tex. Nov. 20th 1875.

To the Hon. T. B. Wheler, Mayor

Your Committee on Fire Department to whom was referred the petition of Patterson & Bro. find that the House that they wish to erect is in the Fire Limits, and that art 152. of the city Ordinances prevents the city Council from granting said petition.

J. H. Robinson, M. A. Taylor & D. A. James,

On motion, the report was received and the petition rejected.
Alderman Sheets introduced an Ordinance No. 67. to be entitled: "An Ordinance to prohibit dances where prostitutes resort, and where the house is attached to or belongs in any way to a drinking saloon."
The ordinance was read the first time. On motion the rules were suspended, the Ordinance read the second time. On motion the rules were further suspended, the ordinance read the third time and passed by the following vote:
Yeas — Ald. Bremond, Chandler, Cook, Deffenbaugh, Goodale, James, Larmour, Robinson, Sheets and Taylor.
Alderman Deffenbaug introduced the

following resolution, which was amended to read as follows:

Be it resolved, by the City Council of the city of Austin; That the salaries or compensation of all officers, servants, agents and employees of the city of Austin, holding their offices and employments by nomination of the Mayor, subject to the consent and advise of the Board of Aldermen, shall not be paid, or allowed until the consent of the majority of the Board of Aldermen shall be duly given to the appointment of such officers, agents or employees.

Aldermen Sheeks amendment.

Provided, that the resolution shall not be held to apply to any officer or employee who has heretofore been appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Board of Aldermen, and who is entitled under the law to hold such office or employment until his successor is elected and qualified.

Ald. Chandler moved to lay the resolution on the table. Carried.

Ald. James introduced the following, which was adopted:

Be it resolved, by the City Council of the City of Austin; That the Chief and Committee on Fire Department, be hereby authorized to have such work done at present, as is realy necessary, on the Truck and Truck house of Hook and Ladder Company No 1.

Ald. Cook introduced a resolution directing the City Engineer to make an estimate and specifications of the intented grade from the West end of the Bridge over Shoal Creek, on West College Avenue, to the South West corner of lot 6, in Div. "Y".

Referred to Committee on Streets.

Ald. Chandler moved that the Salary of the City Engineer be fixed at twelve hundred dollars per annum.

Carried by the following vote:

Yeas — Aldermen Brenhond, Chandler, Cook, Deffenbaugh, Goodale, James, Larmour, Robinson, Sheeks, and Taylor.

Alderman Taylor introduced a resolution

providing for the publication of the proceeding of the city Council in the Daily Statesman until the election of a city printer, provided that the cost shall not exceed two cents per line of the same. Referred to the Mayor and Committee on Printing.

Ald. Bremond moved that the Mayor and Committee on Printing be authorized to receive proposals for the City Printing. Ald. Chandler moved to add that each bid received be accompanied with a bond of five hundred dollars. Accepted and the motions carried.

Ald. Sheets introduced the following which was adopted;

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin: That the City Marshall be required to rehort to this Board at the next regular meeting, The names of all the policemen, in the employ of the City, The hours that each man is required to be on duty; The nature of his duties: The boundaries of his beat and the amount of compansation that each man is receiving.

The Mayor then nominated Dr. J. W. Stalnaker for City Physician and asked for the confirmation, the ballot was spread and counted, and the appointment confirmed by the following vote;

Yeas — Six.

Nays — Four.

The Mayor then nominated C. L. Wilcoxe for City Sexton and asked for the confirmation: the ballot was spread and counted, resulting; Yeas — five. Nays — five.

The Council faild to confirm.

On motion the Council adjourned to Saturday 27th inst. 7 o'clock P. M.

Fred Sterzing
Recorder.

