

Called Meeting of City Council
Austin, Texas Nov 25. 1878

Mayor W. Cress, presiding.

Roll called. Present, Aldermen Brown,
Agatz, Raven, Sheehan, Strong & Dwyer.

Quorum present.

Resolutions of C. H. Cochran and P. L. Meyer
for license to retail spirituous liquors
granted.

The following communication from Hon.
Henry H. Meyer, was presented and read
"Mayor's Office"

Austin Texas Nov 25 1878.

To the Hon. Board of Aldermen
City of Austin
Gentlemen:

I desire to bring to your attention the
insecurity of life in this City, caused in a
great measure by the carrying of deadly
weapons by a large number of people, more from
habit than a desire to do injury, but which
should be stopped at all hazards.

The promiscuous firing of guns and pistols
which occurs almost every night, to the annoyance
and danger of people, requires extraordinary
measures to bring the offenders to justice.

In view of this state of things, I would
respectfully recommend that the Mayor be
authorized to offer a reward for the apprehension
of these parties, or for such information as will
lead to their arrest and punishment; these
rewards could be paid out of the fines imposed
on such persons, where such fines are collected,
and in cases where persons work out their
fines on the streets, the rewards should be paid
out of the Treasury.

I have called in the commissions of
all Special Police officers, except those who
have shown themselves sober men, and who
have assisted in enforcing the laws.

Very respectfully
(Signed) J. W. Cress
"Mayor"

Communication received and the City Attorney requested to draw up an Ordinance in conformity with the Mayor's recommendations.

Communication from Thos. von Clausibus of Cozaddale, Warren Co. Ohio asking for aid in establishing a Boot & Shoe factory in this City, was read and received, and an invitation extended to the gentleman to come to Texas upon the same terms as other citizens.

Communication from a Committee on Invitation, requesting that delegates be selected to attend a Convention for the promotion of American Commerce to be held at Chicago Nov. 12. 1878. Read and received.

Resolution appropriating \$200⁰⁰ for paying the freight on a ^{Bookcase} Hook & Ladder & Pulaski. Read first time.

Resolution appropriating \$50⁰⁰ for the purchase of blankets for the prisoners in the calaboose.

Read first time.

An Ordinance regulating Hotels and Boarding houses.

Read first time.

An Ordinance prohibiting the discharge of fire-arms within the corporate limits of the City of Austin.

Read first time.

On motion the Council adjourned until 11 O'clock A. M. to-morrow.

Approved
Dec. 2⁵ 1879.

L. M. Bradley
City Clerk.

Approved
Dec. 2⁷ 1879.

Adjourned Meeting of City Council
Austin Texas Nov 26. 1878.

Council met pursuant to adjournment.
Mayor De Cress presiding. Roll called.
Present. Aldermen Crooker, Millett, Mosty,
Kalle, Platt, Raven, Sheehan, Strong and
Baughan. Quorum present.

"An ordinance prohibiting the discharge of
fire-arms within the corporate limits of the
City of Austin" read second time and on
motion the rules were suspended and the
Ordinance placed upon its third reading by
the following vote. Ayes Aldermen Crooker,
Millett, Mosty, Kalle, Platt, Raven, Sheehan,
Strong and Baughan.

Nays. None.

Read third time, and on motion passed
by the following vote. Ayes Aldermen Crooker,
Millett, Mosty, Kalle, Platt, Raven, Sheehan,
Strong and Baughan.

Nays. None.

"An Ordinance regulating Hotels and
Boarding houses" read second time and on
motion the rules were suspended and the
Ordinance placed upon its third reading
by the following vote. Ayes Aldermen Crooker,
Millett, Mosty, Kalle, Platt, Raven, Sheehan,
Strong and Baughan.

Nays. None.

Read third time and on motion passed
by the following vote. Ayes Aldermen Crooker,
Millett, Mosty, Kalle, Platt, Raven, Sheehan,
Strong and Baughan.

Nays. None.

