

Regular Meeting of the City Council

Tuesday, January 27, 1885

Hon. J. W. Robertson Mayor Presiding,

Roll call, presents: Aldermen Schneider Metz,
 Yellow, Hancock, Wells, Campbell, Schmitt, Underhill,
 Maas, Warren, Odell, Farrington Holman, Hill,
 Pluth, Brush and Brewster. Absent: Aldermen
 Crooker, Driskill & Erwin.

amendment Minutes of January 5th, 1885, amended so as
 to show that an ordinance appropriating
 \$1000. for the purpose of establishing a park on the
 block north of the graded school, was read a
 second time

Report of
 Sexton asking for
 an addition to cemetery
 The City Sexton submitted a report calling the
 attention of the City Council to the fact that the
 ground used for the burial of colored people
 was exhausted, and not more than six or eight
 burial places vacant that can be used for the
 purpose of burying white citizens and asked that
 an addition be added to the present city cemetery
 Referred to the Cemetery committee

Pet for
 Bridge over Walnut
 creek Alderman Clark presented a petition from
 citizens and business men asking that the Council
 pass an ordinance appropriating \$1000. for the
 purpose of building a bridge over Walnut creek
 on Pine St. Referred to the Street Committee

Pet of Dr
 Salm &
 Lemons. The petitions of Dr Salm and P. Lemons asking
 that fines imposed against them in the records
 be remitted was not granted

J. H. Taylor a fine of \$17.50 imposed against J. H. Taylor in
 the records Court, on motion was remitted

Sexton for
 January 1885 The report of the City Sexton for January 1885 shows
 total death 48, while 13 Colored 13 Mexican, Referred
 to the Cemetery Committee

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Physician The report of the City Physician for January 1885
Jan 1885 was read and referred to the Hospital Committee

Marshal Report of the City Marshal for January 1885
for Jan 1885 Total fines \$ cash from fines worked out
appeals \$ turned over to the County \$
Due by escapes \$ brought forward \$
Jury fees \$

Ass & Col The report of the assessor and collector for the
Qr ending Quarter ending January 1885, Total collections
Jan 1885 \$ 8,639.76 credited by Treasurers receipts No 990 to 1005
inclusive \$ 8,639.76 School tax collected and turned
over to Treasurer of Free Schools \$ 1275.85.
Referred to the Finance Committee

Treasurer Report of the City Treasurer for the month of
for Jan 1885 January 1885. Balance on hand January December 31st
\$ 71,438.42. Received from the assessor and collector
\$ 3,619.71. Received from state of Texas school fund \$ 7,703.75
Credits
Paid Non interest warrants. \$ 3,005.62.
" Check of Crest of city hospital \$ 505.70
" Treasurer of Austin public schools \$ 7,703.75
Total. \$ 6,214.57
Unappropriated \$ 8,906.08.
Referred to the Finance Committee

City Clerk The report of the City Clerk shows total amount of
Qr ending warrant issued during the quarter ending Jan 31, 1885
Jan 31, 1885 to be \$ 16,624.61. Referred to the Finance Committee

Resignation The resignation of W. D. Brown as assistant of the Austin
of W. D. Brown Fire Department was accepted.

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Recorder of
Fire Dept.
on election
of Chief

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

Gentlemen, I hereby take pleasure in
notifying your honorable body that at a meeting,

held by the various foremen of the Austin Fire Department. January 15th 1880 Mr. W. R. Brown was elected Chief of the Austin Fire Department for the unexpired term

Yours obediently
Charles Hoffmeyer
Recorder Austin Fire Department

Confirmation. On motion the council confirmed W. R. Brown of W. R. Brown as chief of the Austin Fire Department for the Chief of A. F. D. unexpired term.

The Finance committee submitted the following report, which was adopted.

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

\$1000. for improvement of Park

Gentlemen: Your committee to whom has been referred the within ordinance, by leave to report that they have had the same under consideration and would state that they are of the opinion that the sum of \$1500. would be ample to improve said park, the same being already inclosed and the planting of shrubbery as all which is needed

Respectfully
J. M. Odell
W. Mads
Lewis Hancock
Finance Committee

The Finance committee submitted the following report on the petition of B. House, which was adopted. To the Hon. Mayor and City Council of the City of Austin:

Finance on Pet. of B. House

Gentlemen: Your committee to whom was referred the within communication of B. House by leave to state that they have investigated the subject submitted to them and are of the opinion that, inasmuch as an appeal has been taken, and the question of law involved as well as the amount of the judgment being great, we had better allow the law to have due course and therefore recommend that the petition be not granted.

J. M. Odell
Chairman Finance Committee,

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Police on The Police committee submitted the following report
 Marshals on the reports of the City Marshal for the months of
 monthly Rept. Oct & Nov. 1884 which was adopted.

rept for To his honor the Mayor and City Council
 Rept Oct, Nov. Your committee on Police to whom was referred
 1885 the within reports, have examined the same and find them
 correct.

Respectfully

J. P. Schneider

R. J. Hill

W. J. Brennan

Police on The police committee submitted the following report
 charges on charges made by H. Benjamin against Sergeant Chenneville
 against the report was adopted.

