

Regular meeting of the City Council
Austin Texas July 7th 1884
Hon J. W. Robertson Mayor Presiding

Roll call present aldermen Schneider Pillow Wells. Rulon Hancock Maas Driskill Crooker Adell Carrington Hill. Plath. ~~Erwin~~ Brush and Brunnen.

Aldermen Schubert and Underhill came in and answered to their names.

Absent alderman Robertson. Erwin

On motion of alderman Brush minutes of June 16 and 25 1884 was adopted

His Honor Presented the returns from the election held in this ward on June 27 1884 for one alderman of said ward and appointed as the committee to canvass the returns aldermen Maas and Wells. The Committee submitted the following report.

To the Hon President of the Board of aldermen of the City of Austin
Your committee appointed to canvass the votes for alderman of the 5 ward at a special election held on the 27th day of June beg leave to report that Mr G Warren received 37 votes

" P. M. Kueney " 8 "

" J. M. Dossax " 1 "

Respectfully

M Maas

P. C. Wells Committee

His honor declared that G Warren was elected alderman of the 5 ward

Mr G Warren came forward and his honor the Mayor administered to him the oath of office as alderman of the City of Austin

The petition of James Byrne asking the council to remit a fine imposed against him in the recorder's Court was laid on the table.

Alderman Plath presented two petitions

signed by citizens asking that the council provide a Public market square with suitable scales and Public weighers to accommodate buyers and sellers of country produce Cotton Hay &c. referred to the market house committee

The report of the City Marshal for June 1884 was read and referred to the Police committee

Total fines for the month	\$1650.40
" collected	\$649.65
Back fines "	134.35

The report of the City Physician for June 1884 was read and referred to the Hospital Committee.

The report of the Sexton for June 1884 was read and referred to the Cemetery Committee

The reports of the City Treasurer for May and June 1884 was read and referred to the Finance Committee

Cash received during May	\$38,711.69
Paid non interest warrants	\$35,309.60
" 6% interest warrants	160.38
Cash received during June 1884	\$4,738.05
Paid 6% warrants	\$193.32
" non int warrant	\$1561.39

The City Sexton report for June 1884 was read and referred to the Cemetery Committee

Total deaths 31. white 20 Col 9 Mexican 2.

Communication was received from the assessor and collector, stating that the water Company refused to pay further ground rent for part of river walk occupied by them, referred to the finance Committee

The following majority report was received from the street Committee in regard to the removal of bridges on the avenue

In The Hon Mayor and board of aldermen your committee to whom was referred the petitions of citizens asking that the bridges on the within named streets be repaired and not removed as recommended by the City Engineer and the street committee. which report was

adopted by your honorable body some months since; would most respectfully represent that we can see no reason for changing our opinion from our former expressed opinion on that question. In considering this question we have to take in consideration the annual cost the liabilities for damage from damage caused from broken and defective bridges. We would therefore ask that the petitions be not granted

R Plath Chairman
Driskill

Alderman Brush submitted the following minority report of street committee

To the Hon J W Robertson Mayor and Board of Aldermen

The undersigned member of the street committee would recommend that the petition as above set forth be granted and that the ordinance now in force be repealed.

W B Brush

Alderman Odell moved to substitute minority report for majority report motion lost by the following vote yeas aldermen Hancock Wells Odell and Brush nays aldermen Schneider Sutor Pillow Campbell Warren Driskill Crooker Carrington Heil Plath and Brennen the majority report was then adopted by the following vote yeas aldermen Schneider Sutor Pillow Hancock Campbell Warren Driskill Crooker Carrington Heil Plath and Brennen nays Wells Odell and Brush.

Alderman Hancock for the special committee to whom was referred the proposition of Mr J. L. Driskill to purchase Lots 7 & 8 Block 67 from the City: submitted the following report.