"Resolution appropriating Fifty-eight dollars
for the purchase of blankets for the prisoners
in the City almshouse" read second time
and on motion the rules were suspended and
the resolution placed on its third reading by
the following vote. Ayes Aldermen Crooker,
Millett, Mosty, Kalle, Platt, Raven, Sheehan,
Strong and Baughan.

Nays. None.

Read third time and on motion passed by the following vote. Yeas Aldermen Crooker, Milllett, Hosty, Kalle, Platt, Raven, Sheehan, Strong and Vaughan.
Nays none.

Resolution appropriating Two hundred dollars for paying the freight on a Hook and Ladder Truck read second time and on motion the rules were suspended and the resolution placed on its third reading by the following vote. Yeas Aldermen Crooker, Milllett, Hosty, Kalle, Platt, Raven, Sheehan, Strong and Vaughan.
Nays none.

Read third time and passed by the following vote. Yeas Aldermen Crooker, Milllett, Hosty, Kalle, Platt, Raven, Sheehan, Strong and Vaughan.
Nays none.

An Ordinance to secure the arrest and convictions of persons violating Articles 141^{and} 143^a of the City Ordinances

Read first time and on motion the rules were suspended and the Ordinance placed on its second reading by the following vote. Yeas Aldermen Crooker, Milllett, Hosty, Kalle, Raven, Sheehan, Strong and Vaughan.
Nays Alderman Platt.

Read second time and on motion the rules were further suspended and the Ordinance placed on its third reading by the following vote. Yeas Aldermen Crooker, Milllett, Hosty, Kalle, Raven, Sheehan, Strong and Vaughan.
Nays Alderman Platt.

Read third time and on motion passed by the following vote. Yeas Aldermen Crooker, Milllett, Hosty, Kalle, Raven, Sheehan, Strong and Vaughan.
Nays Alderman Platt.

On motion Aldermen Kalle, Crooker and Milllett were excused for non-attendance at the meeting of the Council on last night.

The Mayor stated that on his recent visit

to San Antonio he had interviewed Genl. Ord and obtained from him the following document:
 "Copy of Endorsements on a certified copy of resolutions passed by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas, on the 13th day of May 1848, relative to the Barracks, situated on the reservation of the U. S. Government in that City, and asking for an appropriation by Congress of \$10,000. for the purpose of putting the Barracks in good repair. (3222. 10. 9. 1848)

1st Endorsement

The Barracks at Austin are upon land ceded to the U. S. they are, except the officers quarters, merely temporary structures, without ceilings and roughly floored, in a dilapidated condition, on account of their being unoccupied and thus the asylum of tramps. In case the Department Commander was called on to move troops to the frontier, these Barracks would be useful as a place where R. Rd communication ends, and going West towards Concho, teaming begins, and I recommend that they be placed in good condition.

Estimates to repair them, are herewith forwarded.

(Sgd) E. O. C. Ord

Brig. General
 Commanding

2^d Endorsement.

Chief Quartermaster. Get full estimate from the Cr. Ins. Agent at the Barracks, to include the flooring, mending rooms, placing close shutters and fastenings, sash &c. to all windows, and good strong doors, with bolts &c. and ceiling with plaster the men's quarters; so as to have them all ready for immediate use.

(Sgd) E. O. C. O.

3^d Endorsement

Headquarters, Department of Texas

San Antonio Texas, May 18. 1848.

Respectfully referred to the Chief Quartermaster, inviting attention to the endorsements of the Commanding General hereon.

By command of Brigadier General Ord

(Sgd) Thomas M. Vincent U. S. Genl

The document was received and on motion of Alderman Kalle the Mayor was authorized to appoint a Special committee of three Aldermen and two citizens to act in concert with the Mayor for the purpose of consulting with the Representative in Congress from this District relative to the matter.

The Mayor appointed Aldermen Kalle, Kullett and Vaughan, and Messrs A. W. Donnell and J. C. Searay on said committee

On motion the Council adjourned

Approved:

Dec 25 1878

L. M. Bradley,
City Clerk

Approved
Dec 27