

Regular Meeting of the City Council
Austin Tex May 5th 1884

Hon W A Taylor

Mayor Presiding

Roll call present aldermen Schneider Dutton
Pilew Hancock Campbell J. W. Robertson Driskill
Carrington Ervin Blath and Brunnen absent
Alderman Wells schuber Underhill Maas
Crocker Odell & L. Robertson Hill and Brush

Alderman Brunnen moved to send after the
absent members. motion adopted

Aldermen Hill Maas and Brush came in
and answered to their names

Alderman Ervin Presented a petition from property
owner and Citizens asking for a repeal or modification
of an ordinance in regard to obstructions on the
streets

Read and referred to special committee
R J Hill Chairman

Alderman Blath presented a petition from
Citizens asking the Council to have a bridge
built over water Creek on Mulberry Street.

A Petition was received from S Morris
Policeman asking for leave of absence for
30 day on account of sickness. with pay
Petition granted.

Alderman Underhill presented a petition
signed by Citizens requesting the Council to pur-
chase from Mr James Riley 20 acres of land
south of and adjoining the City Cemetery for
cemetery purposes. Referred to the Cemetery Committee

The quarterly reports of the assessor and Collector
and City Clerk was read and referred to the
Finance Committee

The report of the City Marshal for April 1884 show
total fines Cash from fines \$477⁴⁵/₁₀₀ referred to
Police Committee

The report of the City Sexton for April 1884 shows total deaths 15 white & Colored 7 male 6 Female 9 read and referred to the Cemetery Committee

Alderman Brush presented a petition from property owners of the 10 ward asking the Council to have a hydrant located at the corner of east Trinity and Willow Streets Referred to the Finance Committee

Alderman Plath presented a petition from Charles McAnally requesting permission to quarry rock on Sabine street between Mulberry and Mesquite Sts for the purpose of opening said street Petition granted with the condition that the work shall be done under the supervision of the City Engineer and Street Committee

The following report was received from the Street Committee which was referred to the aldermen of the 2^d and 3^d wards

To the Hon Mayor and Board of Aldermen
Your Committee to whom was referred the petition of Julia A Smith and Robert A Smith asking for necessary improvements on the corner of Hickory and Lavaca Sts would most respectfully represent that we have instructed the City Engineer to make the necessary repairs as prayed for
A Plath Chairman

Aldermen G. S. Robertson and Hill came in and answered to their names

The Street Committee submitted the following report which was adopted

To the Hon Mayor and Board of Aldermen
Your committee to whom was referred the within proposition of the Capital Compress Company to build a bridge on Cedar street over shoal break would respectfully recommend

that the proposition be accepted and that
the accompanying ordinance be passed

W B Brush

J W Quirk

R. Platt

Street Committee

The Finance Committee submitted the follow-
ing report which was adopted

To the Hon Mayor and Board of Aldermen
of the City of Austin

Gentlemen

Your committee to whom
was referred the petition of Messrs E. B. Shepard
J. J. Erwin and R. M. Castleman executors of the estate
of A. J. Smith deceased beg leave to report that they
have carefully examined the same and would
respectfully recommend that the same be granted

M. Kaas

Lewis Hancock

} Finance Committee

Alderman Kaas moved that the finance committee
be allowed to report verbally in regard to the bonds now
on the the market for sale. motion adopted
The Finance Committee also submitted the follow-
ing written report

That but one offer for the bonds
had been made viz: by a P. WoodrIDGE of this City who
proposed to take \$43,000. of the bonds at 98 cents on the
dollar. accrued interest to go with the bonds

This in effect an offer of only 96 1/2 cents on the
dollar and the finance committee and Mayor after
seriously considering the offer concluded to report
the offer to the Council for their decision

Lewis Hancock

M. Kaas

Alderman Hancock introduced the following
resolution

Be it Resolved by the City Council of the
City of Austin,

That the Mayor and Finance committee
be and are hereby authorized to accept Mr. WoodrIDGE
offer of 98 cents accrued interest to go with the
bonds provided they do not receive a better

offer within a week from this date

The resolution was adopted by the following vote yeas Alderman Sutor Pillow Hancock Campbell Underhill Maas J W Robertson Driskill Carrington G L. Robertson Brush and Ervin Nays Schneider Mills Hill Platt and Brunen

Alderman Brush was excused from further attendance at this meeting

The Motion to adjourn until Tuesday May 6th 1884 at 8 o'clock P.M. was adopted by the following vote yeas Aldermen Sutor Pillow Hancock Mills Campbell Underhill Maas J W Robertson Driskill Platt Ervin G L. Brunen Nays Aldermen Schneider Carrington G. L. Robertson and Hill

