

Called meeting of City Council.
 Held in City Jan. 20th 1870

The Mayor in the chair. Aldermen present:
 Wm. Brueggerhoff, J. Dohme, N. B. Mitchell, J. H.
 Robinson, and S. H. Todd.

No quorum being present, Council adjourned
 to the first Monday in February.

Fred Sterling
 Recorder

Regular Meeting of City Council.
 Held in City Feb. 3rd 1870

Mayor J. B. Wheeler presiding; present Alder-
 men G. J. Boardman, Wm. Brueggerhoff, Ed.
 Christian, J. Dohme, N. B. Mitchell, J. H.
 Robinson and S. H. Todd. Absent Ald. C. Bromond.
 On motion the reading of the Minutes were
 dispensed with.

The report from the ^{Judges of} special election held on the
 seventh day of ~~December~~ ¹⁸⁷⁰ for an Alderman of the
 seventh Ward, was read, showing that T. H. Ben-
 mont received six votes and S. Pifer sixty-three
 votes. The report was received and adopted.

On motion, S. Pifer was declared Alderman
 elect for the seventh Ward, and sworn into office
 and seated.

The report from the Judges of the special election
 held for an Alderman of the first Ward, on the
 22nd day of January 1870, was read, showing that
 O. H. Cullen received twenty-five votes, James
 Simms twenty-four votes and J. A. Mack fif-
 teen votes.

A protest from J. Simms, proposing to con-
 test the election of O. H. Cullen before the Board
 of Aldermen, was then read, whereupon Alder-
 Brueggerhoff moved that the report from the
 Judges and the protest from J. Simms be
 referred to a select committee of three, with
 authority to investigate the report of said

election, to summon and swear all witnesses required in the investigation, and that the committee make their report at the next meeting. Carried.

His Hon. the Mayor appointed on that Committee, Alderman Brueggerhoff, Boardman, and Dohme.

A petition was read, signed by three hundred and forty-seven taxpayers and citizens of Austin, praying for the erection of a wagon bridge across Waller creek, on Mesquit street. Referred to Street Committee.

A petition was read, from one Ernst Hallmann, who lost his legs by a railroad accident last summer, praying to be released from the payment from license tax on the sale of liquors.

The petition was granted for twelve months by the following vote: Yeas, Ald. Boardman, Brueggerhoff, Christian, Dohme, Mitchell, Todd, and Piper. Nays, none.

A petition from C. P. Bullock was read, asking for a license on Gift Enterprise Grants.

A petition was read, signed by sixty-two citizens of Austin, praying for the construction of a bridge over Shoal creek, on College Avenue. The petition was referred to Street Committee.

A petition from Aug. Weibacher was read, praying to make the apportionment on lot No. 2 in block No. 66, equal in amount to lot No. 3 in the same block. Granted.

On motion of Ald. Brueggerhoff Mr. Aug. Weibacher was released from the ten per cent penalty for nonpayment of taxes for the year 1874.

By the following vote: Yeas, Ald. Boardman, Brueggerhoff, Christian, Dohme, Mitchell, Robinson, Todd, and Piper. Nays, none.

A bill from W. H. Henricks, a balance of \$17.52 for hire and services of one saddle horse used by him in the service as mounted police from Jan 9th to Feb. 1st 1874, was presented and referred to Police Committee.

A bill from W. C. Pisher for \$5.00, for an ox

paid by ^{him} error on an over-ascertainment of his property in the year 1873. On motion the bill was allowed. The Mayor's report of the financial condition of the city was read, whereupon, on motion of Alderman Brueggertoff, the report was received and the recorder instructed to have the same inserted three times in the city newspapers. Reports from the City Physician for the months of Dec. and Jan. were presented and received. Reports from City Sexton for the months of Dec. and Jan. were read and referred to Cemetery Committee.

Reports from City Marshal for the months of Dec. and Jan. were presented and referred to Police Committee.

