

City Council Meeting
Austin Tex. May 24/1875

Mayor J. B. Wheeler in the chair. Present -
Aldermen G. J. Bradman, C. Bremond,
Wm. Brueggerhoff, O. H. Cullen, J. Dohne,
S. Piper, J. H. Robinson, S. H. Todd.
Absent - Aldermen Ed. Christian, and N.
B. Mitchell.

Reports of Officers.

The Mayor's quarterly report was read, and
on motion, received and ordered to be published.
City Marshal, for the month of April 1875
read, received and adopted.

City Assessor & Collector's, for the quarter
ending Aug. 2, 1875, was read, and referred to
Finance Committee.

City Marshal, of the sale of vegetable stands
at the city Market, received.

City Physician's, for the month of April
1875, received, and adopted.

City Sexton's, for the months of March and
April 1875, was read and referred to the Cemetery
Committee.

Petitions

The property holders of Block 29, Div. C, asking
for the opening of the alley in said block,
received; and, on motion, the Mayor was
authorized to summon a jury and open
the alley, as required by ordinance.

Charles Olson, asking for a license to retail
spirituous liquors less than one quart in
Ward 8. Referred back to the petitioner
to comply with the requirements of the city
ordinance.

John Rodgio, asking for a license to
retail spirituous liquors less than one
quart in Ward 1. Referred back to the
petitioner to comply with the city ordinance.

Charles Gallagher, asking for license to sell
spirituous liquors less than one quart. Referred
back to petitioner to comply with the require

ments of the city ordinance.

James Patterson, asking for a license to sell spirituous liquors less than one quart. ^{Ward 9.}
Referred back to the petitioner to comply with the requirements of the city ordinance.

S. S. Brown & W. R. Freeman, asking to amend the contract entered into with them on the 3rd of April 1875, so as to provide that - the city is to contract with them to furnish fifty hydrants for fire and street sprinkling purposes in the manner prescribed in said contract, for a period of ten years from the date of the completion of said works, that at the expiration of said ten years the city shall have the right or privilege of purchasing said works at their maximum appraised value or of renewing the present contract for ten years longer. That they shall be released from that portion of their contract that requires them to sprinkle the streets or any portion of them, and that in case of accident to their works or machinery they shall be allowed a reasonable time for their repairs without forfeiting their contract. The petition was referred to a select committee consisting of Aldermen Brueggerhoff, Boardman & Cullen to report at an early day.

C. L. Nitschke, city Sexton, suggesting the closing up of the middle street between lots Nos. 199 and 387 east, and 317 & 307 west in said Cemetery also calling attention to the bad condition of the crossing on East Avenue and Cherry street on the road to the Cemetery. Referred to the Cemetery Committee & Sexton, to report at next meeting.

Oceola Archer, G. S. Pendexter and 107 more citizens, of Austin, asking that the vacant block situated immediately north of the Court house be enclosed, the block which was originally intended for a city park and as such was granted. ~~It~~ they therefore submit that in obedience to the obligations

existing, against the authorities of the city; in respect to the rights of the citizens who have improved that portion of said city, and with a view to the protection of the city's interest, they ask that the improvement of said block by at least enclosing the same be earnestly solicited. On motion, action on the petition was postponed.

Communications.

Austin Tex. May 22, 1875.

To the Mayor & Aldermen of the city of Austin, Gentlemen - I send you, indorsed a deed of gift from my wife and myself to the city of Austin, for twenty-three acres of land, lying and situated between Winsor Avenue and Shoal creek, and entirely within the corporate limits of said city, to be used as a public Park; which, you will perceive by its terms, is to take effect when it shall have been accepted by a resolution passed by the city Council Mayor and Board of Aldermen, and entered of record in their proceedings.

Yours with respect, C. M. Pease.

On motion, the communication was received and referred to a select committee of four, consisting of Aldermen Bremond, Robinson, Dohme and Piper, to draw up a resolution accepting the same, and expressing to Gov. C. M. Pease and lady proper appreciation of such a valuable donation.

Austin Tex May 4th 1875.

