

Regular Meeting of the City Council

Austin Texas January 5th 1885
Hon J. W. Robertson Mayor, presiding.

Roll call

Roll call. present. Aldermen Metz, Pillow, Hancock, Campbell, Maas, Warren, Crooker, Odell, Carrington, Holman, Hill, Clark, Brush & Brunson, Wells. 15
Absent Aldermen, Schubert, Underhill, Justice Erwin, & Schneider - 5

Minutes of Dec 20 1884 adopted.

Per Capt
gas Co. 47
gas lamps

A Petition was read from the Capital Gas Company, asking permission to erect at their own expense 47 gas lamps, the same to be located on Pecan st. beginning at West Avenue to the corner of Red Bird st. and from Live Oak st. along Congress Avenue to Misquite st. thence north on Misquite st. to Colorado street. said lamps to be furnished with gas and lighted for 30 days free of cost to the City.

On motion the petition was granted.

Per Louis
Morris
back pay

The petition of Louis Morris policeman, asking for pay for two months time lost from sickness. Referred to the Police committee

Per C. N.
Workington

A petition from C. N. Workington, asking that West Avenue be widened, was read and referred to the Street Committee

Resignation
of a fire
chief A. F. Durr

The following resignation of a fire Chief of the Austin Fire Department, was read and accepted.

To his Honor, J. W. Robertson, and members of the City Council

Gentlemen: - I hereby tender my resignation as Chief of the Austin Fire Department same to take effect this the 5th day of January 1885.

Respectfully
A. Filler

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Act of O.
Krause

The petition of O. Krause, in regard to the payment of a judgment of two thousand dollars in his favor against the City, was referred to the Finance committee Mayor and City attorney

Treasurer
for Dec 1884

Report of the City Treasurer for the month of December 1884

Bal on hand Dec 1 st		\$79,884.34
Recd from adv Col. av. adv. tax	\$1,250.00	
" " " " License "	\$725.00	
" " " " " " " " " " " "	\$990.50	7,960.50
Received from state of Texas on account School fund.		<u>7,703.70</u>
		<u>\$85,553.64</u>

Credits

Hospital fund, Paid check president of board	\$380.42	
Back debt fund " 6 percent warrant	\$7.50	
Cemetery " " " " " " " "	\$30.80	
General " " " " " " " "	\$11,177.70	\$11,611.47
School " " " " " " " "		

Austin public Schools

Cash Balances Dec 31, 1884		\$14,315.72
Hospital fund	\$693.77	
Cemetery "	\$989.64	
Market "	\$1,442.20	
Back debt "	\$188.00	
General "	\$12,454.48	
Interest fund in New York	\$500.00	
" " in City Treasury	\$300.00	
		<u>\$41,938.42</u>
		<u>\$85,553.64</u>

Unappropriated Balances,

Cemetery fund	\$815.12
Market "	\$1,442.20
Hospital "	\$101.66
General "	<u>\$4,048.50</u>

J W Howard
City Treasurer

Referred to the Finance Committee

Deaton for
Dec 1884

The report of the City Deaton shows: Total deaths
for Dec 1884 32. white 23, colored & Mexican 1
Referred to the Cemetery committee

Marshal
for Dec 1884, month of Dec 1884.

The report of the City Marshal shows: for the
month of Dec 1884.

Total fines assessed		<u>\$1,290.80</u>
Fines collected in cash	\$313.45	
" worked out	\$1021.10	
" on appeal	\$54.35	
Turned over to County	\$3.70	
Brought forward	\$176.70	
Jury fees	\$6.00	
Due by escapes	<u>\$304.20</u>	<u>\$1,290.80</u>

Referred to the police committee

Physicians
for Dec 1884
Journal of
Daukora.

Report of the City Physician for Dec 1884
Hon Major of City Council
Gentlemen:- attached find report for the month
of Dec 1884 of City & County Hospital
On Dec 1 1884 12 patients were in the Hospital
12 were admitted during the month 13 were discharged
cured; 11 remaining Jan 1 1885

Since the organization of the hospital Aug 1st 1884,
44 patients have been admitted 44 discharged cured,
5 died, 1 run away, remaining Jan 1st 11 patients
During Dec I made 36 visits to City Patients
out side of the hospital, and made 46 prescriptions
I would most respectfully call attention to the
complication and incomplete measure for burying
paupers, on the certificate of the City Physician, the
County Judge issues an order for a coffin on Messrs
Gardner & Co; the City clerk issues an order on City
Deaton for the grave; these parties must be found
and orders obtained, and this gets the coffin finally
to the room of the dead persons, but no arrange-
ment for removing the corpse to the Cemetery,
it takes usually a hard days work to find all the
parties and bury a still born child, they must find
the doctor, the County Judge, the City clerk, the

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City Sexton and some street express wagon to get a pauper buried

I would suggest that the whole matter of burying paupers be placed in the hands of the City Clerk or some other person, with full authority to complete the work.

all of which is respectfully submitted.