Reports from City Collector and Treasurer for the quarter ending thirty-first of January, 1875, were presented and referred to Finance Committee. Report from Joseph Nagle, Chief of Fire Department, with regard to Hope Hook and Ladder Company No. 2, stating that said Company had been favorably reported by the Fire Department and recommended that said Company be received and placed in the rear of the Capitol, or at some point near the public buildings. On motion the report was received and adopted.

A petition from A. C. Hart was read, proposing to clear out the timber and trees in the street running north and south between out-lots No. 3 and 4 in Div. B. for the timber so cleared. Petition was referred to Street Committee. A petition from W. J. Smith & Co. was read, asking permission to erect a wooden staircase in the alley between Geo. Hancock's store building and Murchison's livery stable, the stairs not to exceed thirty inches in width and to be under the control of the City Council. On motion the petition was granted.

A petition from W. J. Smith & Co. was read, asking permission to erect a pole for the purpose of attaching a sign across the street.

opposite the Hancock building on Pecan street.
The petition was referred to the Street Committee,
with authority to act in the premises.

A petition from Job. Smith, asking for a
license on gift enterprise, was read and
granted.

A petition from the members of colored Baptist
Church was read, asking permission to erect
a Church on the lot situated between the
colored Methodist Church and the state
school house. The petition was received and
referred to a select committee, consisting of

Ald. Boardman, Brueggerhoff, Piper and Todd.
Ald. Brueggerhoff introduced the following
resolution, which was unanimously adopted.

1st Be it resolved by the city Council of the
City of Austin, that the thanks of this body are
hereby extended to the Houston and Texas Central
Railway Company and the Galveston, Houston
and Henderson Railroad Company, for their
liberal donation to the Austin Fire Department,
in transporting their new steam Fire engine,
free of charge, over their respective roads.

2nd That the city recorder is instructed to furnish
a copy of this resolution to Hon. W. P. Baker,
vice president of the Houston and Texas Central,
and the Hon. H. B. Andrews, general freight
agent of the Galveston, Houston and Henderson
Railroad Company.

Ald. Robinson introduced the following resolu-
tion to wit:

1st Be it resolved by the city Council of the city
of Austin, that ^{the} city Recorder or any other officer,
except the city Treasurer shall not pay any
approved bills after the passage of this resolu-
tion.

2nd That the city Treasurer shall pay all bills against
the city of Austin when approved by the Mayor,
in amounts not over twenty dollars cash bill.

3rd That the city Treasurer shall at the end of
each month present such bills paid to the
City Recorder who shall record the same, and

4th

The Mayor shall then issue his warrant to the city Treasurer for the amount so recorded, that the city Treasurer shall, at the end of each month present all copions paid by him to the city Recorder who shall record the same and the Mayor issue his warrant to the city Treasurer for the amount so recorded.

On motion the resolution ~~the resolution~~ was adopted unanimously.

Ald. Brueggerhoff introduced a tax ordinance for the year 1875. The ordinance was read and referred to the Finance Committee and City Attorney.

Ald. Brueggerhoff on part of Finance Committee introduced an ordinance authorizing the issuance of \$20,000 in twenty years Austin City Bonds. The same was referred back to Finance Committee to report back the same at the next meeting.

An ordinance was read with reference to leasing the old Stapscock & Milligan mill, situated on the river walk.

On motion the Mayor was authorized to draw up a contract with Mr. S. S. Brown with regard the lease and report the same at next meeting for ratification.

The Mayor assigned Alderman S. Piper on Market House and Fire Committee.

On motion Council adjourned to 4 o'clock next Wednesday evening.

Fred Sterging
Recorder.

City Council Room

Austin, Tex Feb. 10th 1875

Council met pursuant to adjournment, Mayor J. B. Wheeler presiding. Present—Alderman J. J. Boardman, Wm Brueggerhoff, Ed. Christian, J. Dohme, J. H. Robinson and S. H. Todd. Absent, Aldermen O. Bremond, N. B. Mitchell, and S. Piper.