Chenneville To his honor the Mayor and City Council
 Your committee on Police to whom was referred the
 within petition of Herman Benjamin, believing the same
 to be frivolous, recommend that the same be dismissed.

Respectfully

J. P. Schneider

R. J. Hill

W. J. Brennan

Police on The police committee submitted the following
 Rept of Mrs report on the petition of Mrs. Noble for pay for logs
 Noble impounded the report of the Committee was adopted

To the Hon: The Mayor and City Council of the City of Austin
 Your committee on Police to whom was referred the within
 petition report that the same matter having been
 reported on by a special committee, we recommend
 that the same be dismissed.

Respectfully

J. P. Schneider

R. J. Hill

W. J. Brennan

Police on The police committee submitted the following
 an Ord for report which was adopted, on an ordinance for
 purchase the purchase of Police uniform

of uniform To his honor the Mayor & City Council
 your committee on Police to whom was referred the within
 ordinance by leave to report and recommend that the same
 do not pass. Respectfully J. P. Schneider

R. J. Hill

Police on Pet of L. Morris for 2 months back pay. The police committee submitted the following report on the petition of Louis Morris asking

To his honor the Mayor & City Council
Your committee on police to whom was referred the within petition of Louis Morris, by leave to report and recommend that the same be not granted

J. P. Schneider
A. J. Hill

The report was adopted by the following vote
Yeas Aldermen Schneider, May, Tellow, Hancock, Tully, Campbell, Schuber, Underhill, Maas, Warren, Coleman and Bill. Nays, Aldermen Odell, Carrington, Platt, Brush and Kennen.

The following report of the police committee was adopted.

Police on Pet of E. P. Oberwiler. To his honor the Mayor and City Council
Your committee on police to whom was referred the within petition of Policeman E. P. Oberwiler by leave to report and recommend that said officer be allowed for eight days deducted in August

Respectfully
J. P. Schneider
A. J. Hill

Alderman Hill introduced the following resolution which was referred to the printing committee

Resolved that the Committee on Printing make inquiry and report to the Council the amount of additional expense to the City at which 500 copies of the proceeding of the City Council, as now published, can be distributed, either by mail or by carriers, among the citizens

Ord. on an Ord. on undressed fowls. The ordinance committee submitted the following report which was adopted, on an ordinance prohibiting the sale of undressed fowls.

To the Hon. J. W. Robertson, Mayor
Your committee on ordinances to whom was referred the accompanying proposed ordinance,

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has had the same under consideration, and the undersigned members of said committee by leave to report the same back with the recommendation that it do pass as it now reads

W. J. Hill

E. S. Metz

Charity on \$100. for charity The following report of the charity committee on an ordinance appropriating \$100. for charity purposes was adopted.

To his honor, Geo. Robertson Mayor
We the committee to whom was referred the above ordinance have had the same under consideration and do recommend that the same do pass

B. C. Wren

R. F. Holman

H. Carrington

Printing 500. W. Maas. for the printing committee submitted the following report on the resolution offered by Alderman Hill in regard to distributing 500. copies of the printed proceedings. The report was adopted.

To the Hon. Mayor and City Council of the City of Austin Gentlemen: your committee to whom was referred the above resolution, by leave to report that it has had the same under consideration and would recommend that the same do pass

Respectfully

W. Maas

For committee

Ord. to Alderman Hancock offered the following resolution which was adopted.

Printing. Be it resolved that the printing committee be instructed to call for and receive bids for publishing the proceedings of the City Council, and report the same to the council

Ord. 4,491.28 The finance committee introduced an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$4,491.28 for the pay roll for Jan, 1885 and for approved accounts. The ordinance was read second time under suspension of the rules and then amended by

and Richard striking out \$800. witness Geo. for B. E. Richardson. in case Krouse

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to the City, which was referred to the police committee. The ordinance was read third time under suspension of the rules and passed by the following vote: Yeas Alderman Schneider, Metz, Yellow, Hancock, Wells, Campbell, Schubert, Underhill, Mads, Warren, Odell, Carrington, Hill, Holman, Platt, Brush, Brennan.

Ord. \$135.00
wall at
Mkt house

Alderman Campbell introduced an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$135.00 for the purpose of building brick walls under line of site of shed attached to the market house and repairs on market house roof. The ordinance was read second and third time under suspension of the rules, and passed by the following vote: Yeas Alderman Schneider, Metz, Yellow, Hancock, Wells, Campbell, Underhill, Schubert, Mads, Warren, Odell, Carrington, Holman, Hill, Brush and Brennan Nays Alderman Platt.

Ord. \$100.
for charity

An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$100. for charity purposes. was called up and read a second time then read third time under suspension of the rules and passed by the following vote: Yeas Alderman Schneider, Metz, Yellow, Hancock, Wells, Campbell, Schubert, Underhill, Warren, Mads, Odell, Carrington, Holman, Brush & Brennan Nays Alderman Hill & Platt.