To the Hon. J. B. Wheeler Mayor of the city of Austin, Sir - Pursuant to an appointment from your honor on the eighth day of February last, I have made a thorough enumeration of the inhabitants of the city of Austin up to and including the thirtieth day of April. In making this enumeration I have visited every house in the city with but few exceptions being able to procure the names of occupants without going to

their houses. I have now the honor to most respectfully submit the following report, to wit: Americans 5,157; colored 3,497; English, of foreign birth 113; Irish, foreign birth 215; Scotch, of foreign birth 19; French, of foreign birth 65; Germans, foreign birth 757; Swedes, foreign birth 188; Poles foreign birth 41; Mexicans, of foreign birth 297; Chinese 33; Italians 37; Russians 7. persons sojourning in the city 2,700. Total 13,063.

Any additional information I most respectfully refer you to the consolidated Poll now on file with the city Recorder.

I remain, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant, Joe. A. Costa.

On motion, the communication was received, and the Mayor authorized to issue a city warrant to Joe. A. Costa, for the sum of \$150. as partial payment.

Mr. Henrichs, claiming the amount of \$17.50 for service as mounted police from 9th of January to 1st of February, 1874. On motion, the same was laid on the table.

On motion, the Market House Committee was authorized to have the lightning rods on the Market House repaired, and the sum of \$10. was ~~being~~ appropriated to pay the same.

On motion, the sum of \$239. was appropriated out of any money in the city Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the payment of sundry bills for the entertainment of the Mexican war veterans on the 8th of May, 1875, by the following vote, to wit: Yeas; Ald. Boardman, Demond, Brueggerhoff, Cullen, John, Piper, Robinson & Todd. Nays; none.

The following Resolution was unanimously passed, to wit:

Whereas, From and after the first day of May 1875. provisions will be made for the erection of a vegetable Market House on Market Hill, by the renting of stands or stalls, for the shelter and benefit of the gardeners and public, and

Whereas, It being the custom of some market gardeners to sell their produce in the corporate limits during market hours, which will result to the detriment and injury to those paying for stall rights; therefore be it:

Resolved by the city Council of the city of Austin, that no person engaged in the sale of vegetables from any vehicle, shall be allowed to sell or dispose of the same in the corporate limits during market hours, which shall be until 7 a.m. from the 20th of March to the 20th of September, and until 8 a.m. from the 20th of September to the 30th of March.

Any violation of this resolution shall be considered a misdemeanor, and punished as in other cases of misdemeanor.

The following resolution was introduced and read, to wit:

Whereas, There being repeated complaints from pedestrians, and citizens doing business in the neighborhood of the crossing of Congress Avenue and Pecan Street, arising from the excessive noise and shouting from auctioneers and the daily blocking of the side-walks by a crowd of people attending the sale of stock by said auctioneers, on said streets, thereby impeding and preventing the free passage of said side-walks; therefore, be it Resolved, by the city Council of the city of Austin, that from and after the passage of this resolution, no animal, vehicle or any article of merchandise shall be permitted to be tried, or sold at auction in the streets of this city, except sales in pursuance of the Laws of the State, and a violation of this resolution shall be a misdemeanor, and punished as in other cases of misdemeanor.

On motion, the yeas and nays were called and the resolution passed by the following vote, to wit: Yeas. Ald. Boardman, Bremond,

Brieggerhoff, Cullen, Dohme, Piper,
Robinson & Todd, Nays - none.

The following resolution was introduced
and read, to wit:

Be it resolved by the city Council of the city
of Austin, That Colorado Steam Fire En-
gine Company No. 2, is hereby authorized to
elect an engineer to take charge of their
engine, who shall be a competent and skill-
ful engineer, and whose duty it shall be
to be at all times on duty at the engine house
of said Company; and who shall hold his
office, subject to the regulations of the Fire
Department, until the next annual election
in said Company. And that said engineer
shall be entitled to a regular monthly salary
of one hundred dollars, to be paid by the
city, as other employees are paid.

On motion, the yeas and nays were called and
the resolution passed by the following vote:
Yeas, Ald. Boardman, Boardman, Briegerhoff,
Cullen, Dohme, Piper, Robinson & Todd,
Nays, none.

On motion, the following resolution was unan-
imously adopted, to wit:

Be it resolved by the city Council of the city
of Austin, that the Mayor be and is hereby
authorized to issue proposals for bids to
erect a shed and stalls for the sale of vegetables
and general produce, directly north and in
the rear of the Market House; said build-
ing to be in accordance with the plans and
specifications, to be found in the Recorder's
Office, and to be paid out of the income
of said stalls.

On motion, the Council adjourned.

Fred Stiering
Recorder.