W. J. Dent

City Physician

Referred to the Hospital committee

Hospital
Trustees for
Quarter
ending
Dec 31. 1854

Report of the Hospital Trustees for the Quarter ending Dec 31 1854

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

The board of trustees of the City and County Hospital be leave to submit their report for the quarter ending Dec 31 1854

The hospital has been occupied with patients under the care of the City Physician since the month of August, most of the period under disadvantage caused by the unfinished condition of the building.

Under the direction of your trustees a number of additions, betterments and alterations have been made, for which builders were not liable under contract. Out houses and cisterns have been built and the ground leveled near about the building. A front fence is now under construction, a stable is yet to be built, which is necessary. The furnishing of the house with beds, bedding, stoves, cooking utensils and all household necessities to the smallest article has had attention, but much remains yet to be done in this regard.

There are in the building two large wards for ten beds each, and six rooms for two beds each making in all 32 beds for free patients and two wards for four beds each for colored patients.

Instead of these 110 beds we only have 10 at an estimate of \$1750. per bed \$13750 will be required

to complete the free patients' ward

There are six rooms for pay patients, of which four are furnished and two to be furnished, requiring about \$100 each room

For the number of patients admitted and discharged we refer to the report of the City Physician who by ordinance is required to report to the City Council, and hence is not subject to our report.

Since our appointment as Trustees the City Council has appropriated and set aside for the use of the hospital \$1732.50.

The following amounts have been paid:

For permanent improvements on the Hospital building and grounds as per voucher marked A. No 1 to 11 \$1403.66

For hospital and household furniture as per voucher marked B. No 1 to No 13. \$719.65

For expenses of salaries of employees, supplies and medicines as per voucher marked C. No 1 to 57 \$1673.84

	Total	\$3796.79
Relly cash in the hands of the matron		<u>17.25</u>
		<u>\$3814.04</u>

One half paid by the county of which \$1907.02

By the City

Balance in hand of Treasurer of the amount appropriated \$25.98

In addition to said balance we respectfully call for the following appropriations

Furnishing beds for the remaining ward	\$437.50
Expenses for the ensuing quarter	\$1200.00
Stable	\$400.00
Front fence	\$100.00
Partitions, already built under contract	\$45.00
rows	\$150.00
Ford for 3 months	<u>75.00</u>
	<u>\$2407.50</u>

There has been a few pay patients in the hospital during this period, with whom the City Physician has settled. The income derived

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therefrom should be equally divided between the city & the County. Under resolution the whole amount is required to be paid into the City Treasury. Your trustees recommend that the income from pay patients should be accounted for monthly to the trustees, and one half thereof to be placed to the hospital fund of the city, one half to the hospital fund of the County.

The ordinance of Sept 9th, 1884, required the board of trustees to prescribe and adopt by-laws rules and regulations for the government of the hospital, its officers, employees, etc. None of your trustees having knowledge of medicine we are embarrassed with these requirements.

Believing that the benefit for the people of the City and County to derive from the hospital, that its success depends upon the management which is twofold, a medical management and a household management and the rules should harmonize. we recommend that the hospital committee be authorized and required in conjunction with a like committee from the County court and assisted by a board of three physicians to be appointed, and of your trustees to consult and devise rules and regulations for the entire management and to report and recommend such ordinances for your deliberation as may be deemed essential for a harmonious and successful administration of the hospital.

We recommend that by ordinance the entire management be given to the trustees, that all conflicting ordinances be repealed and that the City attorney be required to revise and amend before the Council take action thereon.

W. Von Rosenberg
 President Trustees C. & C. Hospital

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upon motion the report was adopted.

Mayor is on motion of Alderman Warren, the Mayor appoint was authorized to appoint 3 physicians to consult with the hospital trustees to frame
 of C. & C. Hospital

a set of rules and regulations for the government of the hospital and upon further motion of Alder Crooker, the City attorney, was requested to frame the ordinances for the government of the hospital.

Fire Comm.

Ord. No. 1500

The following report of the Fire committee approving the application of the Board of Fire commissioners for the employment of a fireman for H. & L. Co. No. 1, was upon motion adopted:

Hon. J. W. Robertson Mayor,

The fire committee to whom the within petition was referred would recommend that the same be granted.

Crooker

Chairman

Fire Comm.

Ord. No. 1501

The report of the fire committee on the application of the Board of fire commissioners asking that the council provide for the erection of a house for the hose cart of Protection Hook & Ladder Co. No. 3, cost of same not to exceed \$1250, was on motion adopted

Ord. No. 1502

House for

H. & L. Co. No. 3

An ordinance appropriating \$1250 for the purpose of erecting a house for Protection hose cart. was introduced by Alderman Crooker.