Res to call
for bids
fed Prisoner

Alderman Hancock introduced the following resolution which was adopted: Be it resolved that the mayor and police committee are hereby instructed to call for bids and make a contract for feeding the City Prisoners and to report their action to the City Council.

Ord. fund
fire Dept.

Alderman Brush introduced an ordinance entitled an ordinance to establish a Fire Department for the City of Austin. The ordinance was read first time and then referred to the Fire Committee.

Alderman Hancock introduced the following resolution which was adopted:

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Ord. bids
take care
of City Clock
Be it resolved that the market house committee
are hereby instructed to call for bids and make a
contract for taking care of the City Clock for the
next two years.

\$1000.00 for
park
An ordinance establishing a public park and
appropriating \$1000. for improvement of the same
The ordinance was laid upon the table.

Ord. 200 for
expenses
of corner stone
A resolution offered by Alderman Brennen
appropriating \$700. to be used towards defraying the
expenses of laying the corner stone of the state capital
was laid upon the table.

Ord. 50th
for Bridge
signature
10 ward
Alderman Brennen introduced an ordinance
appropriating the sum of \$50. for the purpose of opening
the gutters on Brogan street south from Pine street
to the river. Read first time and then referred to
the street committee.

Ord. undressed
fowls
An Ordinance prohibiting the sale of domestic
fowls from which the feathers had been removed was
called up and read second time. The motion to suspend
the rules and read the ordinance third time was
lost.

Alderman Cleith introduced the following
Resolution which was adopted.

Hon. J. W. Robertson, Mayor.

Resolution
to Legislature
for reform
school
whereas the quality and condition of the
public highways have always been held as the best
evidence of the civilization of a country, good
roads are a sure indication of a progressive
and prosperous people. In fact their utility and
importance as necessary factors in social progress
cannot be over estimated. The value of the production
of the farm directly, and hence of the farm itself
indirectly, largely depends upon the facility with
which those productions can be transported to market.

The growth and prosperity of the towns and cities and the value of their real and estate depends equally upon the number and condition of the public roads tributary to their trade.

Our present state road law although considered burdensome in its exaction and oppressive in its impressment of citizens into road service, and in its operation the source of endless bitterness contention and litigation, yet is found thoroughly inefficient and wholly inadequate. At the season of the year when good roads are most necessary and required they are generally almost impassable. Incalculable losses to our citizens is the result.

And whereas the question of the disposal and utilization of the labor of the state convicts has been the cause of considerable dispute, worry and dissatisfaction, that they must labor, their own health and morals as well as state economy demands, that their labor should be utilized is universally conceded, but that their labor should be brought into competition with honest labor is largely antagonized, and with reason too. There is a question of principle as well as of policy involved.

Therefore be it Resolved that the city council of the City of Austin hereby respectfully but urgently request the state Legislature to pass the necessary legislation to provide that the various counties of the state take charge of all the convicts sentenced in their respective courts, to terms less than five years, that these convicts under charge of an officer appointed by the County court be kept constantly at work upon the county roads that a regular and permanent system of roadmaking be instituted and pushed forward this to be supplemented by other means if necessary to make the roads equal to the requirements of the people

and whereas a large number of the criminals convicted in our courts are men found upon whom promiscuous associations with

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harden criminals in our jails and penitentiaries must necessarily result in fatal and irretrievable demoralization.

In the state justified under the guise of a nominal sentence for a crime possibly committed in impulsive thoughtlessness to condemn these young men to conditions and associations which must inevitably eliminate all that is good, and foster and develop everything evil in their nature. Though convicts they are yet human beings, though criminals they have still immortal souls with feeling and aspirations susceptible to incredible impressions of good or evil according to associations, all criminals are largely the creatures and creation of circumstances, ignorance and vicious associations make them what they are liberty forfeited to society then the state deliberately proceeds to make their moral degradation perpetual their reformation impossible, instead of providing a reform school for saving them to society and elevating them to worthy manhood it sends them to the high school of vice the county jail then to the normal school of infamy the penitentiary to graduate in criminal accomplishments and to be periodically precipitated upon society hardened and skilled in villainy to again run the gantlet of the law in their warfare against life and property.

While punishing to prevent crime through fear of the consequences we should endeavor to reform the youthful offenders and teach them if possible to eschew crime from principle upon self preservation and not sentimentality alone in this position founded justice second and humanity rethors the appeal!

Therefore be it resolved that we hereby ask the legislature to provide as soon as possible for the establishment of a reform school for confining and educating youthful offenders

Resolved that our representatives from this County and our senator for this district be and are hereby requested to introduce bills in their respective houses to carry the provisions of the foregoing resolution into statutory effect.

Alderman Schneider moved that the council proceed to elect two regular policemen motion carried

Regular
Policemen, in nomination and both confirmed by the following vote yeas Aldermen Schneider Pillsbury Conners Hancock, Campbell, Schubert, Ingershill Mason, Warren, Odell, Hill, 10. Nays Aldermen Metz, White Carrington Holman Platt Bruck & Brennan.

On motion the council adjourned

J. H. Purcell

City Clerk

Read and approved Feb 16th 1881