On motion Alderman O. H. Cullen was added to the select committee appointed to draw up a resolution accepting the donation from E. M. Pease and Lady of twenty-three acres of ground for a city park. The minutes were read from April the first to June the ninth 1875.
On motion Council adjourned
Fred Sterzing
Recorder.

Called meeting of the City Council
Austin Tex. Aug. 25th 1875.
Mayor T. B. Wheeler in the chair. Present — Aldermen G. T. Boardman, Wm. Brueggerhoff, O. H. Cullen, F. Dohme, N. B. Mitchell, J. H. Robinson. Absent — Aldermen E. Bremond, Ed. Christian and S. Piper.
The Mayor stated that the meeting was called for various reasons.
A petition from J. W. Wayman & Co. was read, praying that their occupation tax be issued them pro-rata from the first of this quarter to the time of their closing business. Granted by the following vote; Yeas — Ald. Boardman, Brueggerhoff, Dohme, Cullen, Mitchell and Robinson. Nays — none.
A petition from G. W. Erwin was read, praying to be relieved from payment of license tax on his three water wagons. Laid on the table.
A petition from A. C. Horne, Sr. was read, praying that his assessment on real estate property in block 28. be reduced from $7,600 to $5,500.
On motion the Assessor was authorized to make the assessment the same as it had been rendered to the State & County.
A petition from C. F. Millett, Ed. Finnin and six others was read, asking to reconsider the action in the matter of the erection of a small wooden house by Messrs. Lyster & French on block No. 53, on Pecan street, and allow them to keep said house on the premises for a period of six months from Aug. 19th 1875. Alderman Brueggerhoff moved that the city Attorney stay the proceeding against Messrs. Lyster

and French with regard to the violation of the fire ordinance. Carried.

Report of Committee.

To the Honorable Mayor of the city of Austin;

Your Committee who was appointed to draft a suitable resolution, accepting the donation to the city of Austin, of twenty-three acres of land, for a public park, by Gov. E. M. Pease and his wife; beg leave to report the following resolution, and ask that the same be adopted by the City Council and that a copy thereof be furnished to Gov. Pease and wife.

J. H. Robinson, Chairman.

Be it resolved by the City Council of the city of Austin; That the City of Austin, through its Council, hereby accepts the donation of twenty-three acres of land within the corporate limits of said city, granted to it by Gov. E. M. Pease and wife, for a public park.

That the thanks of the citizens of said city are hereby extended to said donors, through their representatives in council assembled.

On motion, the report from the Committee was received, and the resolution adopted by the following vote; Yeas—Ald. Boardman, Wm. Bruggerhoff, Cullen, Dohme, Mitchell, and J. H. Robinson. Nays— none.

Ald. Bruggerhoff introduced an ordinance, to be entitled "An Ordinance to amend an ordinance defining the fire limits of the City of Austin"

The ordinance was read the first time, and lays over under the rules.

Ald. Dohme offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted, to wit.

Be it resolved by the city Council of the city of Austin — That three additional street lamps be placed in ward five; that the city Marshal shal locate the same; and there shall be two placed in Ward No 1; one to be located at the corner of John Ravey's store, the other at the corner of Pine and Lavaca streets; also one in the seventh Ward at the stone Bridge on Cherry street.

Ald. Brueggerhoff introduced the following resolution to wit:
Be it resolved by the city Council of the city of Austin That the Mayor and Street Committee be authorized to have done the following work or improvements; The croping of the branch and Waller creek on Magnolia Avenue; the building of a culvert and improving them in the eighth ward on Robertson's hill; and the improving of Mesquite street from Congress Avenue to Waller creek. The work to be let by contract to the lowest bidder as far as practicable.
The resolution was adopted by the following vote; Yeas— Ald. Boardman, Brueggerhoff, Cullen, Dohme, Mitchell and Robinson. Nay— none.
Alderman Brueggerhoff moved that the street Committee be authorized to contract with A. H. Cook for dirt to be hauled at the foot of Congress Avenue and that the amount of his bill for said work be credited him on his taxes. Carried unanimously.
The following bills were presented, to-wit:
Frank Bufell, for work on public streets with horses and wagon amounting to $184.97. John Roberts, for work on public streets, amounting to $40.00. A. Gault for work on public streets, with mule & cart, amounting to $60.00. J. H. McGregor, for work on public street, amounting to $140.00. Wm Bray, for sundries for paupers, amounting to $20.70.
On motion, the bills were referred to their respective Committees, to be allowed if found correct.
On motion, the Council adjourned.

