

City Council Room,

Austin, May 18, 1870.

Called Meeting of the City Council of the City of Austin.
Roll called.

Present - Mr. Hoar, the Mayor.

Aldermen Messrs J. B. Brown, J. L. Bucas,

E. F. Eggleston, J. H. Robinson, C. W. Wheelock

Absent - Aldermen Messrs Geo. Adams, Henry Madison
J. Mearns.

Quorum present.

A communication from J. D. Hays, J. S. Edwards, J. A. Forbes & W. A. Taylor, acting as a temporary Board of Health, was read, recommending the establishing of a regular City Hospital and the creation of a permanent Board of Health the President of which to be the City Physician.

Alderman E. F. Eggleston then presented the following Resolution to fix the rate of taxation on taxable merchandise in the City of Austin.

Resolved, Whereas there exists a difference of opinion as to the application of the increase of the ad valorem Tax from one-quarter to one-half of one per cent; therefore be it

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, That the said increase was not intended to apply to the collection of taxes on merchandise received for sale by the merchants of this city, but applicable alone to Real Estate and Personal Property; and that the Assessor & Collector therefore be, and hereby is, directed to levy the tax on receipts of goods by merchants at the rate of one-quarter of one per cent.

On motion, the roll was suspended, the Resolution passed its second and third reading, and the vote then taken thereupon recorded as follows, on calling the roll:

Yeas: Messrs J. B. Brown, J. L. Bucas, E. F. Eggleston

J. H. Robinson, C. W. Wheelock

Nays: None

Thus the Resolution was unanimously adopted.

A Petition of F. W. Chandler, President of the Austin City Ice Company, was read, and, on motion laid on the table until the next regular meeting.

The complaint of J. A. Mitchell protesting against the forfeiture of his contract with the City for paving the sidewalk of Congress Avenue, as decided by the Mayor, was then read;

after which the petition of Messrs. Odom and Grimpelman was read, and there being not a sufficient number of members present to act on any further business, or motion, the Council adjourned.
 O. J. Smith, Recorder

Austin City Council Room
 June 5th, 1871

The City Council met according to adjournment
 Present - His Honor the Mayor

Aldermen Messrs. J. S. Brown, E. P. Eggleston, & Thomas
 J. Robinson, & Wheeler, Henry Jackson

Absent - Aldermen Messrs. Fort Adams, J. S. Brown
 Quorum present

The following communication by Horace Truby, in answer to the tender of the hospitality of the city towards him, was read and ordered to be spread upon the Minutes of the City Council, reading as follows, to-wit:

Dickinson, Texas, May 25, 1871.

Gentlemen - In company with my two friends, Genl. Murray, and Mr. W. H. Stone, who have come from New York to see your State and report on its resources, I had hoped to spend the day in your city; but it seems to have been otherwise ordered. On reaching this point last evening, we found that our trunks had been put off at Fort Keller, and as inducement would suffice to obtain them by locomotive or wagon. We would not proceed without them as we wished to move rapidly southward from your city; so we chose to await their coming; and the violent rain that soon fell in our stead prevailed, compelling us to abandon the hope of reaching Austin - the roads being so bad and the streams so swollen.

Hoping that better facilities may soon enable us soon to visit your city, I remain, yours,
 (Sigs) Horace Truby.

Col. John, Mayor, and Common Council, Austin.

Another communication was presented to the Council and read by Alderman E. P. Eggleston, said communication being written by J. Sanford Bower, President of the International Railroad Company and addressed to Alderman Eugene Brown, proposing to build a bridge over the Colorado river near Austin on the part of said railroad company.