Consolodated returns of the election November

No. of Wards	For Mayor: T. J. Wheeler	A. M. Jackson	J. B. Brazier	T. McCullough	For City Marshal: Ed Creary	Sam Maltz	B. F. Cotton	J. Scruggins	Jim Robinson	For City Attorney: M. G. Thomas	G. M. Blackwell	C. T. Moore	M. L. Price	C. T. Phillips	G. E. Lindsley	Rob. E. Ward	W. G. Gray	F. L. Britton	For City Treasurer: James Johnson	M. S. Williams	J. W. Wright	For Assessor & Collector: Fred Herzing	F. M. Tarbell	Rich. Hart	Geo. A. Costa	M. T. Norton	For City Engineer: M. M. Ford	W. G. Anderson	F. C. Mirster
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We the undersigned Judges of election hereby
City Officers for the City of Austin, held at

Sign: P. J. Schneider
H. C. Bengener
W. J. Patterson
Ch. Huberich
William J. Lyster
G. Brown
M. W. Townsend
Ernst Brown
J. W. McKnight
J. H. Burns
M. Mears
J. C. Stringer
W. M. Thackeran
J. M. Peacock
L. Schoolherr
Ferdinand Schlickum
M. P. Hall

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held in the City of Austin for City Officers
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ecor	Alderman 1st Ward				Alderman 2nd Ward		Alderman 3rd Ward		Alderman 4th Ward		Alderman 5th Ward			Alderman 6th Ward		Alderman 7th Ward			Alderman 8th Ward		Alderman 9th Ward		Alderman 10th Ward			Amendments.	
	P. H. Cousins.	W. Conry	W. J. Jones.	Taylor	C. W. Cullen	E. Desmond	E. W. Hornett	G. T. Bracedman	H. W. Cook, jun.	M. A. Taylor	Aug. Miller	W. H. Chandler	F. Dohme	J. Thompson	T. Sommer	J. Todd	J. R. Cummings	D. Shanks.	J. McCashin	W. Baumgartner	A. Hoffmann	F. R. Robinson	T. M. Wilson	W. H. Crockett	Nalle	J. Mitchell	For	Against.
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certify that the above is a correct return of the election for Austin, Texas on the first day of Novbr. A. D. 1875.

J. G. Haynie
N. C. Strong
Ch. P. Mallot
E. C. Bartholomew
F. M. Noble
E. D. Walker.

City Council Chamber

Austin Texas Nov. 27th 1875

The Council met pursuant to adjournment, Mayor F. B. Wheeler in the chair. Present, Aldermen F. W. Chandler, A. H. Cook, A. Deffenbaugh, P. C. Goodale, D. A. James, J. Larmour, J. H. Robinson, D. Sheeks, and M. A. Taylor.

The Minutes were read (from the last meeting) and approved.

Petitions read and disposed of.

Charles Martin, and twenty-nine other Merchants and citizens of this city, praying that the peddling of groceries be stopped, or put under such restrictions as not to be detrimental to the Merchants who are permenantly located. Referred to Committee on Ordinance

John Nagle and 74 other residence and property owners, asking that the bridge over Waller Creek on East Pecan street be built to extend the full width of the street. Referred to Committee on Streets

J. A. Mick and M. Erickson, asking for a license to retail spiritous and malt liquors in Ward number 2. Granted.

Ben Oppenheimer, praying permission to sell prize packages and to be allowed to let parties through dice therefor free of license tax. Referred to Committee on Charity.

J. Greenberg, asking permission to sell liquors free of license tax, at his residence situated in the sixth ward near Honey's Church in this city. Referred to Committee on Charity.

J. D. Hutchison, asking that the license on the Opera House be reduced to $75. a quarter or $300. per annum, and that he be allowed to pay the same quarterly in advance; and for a term of three months only; and that the quarter shall begin from the first day of November 1875. Referred to Committee on Finance.