Fred Sterzing
Recorder.

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MAYOR'S OFFICE,
AUSTIN, TEXAS, Feb. 3, 1875.

To the Aldermen of the City of Austin, Texas:

GENTLEMEN.—It again becomes my duty under the ordinances of the city (see article 341) to report to you the financial condition of the city, and make such suggestions as may seem meet and proper.

That all may better understand the condition of the city finances, I concluded that it would be well for this report to go back to the beginning of our administration, and extend to the first of this month.

It will be seen by my report submitted to your body, on the 20th day of November, 1872, the recorder of the former administration furnished us with a statement, claiming that the indebtedness at that time amounted to only $26,870. But as you know, and as the recorder's books show the debt when registered amounted to $35,884. There being many approved accounts and unregistered warrants afloat, which were not included in the statement furnished us. This entire debt, with the exception of a very small amount, was due, and the city was flooded with it in the shape of warrants, audited and unaudited claims, etc., which could be purchased at about 40 cents on the dollar. We, as you know, found the city thus financially embarrassed, and what made our condition worse, there was not one cent in the treasury. Most of you know what difficulty we experienced in getting anything done for the city. Parties usually charging two or even three prices for work, which necessity forced us to do. This evil could only be remedied by absorbing this floating debt by heavy taxation, or by funding it, at the option of the holders, at such rates as would induce them to exchange it for bonds of the city. As you are aware, your body on the 7th day of April, 1873, passed an ordinance authorizing the creditors of the city to exchange their claims for city ten-year bonds at 75 cents on the dollar. Under this ordinance $22,875 in claims were funded, for which the holders received $30,500 bonds. As the city lost one-fourth in this exchange, the indebtedness of the city was increased by it $7625, leaving of the old debt not funded or paid $13,009, a portion of which was drawing interest at from 2 to 2 1-2 per cent. per month. It being impossible from the usual income of the city to get money enough to settle the balance due and pay the necessary expenses of the city, your body by ordinance ordered on the 30th day of March, 1874, that $20,000 in bonds be sold at not less than 75 cents on the dollar. They were sold at that price, and all of the debts due and drawing interest were settled.

We have issued the following bonds in payment of improvements:

J. Limberick	$1600
J. Sheehan	2000
B. C. Wells, for clock	1200
W. T. Parker	2600
P. M. Kearnan	700
J. W. Glenn	100
O. H. M'Clean	100
	$6500

which with those stated above, make our entire bonded debt which amounts in the aggregate to $57,000—in 10 and 20 year bonds.

The income of the city from all sources from the beginning of our administration to the present time has been $119,928,58. And the disbursements for the same period have been as follows:

For Police	$19412 94.
For Charity	4575 93.
For Fire Department, including house and furniture for Central Depot Fire Co	12813 32.
For Administration, which includes the salary of Mayor, City Attorney, Recorder, Treasurer, office rents, fuel, stationery, printing, lights, &c	26582 56.
For Markethouse, including salary of Marketmaster	2226 38
For cemetery, including salary of Sexton	1967 98.
For Sanitary	1105 74.
Interest paid on bonds	4904 60.
For streets, bridges and public wells	41,660 88.

Among which are stone-arched bridges, cutting down hills and grading, and embankments on Red River street, on Cherry street and on Ash street, 4 stone bridges with plank covering, on large culvert on East Avenue, cutting large drain from Railroad, near Mason Town to near river, paving gutters on Avenue and Pecan streets, building pavements on Avenue in front of blocks 123 and 124, State property near Capitol, new abuttments to iron bridges on Pecan street, 20 gas lamps, posts and fixtures, twenty oil lamps, three carts and two horses and one mule and harness for street use. Old debts paid in cash | $13,009 00

Cash on hand	465 34
Floating debt at this time amounts to	8,826 00

This increase of the floating debt has been caused by the work we have been compelled to have done, from the fearful condition of our streets during this quarter, and not sufficient tax being collected to liquidate these claims. Quite a number of our fellow citizens having failed and refused to pay their tax for 1874, and even from 1870 up, and said claims have been placed in the hands of the City Attorney for suit. The unpaid tax amounts to | $14,893 76

So it will be seen that if delinquents would have paid their taxes, we would have no floating debt, but | $6,076 65 in the Treasury.