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

Your committee to whom was referred the question of the sale of certain property to Mr Driskill for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not the members of the fire Department oppose the sale

beg leave to report that they have performed this duty so far as possible and find that the fire department make no objections to the sale provided the City will undertake to provide the department with comfortable quarters centrally located

Respectfully

Lewis Hancock

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Alderman Hancock submitted the following as the proposition received by the Committee and approved by them

Austin Texas June 25th 1884

Lewis Hancock Chairman

Present

Sir

I hereby offer the sum of seven Thousand five hundred (\$7500.00) dollars for the west half of lots 7 & 8 in Block 69 in the City of Austin for which sum I will give my promissory note or notes without interest due January 1st 1885. The City to make a deed for said property now retaining vendors lien and containing the conditions: that said property is to be used for hotel purposes and that the erection of the hotel shall be begun on or before the first day of June A.D. 1885 and upon failure to comply with said conditions then the Citys deed is to become void the said property shall revert to the City and the above named sum of \$7500.00 also to remain the property of the City

Signed: J. L. Driskill

Alderman Hancock introduced the following resolution

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin: That the Mayor is hereby authorized to convey to J. L. Driskill the west one half of lots 7 & 8 in Block 69 in the City of Austin according to the terms of the proposition approved by the Committee

Alderman Anshull moved to postpone the matter and refer it to a committee of 3 who shall report at the next meeting. The price lots can be purchased there location and the cost of erecting suitable buildings for the fire Department motion lost.

The resolution was read second time by a two thirds vote. Alderman Hill moved to amend by adding: That the City shall have

the right to remove the building amendment lost. The resolution was read third time under suspension of the rules and passed by the following vote. Yeas aldermen Sutton Pillow Hancock Mills Campbell made Warren Crooker Odell Harrington Plath, Brush and Brunner. Nays, Alderman Schneider Schubert Underhill and Hill

His honor stated that he had received an offer of 95 cents. for the 6 per cent Austin bonds it being the only bid received

Alderman will moved that the Mayor and Finance committee be authorized to accept the bid offered for the bond, 95 cents. motion adopted.

The Finance Committee introduced an Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$6151⁶³/₁₀₀ to pay approved accounts to that amount. The ordinance was read second and third times under suspension of the rules and passed by the following vote yeas aldermen Schneider Sutton Hancock Mills Pillow Campbell Schubert Underhill made Warren Crooker Driskill Odell Hill Plath Brush and Brunner 17

On recommendation of the Mayor the fine assessed against S.W. Carlton in the recorder's court for disturbing the peace was remitted

Alderman Hancock introduced the following resolution which was adopted

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin That the Mayor is instructed to enter into a contract with Washington Fire Company not according to the terms of the proposition of said Company.

Alderman Hancock moved that a committee of 3 be appointed to confer with Washington Engine Co. in regard to the amount involved by said company in its

Engine houses.

Motion adopted

His honor appointed as the Committee
Marshall Wells and Hills

The special committee on stable, submitted
the following report which was ordered filed
Austin Texas

July 7th 1884

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

Your committee appointed
under an ordinance appropriating fifteen
hundred dollars for the building of a stable pur-
chasing mules wagon implements &c to leave
to report

That we have had a brick stable erected
24 by 44 feet with stalls for five animals a large
roomy loft for storing feed a tool room water
closet and room for storing wagons &c at a cost
of \$975⁰⁰. we also purchased four mules wagon
and harness for five hundred and seventy five
dollars which leaves a deficit of fifty dollars
to finish paying for the stable our intention
was to purchase but two mules but we had
what we considered a bargain offered us in
the four mules and wagon. and after mature
consideration of the subject concluded to
purchase the four mules and ask for the
additional appropriation believing it to be
for the best interest of the City to do so and
we now ask that an additional fifty dollars
be appropriated to meet the deficit before allu-
ded to. Your committee believe the City has
got the full value of the fifteen hundred and
dollars which the stable mules wagon &c cost
all of which is respectfully submitted

fifty

J Schubert

J J Campbell

M Maas

Committee

The finance committee introduced an ordinance entitled an ordinance levying and adding a tax and a tax in aid of Public free schools for the year 1884

The ordinance was read second and third time under suspension of the rules and passed by the following vote yeas Aldermen Schneider Sutton Pillow Hancock Wells Campbell Schuber Underhill Maas Warren Driskill Crooker Odell Hill Brush and Brennen "nays Alderman Platt"

Alderman Wells introduced the following resolution which was amended by adding The Police Committee.

The Resolution was adopted

Be it Resolved That the mayor appoint a committee of three to investigate certain charges against Policeman Overwitten on July 4 1884

Heir Honor appointed as the Committee Aldermen Wells Pillow and Warren with Police Committee

On motion the Council adjourned.

Thos L. Purcell
City Clerk

Read and approved Aug 18th 1884