On motion the council adjourned

Thomas. Land Turcell

City Clerk

Resolutions approved June 16 1884

Regular meeting of the City Council
Austin Texas May 6th 1884
adjourned from Monday May 5th 1884

Hon. J. W. Robertson Presiding

Roll call present aldermen Schneider Octor
Pellow Hancock Mills Campbell Maas J. W.
Robertson Grixkill Crooker Odell H. L. Robertson
Hall Clark Ervin

Absent aldermen Schuber Underhill Carrington
and Brush

Alderman J. W. Robertson presented a petition
from Citizens signed by C. A. Johnson, R. Burdett
and others asking that the stairway at the
corner of Congress avenue and Mulberry St,
be allowed to remain

Referred to special committee
D. J. Hill chairman

A Petition was received from John Stanley
asking the Council to reduce the license
on fortune tellers

On motion the Petition was laid on the
table

The petition of B. J. Carlisle asking the council
to remit a fine of \$50 for carrying a pistol was
returned to petitioner to be presented to the Council
with the mayor's recommendations on the same

Alderman H. L. Robertson presented a petition
signed by citizens asking that a fine assessed
against Cha. Pawlett for intoxication be remitted

Returned to petitioner to be presented to the
Council by the mayor with his recommendations
on the same

Alderman Crooker presented a petition from
Protection Hook and Ladder Co No 3 setting forth
the fact that the lease to the City for the lot
their truck house was built on would expire
in July 1884 and asked that the council provide
for the purchase of a lot to locate said truck house
upon Referred to the fire committee

The report of the City Physician for april 1884 was received and ordered filed

The following report was received from the City Treasurer which was read and ordered filed

Report of the City Treasurer for the month of april 1884

Balance on hand March 31	22,942.13
Received from assessor and Collector on hospital fund.	1.60
" " " " Cemetery "	231.00
" " " " Market "	184.75
" " " " Ad Valorem Tax	6765.17
" " " " License "	2,778.70
" " " " General fund	7381.55
	<u>32,840.77</u>

Credit

Hospital fund Paid on interest warrants	376.43
Cemetery " " " "	30.83
General " " " "	8764.80
Back debt act. 10% interest	10,817.20
Interest & coupons due January 1, 1884 on 10% bonds 175 to 130 inclusive	<u>300.00</u>
	<u>22,234.10</u>

Cash balance april 30 1884

Hospital Fund	848.16
Cemetery "	871.94
General "	9474.32
Back debt "	2,773.58
Market "	<u>1840.80</u>
	<u>14,348.80</u>

Inappropriated Balances

Hospital fund	110.31
Cemetery "	660.16
General "	<u>16335.24</u>
Loans and back debt	
account to pay 5% warrants	<u>13014.59</u>
	<u>3370.66</u>

J. W. Howard
City Treasurer

The following report was received from the special committee which was adopted.

To the Hon Mayor and board of Aldermen of the City of Austin

Your special committee to whom was referred the resolution providing for an investigation of the Conduct of Hon C. D. Johns City Recorder at Millets opera house on April 3 1884 have the honor to report that they have performed the duty imposed upon them by said Resolution

The said Committee made full investigation of the Charges against the City Recorder and find the same are not supported by the facts

Your committee find nothing in the conduct of said Recorder that demands action or further investigation on the part of the Council as all the violations complained of were of a strictly private nature and in no manner connected with the official conduct of the Recorder

Your committee upon the testimony before them fully vindicate said C. D. Johns. upon the Charges preferred. have the honor to report that in their opinion no action is called for and they ask to be discharged from further consideration of said violations

Respectfully submitted
 A B Underhill Chairman
 W. B. Brush
 R. C. Wells
 J. W. Robinson } Committee

The the following report was received from the special committee on water for street sprinkling purposes. which was ordered filed

To the Hon Mayor and City Council

Your special committee appointed to apply to the City Water Company to ascertain whether said Company willing to concede to the City the necessary supply of water for the purpose of sprinkling street under the existing contract would respectfully report that they have addressed a communication to the President and Board of Directors of

said company but have failed to receive any reply thereto.

Your committee would further report that through its chairman it has had a personal interview with the president of said company and made a request that said concession be granted and that said officer has informed your committee through its chairman that the Company would not permit the use of water for sprinkling streets under the existing contract and that it would charge for water used for said purpose one hundred dollars per month.