CHARITY—On account of the severity of the winter, our expenses for charitable purposes have been much larger than any previous quarter.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT is now in very good condition. The old companies are tolerably well equipped, and are as ready as ever to do their whole duty in meeting the fire fiend. A number one company has been organized near the freight depot; a house built for said company, and the Champion Machine placed in charge of said company. When the new Silsby's Steam Engine, which we have ordered, arrives, and we get one company located above the Capitol we will have this department in fine condition. The people of Austin can certainly congratulate themselves on the character, spirit and devotion of their firemen, and we should not hesitate to keep the companies well provided with all necessary acoutrements.

The market house debt has been entirely liquidated, and as the object has been accomplished for which we sold the market privileges to the highest bidder, I would earnestly recommend that an ordinance be at once passed setting apart a portion of the town, including the market house in which no market shall be established except at the market house, and the market house stalls be sold to the highest bidder, and that all who desire, be permitted to establish a market in any part of the city, not thus set apart for the protection of said market house, by paying to the city a nominal price. By that means the market business will not be monopolized by a few and consumers be compelled to submit to exhorbitant prices.

In conclusion I do earnestly suggest that all expenses be curtailed the balance of this year. If they are not lessened our city will ere long, be heavily involved and an onerous tax will be necessary to relieve us of our financial embarrassments. This, as the representatives of the people of the city we must prevent. And that our debt may not increase, and that we may have a certain mode of decreasing it, I most respectfully recommend that at least one-third of the income of this year be set apart to be used for no other purpose than of reducing the indebtedness as a sinking fund and to pay interest on the bonded debt. I also earnestly suggest, as heretofore, that you, without delay, pass a resolution not permitting any city officer to contract for, or the Mayor to approve any account for work done for the city, unless an appropriation has previously been made by your body to pay for the same. And I would further suggest that no more work be done on the streets, bridges, &c., except what can be done by the city carts and prisoners, until there is money in the Treasury to pay for the same. Let us every month make our disbursements less than our income, and let the contracts for improvements be made only when there is money in the Treasury to pay for such improvements. By that means our improvements may be somewhat retarded, but the city will get more work for the same amount of money; the contractors and laborers will be better satisfied and the city debt will be kept in due bounds.

Trusting that your body will receive these suggestions and consider them in the spirit in which they are submitted,

I remain respectfully,

Your Ob't Servant,
T. B. WHEELER, Mayor.

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MAYORS OFFICE, AUSTIN, TEXAS,
February 6, 1873.

To the members of the City Council of the city of Austin, Texas.

GENTLEMEN—I regret that I am compelled to return to you, without my approval, an ordinance appropriating $350, to pay a judgment obtained at the last term of the District Court of this county, in favor of Stuart and Fitch against John W. Glenn and W. E. Evans.

The members of this council are aware that the last council meeting, of the former administration, made on appropriation of five hundred dollars, to defray the expense of an appeal to the Supreme Court, and to pay the judgment, if there should be any rendered in that court, against the defendants Glenn and Evans. The present incumbent of the Mayors office, after he was installed, that there might not be the semblance of repudiation of the acts of the former administration, and that the defendants might get the benefit of an appeal, signed an appeal bond, in due time, and delivered the same to one of the defendants, but defendant neglected to perfect the appeal, and if they suffer their own neglect, they certainly should blame themselves only, and not ask others, to relieve them of embarrassments, which they have brought upon themselves. Believing therefore, that this adminstration has done everything required of it, to keep in good faith the promise of the former administration, I am opposed to this appropriation.

Another reason why I am opposed to this appropriation, is, that I do not believe the city is responsible for the illegal acts of its officers. The act of defendants for which they were sued, was proved to be illegal and unauthorized, or judgment could not have been obtained against them as individuals.

Another cause of my opposition to this appropriation, is, that the city should not pay the individual debts of its officers. The shrewd attorneys, who instituted the suit against the defendants, well knew that they could not hold the city for the illegal acts of the defendants, and therefore, the defendants were sued, and judgment obtained against them as individuals, and not as officers of the city. The city was no party to the suit, nor is the city, legally or morally, responsible for any part of the judgment.