J. W. Meyer, asking for aid towards paying his board whilst sick —; Referred to Committee on Charity.

F. T. Pindley, asking the privilege to erect a public Scale on the N. E. corner South half of block No. 59. whereupon Alderman Sheeks

offered the following: Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin: That T. T. Pendley be ~~nominated~~ permitted to erect and maintain a platform scales on the south half of block number 59, in the City of Austin, as near the N. E. corner of said block as is practicable and where it will interfere least with travel over the same; for the purpose of using the same for public weighing, and that he have the right to use the same for a term of two years from the present time unless in the opinion of the City Council the interest of the public should require its removal at an earlier day. And the said Pendley shall remove the same within thirty days from the time that he shall be notified that he is required to do so, by the City Council.
On motion the same was referred to the Committee on Streets with power to act in the premises.
The Mayor nominated T. T. Pendley as a public weigher: the ballot was spread and counted, and the nomination confirmed by a vote of seven yeas, to two nays
The City Marshals report as to the disposition of the Police Force &c. was received and on motion of Ald. Sheets, referred to the Committee on Police with instructions to report such change as may be found necessary to promote the public good.
The Committee on Cemetery reported the following, which was read and received:

To the Mayor of the City of Austin:

Your Committee on Cemetery have the honor to report further, that they have carefully examined some thirty persons whose names appears on the list purporting to have paid A. Eanes as City Sexton, various sums of money for grounds for the burrial of their dead. We have carefully examined and find that no money has been paid the said A. Eanes for such grounds as has been charged by the parties so far as we have examined

Taylor chairman, Cook, F. O. Goodale.

The following report from the City Engineer was read and received:

Austin, Nov. 27th 1875.

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

Gentlemen: In obedience to a resolution passed by your Hon. body at your last meeting on the 20th inst requiring the City Engineer to make an estimate of the probable cost, with statement of the kind and amount of work to be done, in order to fill and properly grade the road on the extion of College Avenue, from the western end of the bridge lately erected over the College Avenue crossing of Shoal Creek, I respectfully report that the work required will be all embankment, one hundred feet long and having a decending grade of seven and one half feet from the western end of the bridge to firm ground. The embankment will be twenty-five feet wide on top, and have side slopes of one and one half feet horizontal to one foot vertical. The quantity of material necessary to make this embankment is about nine hundred cubic yards and the probable cost about two hundred and twenty five dollars.

Very respectfuly your obt servant
C. D. Anderson, City Engineer & Ex. Com

The following report from the Committee on Ordinances was read;

Austin Tex. Nov. 27th 1875.

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

Gentlemen. — Your Committee on Ordinances to whom was referred an Ordinances for the purpose of creating the office of City Clerk &c. beg leave to report that they do not think that said ordinance should be adopted, for the reasons that they deem it unadviseable to creat such an office now and tax the City Treasury for the payment of a sufficient salary to secure the services of a competant officer.

Chandler, Shelks and Larmour.

A motion was made by Ald. Cook to lay the report on the table, resulting as follows:

Yeas — Ald. Cook, Deffenbaugh, Goodale and Taylor.

Nays — Ald. Chandler, James Larmour, Shelks and Robinson.

The Council refused to lay the report on the table.
Ald James moved to adopt the report, ~~which~~ resulting as follows:
Yeas — Ald. — Chandler, James, Larmour, Robinson and Sheeks.
Nays — Ald. — Cook, Deffenbaugh, Grodale, and Taylor.
The report was adopted.
Ald Cook gave notice that he would file a protest to the passage of the above report.
The following report from the Committee on Fire Department was read, received and on motion adopted:

Austin Tex. Nov. 27th 1875.

To the Hon Mayor T. B. Wheeler.
Your Committee on Fire Department to whom was referred the repairing of Hook and Ladder House, have examined the same and find that the necessary work can be contracted for at about twenty-seven dollars and that Hook and Ladder Company No. 1 proposes to advance the money to do said work and wait on the City for the payment of the same, We recommend that the work be done immediately.