The Committee on investigation of the contested election for Alderman of the first Ward, reported substantially as follows:

The undersigned Committee to whom was referred the investigation of testimony and facts pertaining to the contested election of Alderman in Ward No. 1, held on the 7th day of January, 1875, beg leave to report that, after careful and minute examination of the ballots with the registration list, we find that O. H. Cullen has received a majority of one vote, and recommend that he be immediately placed in position as Alderman of this Ward.

Signed, Wm Brueggerhoff J. J. Boardman and J. Dohme,
Committee,

On motion the report was received and adopted. Mr O. H. Cullen was then sworn into office and seated. A report from Joseph Nagle, Chief of the Fire Department was read, showing the condition of the Fire Department; also the number of Fires since the twenty-first of April, 1874, being six actual fires and one alarm, the value of property destroyed by fire \$11,000; loss to insurance companies, \$2,500 making loss to owners of property \$8,500, showing also the property on hand belonging to the city and in charge of each Company, and the actual strength of the Department, being 155 men. he also recommended the building of more fire cisterns. On motion the report was received.

A bill from Kingsberry of \$21,40 was presented and referred to Street Committee

The committee to whom was referred the petition from the members of the colored Baptist Church,

made the following report:

The undersigned committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry citizens, praying for a lot to erect a Church, beg leave to report unfavorable for the reason that petitioners are a branch of the Colored Baptist Church, a religious denomination to whom, already a lot for a Church has been given by the city authorities.

G. C. Boardman, Wm. Brueggerhoff, S. Todd, Committee.
On motion the report was received and the Committee discharged.

Finance Committee asked for further time to report upon the Tax and Bond Ordinances.
Granted.

A contract entered into by the Mayor and S. S. Brown, with an ordinance accompanying it with regard to leasing the old Shafcook and Milligan mill, was read and referred to the Ordinance Committee, to make report at the next meeting.

Alderman Wm. Brueggerhoff offered the following Resolutions which were adopted, to wit:

Be it resolved by the city Council of the city of Austin, That the Chairman of the Finance Committee, and Chief of the Fire Department be and are hereby authorized to sell for account of the city of Austin, the hand engine, hose-cart and other hose now in possession of Colorado Fire Company No. 2; that if sold to any town in the interior of the State to extend fragment for said sale if found advisable for the city, not to exceed two years but that no sale shall be concluded and no delivery made, until after the arrival and acceptance of the new steam engine; provided that the amount of said sale shall be not less than \$1,000.

Be it resolved by the city Council of the city of Austin, That the city Attorney shall bring suit at once and without delay against any and all delinquent Tax payers of the city of Austin.

Be it resolved by the city Council of the city of Austin, That the Recorder be and is hereby instructed

ted to furnish the names of delinquent license payers, and show cause why said parties are allowed to follow any business without having taken out and paid their license; that report shall be furnished to the board of Aldermen at the next called meeting.

An ordinance was introduced N^o. 56. to be entitled "An ordinance regulating the renting of Market stalls, Market privileges and Coffee stands for the year ending March 1st 1876."

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 Boardman, Brueggerhoff, Christian, Dohme, Robinson, Todd and Cullen. Nays, none. Ald. Robinson introduced an ordinance N^o. 57. to be entitled "An ordinance making it a misdemeanor to ride on any street car without paying the fare at the time of riding."

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 Boardman, Brueggerhoff, Christian, Dohme, Robinson, Todd and Cullen. Nays, none. His Hon. the Mayor, assigned Alderman C. H. Cullen on ordinance and Fire Committee. On motion the Council adjourned to the next Tuesday 4 o'clock P. M.

Fred Storing
Recorder.

City Council Room
Austin Tex. Feb. 16th 1875

Council met pursuant to adjournment. Mayor J. B. Wheeler presiding; present, Aldermen G. J. Boardman, C. Breckmond, W. Brueggerhoff, O. H. Cullen, Ed. Christian, J. Doherty, and J. H. Robinson; absent Aldermen, N. B. Mitchell, S. Piper and S. H. Todd.