And finally, I have refused to approve this appropriation, because I feel that we were elected by the people to protect the interest of Austin and her citizens, and believing that we are under no legal or moral obligations, as representatives of the people, to do any more for the defendants than we and the former administration have done. I feel that I would be violating my oath of office, and would be disregarding the confidence reposed by my fellow citizens if I should, at this or any other time, approve an appropriation where I did not believe that right and justice demanded its approval.

Hoping that you will dispassionately consider the objections submitted, and that your final action may sustain unblemished the honor and integrity of the city, and will protect the rights and interests of your constituents, I remain, most respectfully

Your obedient servant,
T. B. WHEELER, Mayor.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Austin:

SECTION 1. That the sum of three hundred dollars in currency, or so much thereof may be necessary, be, and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the City Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying off and discharging a certain judgment recovered by Stewart and Fitch against John W. Glenn and W. E. Evens in the District Court of Travis county, at the June term of said court, 1872, and that a warrant be issued to the said Stewart & Fitch, or to their attorneys of record in said suit, for the amount required to discharge said judgment and costs of suit.

SEC. 2. That all ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this are hereby repealed and that this ordinance take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

The above ordinance was passed by a two third vote of the city Council, not withstanding the Mayors veto.
Attest: Fred Sterzing
Recorder

A called meeting of the City Council of the city of Austin, on the 21st day of March, 1873, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The City Council have been informed that it is the intention of Generals Belknap and Sheriden to pass through this city, on their way to the frontier of Texas; therefore, be it

Resolved, By the City Council of the city of Austin, Texas, that Generals Belknap and Sheridan, be invited to be the guest of the city, during their stay at this place, and that the Mayor be authorized to appoint such committees and make all other necessary arrangements to carry this resolution into effect.

Attest: T. B. WHEELER,
FRED STERZING, Recorder. Mayor.

In pursuance to the above resolution, the following gentlemen are requested to act as a committee of arrangements:

JAMES H. RAYMOND, Chairman.
C. R. Johns, E. Brenford,
F. B. Foster, Maj. J. H. Robinson,
O. B. Caldwell, Wm. Bauggerhoff,
H. O. Hall, S. B. Brush,
S. P. Hollingsworth, of Savings Bank,
Hon. J. P. Newcomb, Geo. Hancock,
G. B. Zimmerman, Leander Brown,
A. S. Mair, of Stuart & Mair,
Capt. R. J. Swancoat,
T. B. WHEELER,
Mayor.

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REPORT OF MAYOR WHEELER.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, AUSTIN, TEXAS,
August 3, 1874.

To the Aldermen of the City of Austin:

GENTLEMEN—It becomes my duty to again make a report of the Financial condition of the City. This report includes the income and expense from the third day of May last (the time of my last report) to the first day of the present month:

Real Estate Tax collected	$6498 86
License	4982 20
Merchandise do	851 18
Dog tax do	149 00
Market House do	1367 25
Fines of Mayor's Court for April, May and June	[illegible]
Total amount collected	$ 13926 99
Add to this the amount received for $20,000 bond at 75 cents	15000.00
Total receipts	$ 28926 99
Expenditures for the Above Period.	
Amount paid on bonds	2030 00
do for work on streets	2497 24
do for Administration, which includes salaries, rents, lights, stationery, City printing, etc.	4659 26
Amount, Charity	617 86
do Fire department	2178 93
do Market house	199 25
do Cemetery	225 82
do Prisoners	275 91
do Sanitary	[illegible]
Amount paid C. R. Johns & Co., on debt for money borrowed by Mayor Smith at 2½ per cent per month, interest and principal paid in full	1513 86
Amount paid Mrs. Whipple, on rent for Mayor's office, engine room, etc., which has been drawing interest at 2½ per month under contract made with Mayor Smith	1638 56
Amount paid on Market debt Market bonds and interest	3240 06
do paid for excursionists	307 52
do judges and clerks at Marshal's election	30 00
Amount of commissions paid Forster, Ludlow & Co., for selling $20,000 bonds at 1½ per cent	300 00
For printing, expressing, etc., on said bonds	296 25
Interest on funded debt paid this quarter	2049 63
Amount of floating warrants liquidated this quarter	3311 01
Total expense and debts paid since May 3, 1874	$28063 [illegible]
Amount cash on hand	863 [illegible]
To balance	$ 28926 99

As you will perceive, by the examination of the Recorder's and Treasurer's reports, it is very difficult to make their reports balance; for this reason, warrants have passed through the hands of the Recorder for work done which have not been presented to the Treasurer, while the Treasurer has paid warrants which were issued long before this quarter. But you will be able to form from the reports a tolerable correct idea of what has been expended and for what purpose, and how much has been paid and somewhat accurate. I think you will find the above consolidated report, in the main correct.