The ordinance was read second and third time under suspension of the rules and passed by the following vote yeas Aldermen, Metz, Pillow, Hancock, Wells, Campbell, Mads, Warren, Crooker, Odell, Barrington, Holman, Hill, Clark, Brush & Brunner.

Market House

Com. Ord.

\$5000 for

house

The following is the adverse report of the market house committee on Alderman Erwin's ordinance appropriating \$5000 for the erection of a new market house.

To his Hon. J. W. Robertson, Mayor, and Board of Aldermen of the City of Austin.

Your committee on Market house to whom was referred an ordinance appropriating

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\$5,000. for the purpose of erecting a market house on market square, by leave to report that we have had the same under consideration and would recommend that it do not pass for the following reasons

1 your committee thinks that the amount is greater than the finances of the City will justify the expenditure of at present for that purpose

2 That there is grave doubt in our minds as to the validity of the City's title to the lots comprising said market house square, and we think it unwise to expend money on grounds that does not clearly belong to the City. For these and other reasons we make the above recommendations.

Respectfully submitted, this January 5th 1880

J. J. Campbell

B. E. Pilsbry

On motion the report of the committee was adopted

Alderman Maas submitted the following

Mr Maas

Chmn. Printing Com.

Austin Texas

P. M. DeKorser
own entering
municipal
P. office

Re: your application to this office for the entry of the official records, Austin City as second class mail matter, has been referred to the Hon. 1st Asst. P. M. Genl and his reply is, that in the opinion of the department said official records, is not a newspaper or periodical publication within the meaning of the law, and therefore declined to admit it as second class mail matter

Very respectfully

J. C. DeKorser, P. M.

The following report from the special committee and the City attorney on the petition of Mrs Noble was adopted

Special Comm.
on Pet of
Mrs. Noble

To the Hon. City Council.

Gentlemen:- your committee to whom was referred the petition of Mrs N. G. Noble asking relief from the City, on account of certain hogs claimed by her to have been illegally sold by the City Marshal, by leave to report that they have carefully investigated the matter and find that the sale of said hogs by the City Marshal was regular in every particular, and made in strict conformity with the ordinance authorizing such sales; and they therefore suggest that the relief asked for be not granted.

Respectfully

R. Platt for Committee

Ordinance
levying license
tax 1885

An Ordinance levying a license tax on keepers of livery and feed stables and upon the owners and proprietors of vehicles not connected with livery and feed stables was called up and read and second and third time under suspension of the rules and passed by the following vote yeas Aldermen. Metz, Pillow, Hancock, Wells, Campbell, Maach, Warren, Crooker, Odell, Carrington, Holman, Hill, Platt, Brennan, Brush.

Ordinance
\$1000. expenses
of hospital
to April 1884

An Ordinance appropriating \$1203.75 to defray expenses of the City & County hospital for the quarter ending April 1st 1884 was read first time then read second time under suspension of the rules. The ordinance was then amended (on motion of Alderman Hill) to read \$1000. instead of \$1203.75. The ordinance as amended was then read third time under suspension of the rules and was passed by the following vote, yeas Aldermen Metz, Pillow, Hancock, Wells, Maach, Warren, Crooker, Odell, Carrington, Holman, Hill, Platt, Brush, & Brennan, Campbell. 15

Ordinance
salary for
officer in Dept

Alderman Crooker introduced an ordinance providing salaries for the Chief assistant, Chief

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recorder and two members of the Austin fire department was read first time and then referred to the finance committee.

Ordinance Alderman Wells introduced an ordinance \$100. for charity appropriating \$100. as a charity fund. Read first time and then referred to the Charity committee.

19. legislature Alderman Hancock introduced a resolution instructing the mayor to memorialize the 19. legislature for authority sewer purposes to levy a special tax for sewerage purposes. referred to the Committee on sewers.

Ordinance Alderman Brunson introduced an ordinance sale of fowls prohibiting the sale of domestic fowls from which the feathers have been plucked. Referred to the ordinance committee.

Ordinance Alderman Metz introduced an ordinance appropriating \$1000. for beautifying \$1000. to be used for the improvement of Quicker Park. Referred to the finance committee.

Legislature On motion of Alderman Hancock the mayor was leave to give notice to the 19. legislature authorized to memorialize the 19. legislature asking that the state lease to the City the north west quarter of Block 100 in order that the same may be improved as a public park.

Resolution Alderman Platt introduced a Resolution authorizing the mayor to give notice of the application to the 19. legislature for amended charter. notice, amendment on motion the same was adopted. On motion the council adjourned.

J. L. Curran
City Clerk