

City Council Room,
Austin, March 15, 1871

The City Council met pursuant to adjournment, roll called. Present His Honor the Mayor; Aldermen Messrs. Robt. Adams, J. Diamond, E. Eggleston, Henry Madison & Muscine, J. H. Robinson, absent - J. L. Bucas.

Alderman E. Eggleston offered a motion to authorize the Mayor to rent and fit up for the use of the City Council the hall over Jacob's saloon on Congress Avenue, which resolution, or motion of Alderman Muscine, was accepted.

Alderman Muscine offered the following Resolution, to-wit:

Be it Resolved, by the City Council of the City of Austin, That the office of Market Master be, and hereby is, created; and that said Market Master be clothed with police authority, for the purpose of preserving peace and order about the market house and of executing such other duties as may hereafter be imposed upon him by ordinance, or by orders of the Mayor of the City.

And be it further Resolved, &c. That His Honor the Mayor be authorized to appoint W. H. Brown to the office of Market Master, under the provisions of the preceding portion of this Resolution, with a salary payable to him at the rate of twenty dollars per month.

On motion of Alderman Eggleston, the Resolution was adopted.

Alderman J. Diamond offered the following ^{ordinance} resolution, to-wit:

An Ordinance fixing the street gutter and sidewalk gradients of Pecan street west from Congress Avenue, in the City of Austin.

Be it Ordained, by the City Council of the City of Austin, That the Mayor be and he is hereby instructed to have the grade of Pecan street west of Congress Avenue to West Avenue changed from the present to grade of general conformance to the three following points of reference: Congress Avenue according to the old grade established by ordinance approved Feb. 24, 1871; the crown of the arch in the stone bridge, and West Avenue. And the sidewalks and gutters to conform to the same in general reference, specifically as follows: Sidewalks shall be kerf-splined with curb terminate in a curbstone three (3) inches thick, and at least thirty (30) inches deep, and covered with at least of 2 six inches of good clean gravel.

The gutters shall begin twenty (20) inches below the top of the curbstone, and be paved out towards the water of the street for a distance of three feet, with boulders of not less than three inches in diameter and shall be paid for by the city.

The curvature of said gutters and street shall be the same as of Congress Avenue, as established by ordinance approved February 24, 1871.

The Mayor is hereby instructed to cause the necessary grades to be established by the City Surveyor, and to advertise for proposals to do the work in whole or in part, said proposals to be submitted to the City Council for their approval, provided, the owners of any property fronting on the street shall have the right to erect their curbs and sidewalks by doing the work themselves, within the time and

and subject to all conditions for forfeitures for non-compliance, which the Mayor shall announce in his advertisements for proposals.

After the Mayor shall have contracted for the work, he shall cause monthly assessments upon the property fronting where the work is then completed, to be made at the end of the same which shall be collected from each property, and the same paid to the person executing the work.

On motion of Alderman Bennett, the yeas were suspended, the bill passed it second and third reading and then the yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows - Yeas: Messrs. Thos. Adams, J. Bennett, J. L. Bunn, E. Eggleston, Henry Madison, J. Musgrave, J. H. Robinson Nays - none; thus the Ordinance was unanimously adopted.

Alderman J. H. Robinson offered the following Resolution, to-wit:

Be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, That the Mayor is hereby instructed to accept the proposition of sundry property owners to pay for the construction of the necessary piers for an iron bridge of twenty-five (25) feet span over Shoal Creek, at the crossing of West River Street; and to purchase the bridge from the same from Messrs. Miller & Smith for city warrants, at twelve months.

Also to have constructed the necessary piers for an iron bridge across Wallers Creek on West River Street, and purchase the bridge from the above named firm on the above named terms.

On motion of Alderman Eggleston, the rules were suspended, the resolution passed its second and third reading and the yeas and nays demanded, which resulted as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Thos. Adams, J. Bennett, J. L. Bunn, E. Eggleston, Henry Madison, J. Musgrave, J. H. Robinson, Nays - none.

The Resolution was thereby unanimously adopted.

A petition by several merchants of this city praying for a reduction of the present rate of License fees on the sale of liquors, on motion of Alderman Musgrave, was indefinitely postponed for consideration.

On motion of Alderman Eggleston, the City Council adjourned until the next regular meeting.

P. P. Smith, Recorder.