On motion the reading of the minutes were dispensed with.

A petition was read, signed by thirty-two citizens, residing in the north-eastern part of the city, representing that they are in need of a site on which to build a school house, and asking the permission to erect a public building on a portion of the Hospital block.

On motion the petition was referred to a select committee of three consisting of Ald. Boardman, Robinson, and Brueggerhoff.

A petition from W. Brueggerhoff was read, stating that he had erected a fire proof oil magazine on block 42, Div. C, for the purpose of storing oil, that the said magazine was erected in conformity with Articles 449th and 450th of the ordinances of this city, and built with a substantial rock wall, a brick floor, and the roof covered with heavy sheet iron, and but one iron door; and prays that permission be granted him by resolution, to store oil in said building. Whereupon the following resolution was unanimously passed to wit:

Be it resolved by the city Council of the city of Austin, That the oil magazine of W. Brueggerhoff, erected and situated upon his premises in block 42, Division C, Ward 5, in the city of Austin, is hereby declared a fire proof magazine, and the said W. Brueggerhoff is hereby authorized to store oils of all descriptions in the same; he having complied with Articles 449, and 450, of the ordinances of the city of Austin.

Ordinance Committee made a favorable report in regard to leasing the City Mill property to Steph Smith Brown and offered an ordinance ^{11th 25th} to be entitled "An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the city of Austin to lease certain property in the said city, known as the 'Old City Mill property,' to Steph Smith Brown for the purpose therein mentioned" The report was received, and 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 Ald Boardman, Bremond, Bruggenhoff, Cullen, Christian, Dohme, and Robinson. Nays; none. The Finance Committee introduced the following resolution and recommended its passage to wit:

A. Resolution providing for the assessment and collection of the ad valorem and license tax for the city of Austin for the year 1875.

Be it resolved by the city Council of the city of Austin, That there shall be levied, and collected, an ad valorem tax of three fourths of one per centum on the assessed value of all property, real and personal, within the corporate limits of the city of Austin, and a capitation tax of one dollar for the year 1875, for the support of the city government and to pay the interest and sinking fund of the bonded debt of the city of Austin. That there shall be levied and collected, a license tax on every license granted for any business, profession, occupation or calling, as provided for in articles 209, to articles 302, inclusive, of the general ordinance of the city of Austin and shall continue in force for the year 1875.

On motion the rules were suspended the resolution read the second time, On motion the

the rules were further suspended, the resolution read the third time and passed by the following vote: Yeas: Ald. Boardman, Bremond, Brueggelhoff, Cullen, Christian, Dohme, and Robinson. Nays: none.

The Finance Committee introduced an ordinance, authorizing the Mayor to sell Austin City twenty year bonds to the amount of twenty thousand dollars, and recommended its passage. The ordinance was read first time, Alderman Bremond moved to strike out the words "twenty thousand dollars" and insert the words "fifteen thousand dollars" the motion was lost.

Alderman Cullen moved to strike out the words "twenty thousand dollars" and insert the words "ten thousand dollars." The motion was lost.

On motion the rules were suspended, and the ordinance was read the second time. On motion the rules were further suspended, the ordinance read the third time. The yeas and nays being called the ordinance was lost by the following vote: Yeas: Ald. Boardman, Bremond, Brueggelhoff, Cullen, Dohme, and Robinson. Nays: Alderman Christian.

Ald. Boardman offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted. To wit:

Be it resolved by the City Council of the city of Austin, that from and after the first day of March, 1875, no city officer shall contract for or approve any amount for work done for the city after said date, unless an appropriation has previously been made by the Board of Aldermen, and that no appropriation shall be made until the money is in the treasury to meet it.

On motion Council adjourned to four o'clock P. M. first Monday in March 1875.

Fred Sturging
Recorder.