I am gratified to report that the debts due C. R. Johns & Co., and Mrs S. A. Whipple, which were contracted by the last administration, and which were drawing an important rate of interest, have been paid in full.

I am also well pleased to report that the Market-house debt will be paid in full in a very short time, there being only about three hundred dollars unpaid. As the heavy debt on the Market-house which was left by a former administration has been liquidated, and the purpose accomplished, for which we placed high prices on the market privilege, I trust your body will mature by the first or first March, a more liberal market system. I am fully convinced that the price for the market privileges is too high, and should be reduced next year. The market must add the expense to the price of their products and the consumers have at last to pay the bill, which I am satisfied is exorbitant in some cases, and should not be allowed much less encouraged by the city authorities.

As will be seen by reference to this report, our expenses in all the departments have been rather heavy. And I would most earnestly recommend that no more work of any kind be contracted for until the money is in the Treasury and the appropriation made, before the contract is closed. By this course the city paper will remain at par, and we can get work done at cash prices.

I am glad to inform you that our citizens, notwithstanding the hard times, are coming forward with alacrity and settling their city taxes. Although some of them complain at the amount assessed, yet I feel that they are all interested enough in the improvement of our beautiful town to pay without delay, when they see that we are spending the money economically and properly. Then let us as their representatives, see that every dollar is made to tell, either in protecting or improving the city.

As the pavements on the Avenue are *about completed*, I would respectfully recommend that you at once take action to have East Pecan street as far as Trinity street, graded and paved, and also such other streets along the blocks fronting on the Avenue, as you may think necessary for the convenience of the public.

As our people have no place of public resort in the city, I suggest for your consideration, the enclosing of one or more of our beautiful public squares, to be improved as the city is able. I have been assured by quite a number of our enterprising citizens, that if the city would enclose them, they would set out trees and shrubbery and otherwise adorn and beautify them, without charge for their labor. I trust you will think of, and give this *matter your early attention.*

I am pleased to report that the splendid stone bridge on Ash street as well as some others of less importance, have been completed during this quarter, and of *great convenience to the people.* And that the arched stone bridge over Waller Creek on Cherry Street, with other public improvements about the city, are being completed with commendable speed.

Trusting that you will maturely and impartially consider the suggestions herein contained

I remain, very respectfully,
T. B. WHEELER, Mayor.

I cannot close this report without appealing to your body, and to each officer of the city, to assist in preventing any unnecessary expenditures in the administration of the city government. It is the *imperative* duty of each committee appointed from your body, to strictly superintend all work entrusted to you, and *to guard* well the funds appropriated to be expended in your several departments. To your committees are entrusted to a *great extent, the expenses of the* city government, and as we can now run on a cash basis, it is your duty to study economy in each department, and if you find extravagance or unnecessary expenditures *any where*, to recommend a remedy. If your body will not order any work done, or your committees approve any bills for said work, until the money is in the treasury, and the appropriation regularly made to pay said bills, we will not again be financially embarrassed and compelled to sell city securities to meet our indebtedness. We should now *resolve "to pay as we go;"* have nothing done unless we have the money to pay for it. By that course the city will get much *more work for the same amount of* money, if done upon a credit, and it will be more satisfactory to those employed by the city. Then I do earnestly ask that no officer or committee be permitted to employ any person to work for the city without there is an appropriation first made to pay for said work.

Trusting that your body will aid me in a rigid enforcement of a resolution passed by your body some time since, which related to having work done for the city, etc., and that we may create no floating debt, I remain

Yours truly,
T. B. WHEELER, Mayor.