J. H. Robinson chairman, D. A. James & M. A. Taylor.

The Committee on Streets made the following report which was read, received and on motion adopted:

Austin Texas Nov. 27th 1875.

To the Hon T. B. Wheeler Mayor,
Your Committee on Streets to whom was referred the petition of Mess. Carl & Wincenread asking to lease from the City that portion of the River Walk lying between Block 181 and the river bank, for the purpose of carring on a Furniture Factory, have examined the same and believe that the granting of the petition would endanger the property adjacent thereto, And recommend that said petition be not granted.

J. H. Robinson chairman, D. A. James and M. A. Taylor.

The following ordinance was introduced:
Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Austin: That A. H. Cook &c. be and he is

hereby authorized to establish, erect and maintain for himself his assigns, and particularly his tenants, or the tenants of his assigns, steps decending from and ascending to the pavement of building erected by said Cook on the West side of Congress Avenue and on the North side of Pecan Street, viz. on the south side of Block No. 70 to the Alley on the west, for the period of ninety and nine years, Provided, said steps shall not preclude or embrace more space than three feet in width —

Signed this the 23rd of November A.D. 1875, by City Council.

We the property holders sign the above for all purposes therein contain.

A. Smith, Geo Hancock, F. W. Chandler, E. Bremond, Alderman 2nd Ward, J. Larmour Alderman 6th Ward, D. A. James, Alderman Ward No. 1, F. O. Goodale, Alderman 10th Ward, M. A. Taylor, Alderman No. 4, J. H. Robinson Alderman Ward 9, A. H. Cook Jr. Alderman Ward 3.

Ald. James moved to strike out "ninety-nine years" and substitude "during the pleasure of the City Council"

Lost

Ald. Sheeks offered the following amendment to the ordinance:

Provided, that the Committee of finance shall first inquire what they can rent the ground where said steps are to be put for and that said Cook will agree to pay the same amount per annum for the use of said ground.

The yeas and nays being called on the adoption of the amendment resulting as follows:

Yeas: Ald. James, Robinson & Sheeks.

Nays — Ald. Chandler, Cook, Deffenbaugh, Goodale, Larmour and Taylor.

Lost.

Ald. Sheeks moved to refer the ordinance to the Committee on Streets. Lost.

The ordinance passed its first reading by the following vote:

Yeas — Ald. Chandler, Cook, Deffenbaugh, Goodale, Larmour and Taylor.

Nays— Ald. James, Robinson and Sheeks.
Ald. Chandler moved to suspend the rules to put the ordinance on its second reading.
Lost, by the following vote,
Yeas— Ald Chandler, Cook, Deffenbaugh, Goodale, Larmour and Taylor.
Nays— Ald James, Robinson and Sheeks.
Ald. Taylor introduced the following;
Be it resolved by the City Council of the city of Austin; That the City shall in no case be responsible to the Officers for fines adjudged against person or persons for infraction of the law who are not able to pay the same
On motion the resolution was referred to the special Committee who have the matter under consideration, and report at the next regular meeting.
The Printing Committee, reported that they had recorded the printing of the advertisements and ordinances, to John Cardwell and asked further time to report on the Job work, Granted.
On motion the Council adjourned.
Fred Sterzing, Recorder.

Regular Meeting of the City Council.
Council Chamber.
Austin Texas, Dec. 6th 1875
Present. Mayor T. B. Wheeler in the chair. Aldermen C. Bremond, A. H. Cook, A. Deffenbaugh, T. O. Goodale D. A. James, J. H. Robinson, D. Sheeks and H. A. Taylor.
The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.
Petitions read and disposed of;
H. C. Bengener, and five other residence and property owners of the first Ward, stating that the saloon situated on the corner of Lavaca & Live Oak streets had become a nuisance to that neighborhood— asking to revoke the license on said saloon and suppress said nuisance.
Referred to the City Attorney to prosecute the parties causing the nuisance.
Charles Sabath, M. Williams and twenty-nine