B. C. Wells } Committee
P. J. Hill }

Alderman Maas called up an ordinance amending article 50 of the revised ordinance of the City of Austin in regard to pavements and sidewalks the ordinance was read second and third times under suspension of the rules and passed by the following vote. Yeas Aldermen Schneider Sutton Pillsbury Hancock Wells Campbell Maas J. W. Robertson Driskill Crooker Adair & S. Robertson Hill Clark Ervin and Brunner.

An Ordinance providing for a bridge over Shoal creek at the intersection of Cedar and Rio Grand Streets was read first time the motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second reading was lost.

The Hospital Committee submitted the following report which was adopted. We the Hospital Committee would recommend the appropriation asked for by the City Physician for the opening of the Hospital.

I. M. Crooker.

Chairman

The Ordinance committee submitted the following.

An Ordinance entitled an Ordinance

to prohibit hogs from running at Large within the Corporate limits of the City of Austin the Ordinance was read first time and then read second and third times under suspension of the rules and passed by the following Vote Yeas Aldermen Schneider Dutton Pellow Hancock Wells Campbell Maas J. W. Robertson Driskill Crooker Adell G. L. Robertson Hill Clark and Ervin

Alderman Crooker offered an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1500. for the purpose of furnishing the City and County Hospital the ordinance was read first time the motion to suspend the rules and read the ordinance a second time was lost The motion to reconsider the vote by which the motion to suspend the rules and read the ordinance as second time the motion to reconsider was carried the ordinance was then read second time under suspension of the rules. Alderman Hill moved to amend the ordinance by striking out \$1500. and insert \$1000. motion lost Alderman Hancock moved to amend by striking out \$1500. and insert \$600. amendment adopted.

Alderman Hancock offered the following amendment to section 2 which was adopted.

Provided that the Treasurer is hereby instructed to refund this amount to the general revenue out of the proceeds of the sale of the \$40000 of bonds now on the market

The ordinance was read third time under suspension of the rules and passed by the following vote yeas Aldermen Schneider Dutton Pellow Hancock Wells Campbell Maas J. W. Robertson Driskill Crooker Adell G. L. Robertson Hill Clark and Ervin

Alderman Pellow offered the following Resolution which was adopted

Resolved that it is the sense of this council that the County should pay two thirds of the amount required to furnish the City Hospital

An ordinance to increase the pay of mounted Policemen to \$7⁵⁰ per month was read and referred to the police Committee

Alderman Pillow offered the following resolution which was adopted

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin That a select committee consisting of aldermen J. W. Robertson Lewis Hancock and O. J. Hill be appointed to examine the contract now existing between the City of Austin and the City Water Company. and report at the next meeting of the City as to the legality of said contract and if the water Company have at all times complied with their contract

Alderman Platt introduced an ordinance making it a misdemeanor to sell coal by false or short weight the ordinance was read first time the motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second reading was lost

The Finance committee introduced an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$5094⁵⁴/₁₀₀ for approved accounts. The ordinance was read second and third times under suspension of the rules and passed by the following vote yeas Aldermen Schneider Editor Pillow Hancock Wells Campbell Macae J. W. Robertson Duskil Crooker. Cull & L. Robertson Hill Platt & Erwin

A motion to adjourn was lost

An ordinance regulating the running at large of animals within the limits of the City and creating a pound master defining his powers and duties was called up and read by sections for information and the following amendments offered

By Ald Platt. to amend section one by adding milk cows may run at large in the day time amendment adopted

by aded Pillow to amend section 13. By inserting
Between Waller Creek and south of the university
amendment laid on the table

By alderman Hill to amend by striking out
the words hog where it appeared in the ordinance
amendment adopted

Alderman Crooker to amend section 13 by
striking out magnolia avenue and insert in
lieu thereof "south of the university"
Amendment adopted

Alderman Hill to amend section 16 by striking
out the words "Proceeding sections" and insert
"Provisions of section 14, shall be deemed guilty
of a misdemeanor etc."

The motion to suspend the rules and place
the ordinance on its third reading was lost

On motion of Alderman Platt the ordinance was
recommitted to the ordinance committee

Alderman Meade introduced the following resolution
which was adopted

Resolved by the City Council of the City
of Austin

That the City Engineer be instructed to
ascertain and report to this council the cost
of iron foot bridges on congress avenue and Pecan
st. and also the cost for stepping stones for the
crossings of said streets

The council confirmed K. Rindley as a special
Police officer

On motion the Council adjourned
Read and approved June 16, 1884

J. L. Purcell
City Clerk