MAYOR'S QUARTERLY REPORT.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
AUSTIN, TEXAS, May 24, 1875.

the Board of Aldermen of the City of Austin, Texas:

GENTLEMEN:—Under the ordinances of the city, it becomes my duty to again present to your body a *report of the* receipts and expenditures of the city for *the* past quarter beginning on the first day of February and ending *on the third* day of May, 1875.

The receipts have been as follows, to-wit:

For real estate tax	$1,708 40
For licenses	6,803 16
For merchandise tax	19 01
For dog tax	420 00
For Markethouse	730 55
For cemetery	225 00
For fines of Mayor's Court	487.00
Total	$9,993 06

The expenditures have been as follows, to-wit:

For police	$4,471 90
For streets	7,802 69
For administration (see itemized account below)	3,105 87
For charity	530 36
For fire department (including new steam engine)	7182 51
For Markethouse	225 45
For cemetery	192 80
For prisoners (to be accounted in street work)	1,622 15
For Sanitary	14 00
Total	$24,570 73

Specification of expenses of administration in second quarter of 1875, from February 1 to May 3, 1875:

Interests paid on coupons due June and December, 1874	$792 06
Books for taking census *January*, 1875	35 00
Printing done by the Gazette office in February, 1875	156 11
Salary of Mayor and City Attorney for February, 1875	100 00
Rent of room for Mayor's Court and offices for February, 1875, bearing 2½ per cent per month	50 00
Commissions of Treasurer second quarter, 1875	349 61
Collecting $658 88 real estate taxes ten per cent. of which is added to income	65 50
Bucket, broom and dipper for use in Mayor's Court and offices	5 05
Rent for cattle pound for January and February, 1875	20 00
Printing at Staats Bulletin in February, 1875	78 47
Gas light for Mayor's Court and offices in January and February, 1875	45 00
Printing and binding tax receipt books for 1875—two volumes	22 00
Difference on coupons for $100 bonds, changed to $500 bonds payable on fourth later	16 66
Collecting $359 79 real estate taxes as above	35 97
Salary of Mayor and City Attorney for March, 1875	100 00
Rent of court-room and offices for March, 1875, bearing 2½ per cent. per month	50 00
Rent of cattle pound for March, 1875	10 70
Printing done at Staats Bulletin March, 1875	27 55
Commissions of assesser and collector first quarter, 1875	402 50
Postage stamps	5 00
Printing 200 butcher's notes	3 50
Pine table and benches to immigrant room	10 00
Putting up stove and flue in same	1 50
Printing at Statesman office from January 23 to March 11, 1875	123 00
Interests on coupons paid second quarter, 1875	175 00
Fire wood for court room and immigrant's room	11 50
Printing done at Staats Bulletin in January, 1475	17 10
Stove pipe, furnel and oil for immigrant's room	2 25
Salary of Mayor and City Attorney for April, 1875	100 00
Salary of Recorder for second quarter, 1875	125 00
Collecting $504 61 real estate taxes, ten per cent. commission, which are added to income	60 46
Room rent for Mayor's Court and offices for April, 1875, bearing 2½ per cent. per month	50 00
Total	$3,105 87

That you might the better understand the expense under the head of administration, I have seen proper to submit an itemized *statement*, which includes the entire expense in that department. The ten per cent. paid the City Attorney for collecting taxes as you will see in the statement, has in every instance been paid by the delinquent taxpayer, and is included in the receipts of the city, and, therefore, is no loss to the city treasury.

The bonds which your body instructed myself and the Finance Committee to sell, have been disposed of, and the proceeds placed in the city treasury, and nearly the entire floating debt has been paid off and cancelled since the above financial statement was closed. Thirty eight of the bonds were sold to Messrs. Forster, Ludlow & Co., for 72 and 1-2 cents cash, U. S. currency, and the other two to Mr. Chadwick at 77 cents in city warrants.

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ANNUAL ASSESSMENT OF CITY PROPERTY FOR THE YEAR 1875.—All persons owning or having control of real estate or personal property within the corporate limits of the city of Austin, are hereby requested to render a list of such property before the first day of March 1875 to the City Assessor at the Mayor's Office for this year's taxation, as the law directs. Also every male resident of this city, over the age of twenty-one years, will report themselves for the assessment of the capitation tax. According to law, every person failing in this, will have to abide by the assessment as made by me.

FRED. STERZING,
City Assessor.

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