Regular Meeting of the City Council
Austin Tex Nov 17th 1884
Hon J W Robertson Mayor Presiding

Roll call present aldermen Schneider Pillow Babcock Mabe Odell Carrington Robertson Hill Clark Erwin Brush Brunner 12
Absent aldermen Tilor Wells Campbell Schuber Underhill Warren Pickle & Crooker 8.

Minutes of Nov 10 1884 adopted

Resolution for Gen Election for ward of each ward Dec 1 1884

His Honor, the Mayor presented the following resolution which was adopted

Resolution providing for the election of ten Aldermen for the City of Austin

Be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin That a general election is hereby ordered in the several ward of the City to be held on the first Monday in December, it being the first day of said month, for the election of ten aldermen one from each of the wards in the City to fill the vacancies caused by the expiration of the terms of office of present aldermen, as follows:

First ward one alderman in place of W Tilor
Second " " " " " B Pillow
Third " " " " " J. Campbell
Fourth " " " " " A B Underhill
Fifth " " " " " Mary Mabe
Sixth " " " " " L. W. Crooker
Seventh " " " " " J. W. Odell
Eighth " " " " " G W Robertson
Ninth " " " " " Wm Erwin
Tenth " " " " " W. J. Brunner

One alderman will be elected from each ward
The election will be held in the several wards at the following places, to-wit:-
First ward Schneiders Store
Second " Mabe and Frenches Stable
Third " City Market house

Fourth Ward Kuykendall Store
Fifth " Protection Truck House
Sixth " Wellbackers Store
Seventh " Williams Store
Eighth " County Courthouse
Ninth " Weir stable
Tenth " Ed. Walkers House

The following named persons are hereby appointed Judges of Election to hold said election for their respective wards, to wit:
First ward Walter Durham Charles Bozit J A Randell
Second " Ad Smith, Jas Hickey C. E. Anderson
Third " Jos. Harrell B. Ludlow Ed Reed
Fourth ward J. H. Wood A Wehrmann H. E. Lindemann
Fifth ward A Kuss, R Eggeling H. E. Skelly
Sixth ward A Wellbacker Louis Marcuse A. P. Forster
Seventh " Neil McCashen Wm. Williams W Hayes
Eighth " R. W. Ford R Schuman Jos Costa
Ninth " Horace Holley Mr Drayton Wm Lisher
Tenth " J. W. Mansfield Ed. Walker Robt Barr Sr.

Said Election will be conducted and the returns thereof made as provided in the Charter and ordinances of the City and in the laws of this state

The mayor is directed to issue this proclamation ordering said election as herein provided and to cause the same to be duly published

This resolution shall take effect and be inforce from and after its passage

Schubert

Alderman Schubert came and answered to his name.

Report Com. Bds of Water hydrant rental

Alderman Hancock presented the following report on an ordinance appropriating $6000. for hydrant rental

To his Hon the Mayor & City Council

The undersigned from the committee on gas and Water to whom was referred an ordinance appropriating $6000. for hydrant rental, beg leave to report as follows:

The propriety of paying the water Company

this sum of money depends upon certain matters which have been referred by the Council to a special committee, for the purpose of investigation the same

The committee not having yet reported, the undersigned respectfully recommends that the ordinance be postponed till said special committee shall report.

Respectfully

Lewis Hancock

Ald. Platt of First Alderman Platt presented the following report Water Co. on an ordinance appropriating $5050. for hydrant Com on hydrantals rentals

To his honor the Mayor and City Council

Your committee to whom was referred the ordinance to pay the bill of the water company of $5060, for hydrant rental would most respectfully beg leave to report that the ordinance do pass.

A. Platt.

to adopt Hancock dept The motion to adopt the report offered by alderman Hancock was lost by the following vote yeas Aldermen Pillow Hancock Schneider Schuber Hill 6 Nays aldermen Mays Odell Carrington, Robertson, Platt, Ervin, Brush & Brennen, 8

to adopt Platts rept The motion to adopt the report offered by aldermen Platt was carried by the following vote yeas aldermen Mays, Odell, Carrington, ~~Robertson~~, Platt, Ervin Brush & Brennen 7 Nays. aldermen Schneider, Pillow, Hancock, Schuber Robertson, & Hill 6

Trustees on Part of Hosp The following report of the trustees of the C. & C. Hospital was referred to the Hospital Committee

To the Hon Mayor and City Council of the City of Austin

The trustees of the City and County Hospital beg leave to report that the physician in charge of the Hospital is required by Resolution to visit the hospital once a day and oftener,

day or night as cases under treatment may require such services may be estimated at forty visits per month.

In addition to the treatment of patients, the physician in charge of the hospital is required to superintend the employees, provide for medicine, nurses and to see his directions obeyed and carried out.

Thus defined the duties and responsibilities of the hospital physician, being separate and distinct from those of the City and County Physician. We recommend as a distinct and separate services are worth in our estimate $75.00 per month.

It is due to Dr. W. J. Burt at this opportunity to acknowledge the valuable service rendered by him in giving attention for the past three months to betterments and improvements on the hospital grounds and Buildings, also to selecting and purchasing the necessary outfit for use of the hospital

Austin, Nov. 17, 1884.

Mrs Von Rosenberg
President of the Board of Trustees C. & C. Hospital

Street Com on Pet of Ben R. Johns

The street Committee submitted the following report on the petition of Ben R. Johns

Austin Nov 17th 1884

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

Your committee on streets, to whom was referred the Petition of Ben R. Johns, for damages for injuries received by him, by his horse falling in to the State sewer, beg leave to report that they have given the matter their best consideration, and while they believe the facts as stated by the said petitioner are true, and that he has been injured through the neglect of some one, yet they do not believe the City of Austin is liable for the following reasons:

1st Because the sewer where improperly constructed caused the accident, was constructed by the State authority, was received by State officials, and no City officer had any right or power to dictate or pass upon it

9th Because the for simple title to the streets in which the sewer is located, as well as to all other streets in the City is vested in the state, and no city officer could prevent the state from exercising its power of loading thereon any construction, notwithstanding the City might deem it to be dangerous to the Citizenship of Austin,

For these reasons your committee recommend that the claim of the petitioner be not allowed

J Schuber

Geo. T. Robertson

Committee

Alderman Hill moved that the report, except as not paying the claim of Ben St John, be adopted motion carried

Water & Gas Com on Petition of John Kelley

The following report of the water and Gas committee was adopted.

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

Your committee on gas and water to whom was referred the petition of John W Kelley, asking for the erection of a lamp post on the corner of Cypress and Lavaca Streets, respectfully recommend that the same be granted

Respectfully

Louis Hancock

A. Platt

Alderman Hancock offered the following resolution which on motion of Alderman Hill was referred to the street committee

City to pay for Bremond and Kelley St Lamps

Resolved that the street committee shall designate the lamp at the corner of John Bremonds yard and the lamp asked for by Mr Kelley, as City lamps, within the contract of the City with the gas Co

Alderman Odell offered the following resolution which was referred to the street committee

Resolved, That the street committee in connection

with the alarm-men from the several wards, &c and are hereby instructed to locate all the fire alarm boxes as soon as practicable.

Resolution Engineer to ascertain cost of iron fronts

Alderman Schieber introduced the following resolution which was adopted

Resolved, By the City Council of the City of Austin, That the water and gas committee be instructed to ascertain whether a contract with the Gaslight and Coal company of this City, for a term of years for lighting the City at a cheaper rate, with the view of increasing the number of lights to one hundred, and to report at the next session of the Council

On motion the Council adjourned

S. L. Pennell
City Clerk