

Regular Meeting of the City Council

Held in the Court March 16th 1881

Hon. J. W. Robertson Mayor Presiding

Present, Aldermen Schneider, Metz, Tomcock, Wells, Couchball, Maas, Warren, Crooker, Odell, Platt, Crutch & Brewster 12.

On motion of Alderman Crooker the council was called and the marshal sent after the absentees,

Aldermen Pellow, Schuber, Underhill, Carrington, Holman, & Hill came in and answered to their names.

Call of the council suspended

minutes adopted Reading of the minutes of February 6, 17, 18, & 20, 1880. dispensed with and adopted.

suspend regular order of business was dispensed with to take up the matter of an addition to the city cemetery.

Petitions against extending living near the city cemetery Alderman Odell & Platt presented petitions: 10 in number signed by over 500 citizens and persons residing living near the city cemetery, protesting against the extension of the present city cemetery by the purchase of the Swanty Odell tract of land

Petitions for extending the present city cemetery Alderman Underhill presented petitions signed by over 500 citizens, asking the council to extend the present city cemetery by the purchase of the Swanty tract of land.

reconsider vote by which an ordinance entitled and ordinance providing for the purchase of an addition to the city cemetery was passed. motion to reconsider was adopted by the following vote Yea, Aldermen Metz, Maas, Warren, Crooker, Odell, Carrington, Holman, framed

Platt, Brush & Brunner. Says aldermen Schneider, Pillow, Hancock, Wells, Campbell, Schubert, Underhill and Hill

Mayor's committee Alderman Platt moved to lay the ordinance on the table motion carried by the following on the table vote yeas Aldermen, Metz, Mann, Warren, Crocker, Odell, Carrington, Colman, Platt, Brush & Brunner. Nays aldermen Schneider, Pillow, Hancock, Wells, Campbell, Schubert, Underhill & Hill.

Resolution committee select land for cemetery Alderman Brush introduced the following Resolution The motion to lay the resolution on the table was lost The resolution was amended by striking out 1/2 and inserting 3/4 and then adopted. Resolved that the Mayor appoint a committee of three citizens and three aldermen to investigate and see whether or not a more suitable and cheaper burial ground cannot be obtained, and the committee report at the first meeting in April same being the next regular meeting

E. W. Shands to establish cemetery A proposition was read from E. W. Shands & Sons proposing to establish a cemetery by a joint stock Co of 103 acres, 2 1/4 miles from the City limits and deed to the City 10 acres for \$500. or sell to the city said 103 acres @ \$5. per acre. Referred to select committee of citizens and aldermen appointed to select cemetery grounds

alderman made introduced the following resolution

Resolution Cemetery lots not paid for owners to clean up resolution was then adopted The resolution was amended by striking out Ordinance committee and inserting City attorney, and adding "so much of the above as is legally in the power of the City The resolution was then adopted

lots. Resolved that the City attorney be instructed to frame and report an ordinance as follows 1. Requiring owners of cemetery lots, situated on so called donation ground within the City Cemetery

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and whose titles to the same are not perfect to prove title within a stated time
 2 Owners of lots whose whereabouts are unknown who have used only a part or portion of lot or lots, and who have failed to take care of the graves on such lots shall forfeit their title to un-used portions of such lot or lots.
 3 Authorizing the city seton to clean off and repair lots of unknown owners, and provide for payment for said work.

Nancy Rob-
 erson
 Petition

Alderman Odell presented a petition from Nancy Robinson asking the Council to refund to her \$11.05 paid as City taxes on a lot property of an other under the impression the lot belonged to her. Referred to the ordinance Committee

Julia A. Breed
 Petition

The petition of Julia A. Breed asking a reduction on the assessed value of improvement on her lot was read and referred to the ordinance committee

A. Brown
 Policeman
 Petition

The application of A. Brown, was presented by Alderman Odell, for the position of Policeman Read and referred to the Police committee

returns of
 Election
 Fire Dept
 officers

The Mayor presented the returns from the Election held March 16th 1885 for officers of the Fire Department and appointed as the committee to canvass the votes Alderman Brushby made The Committee reported:

For Chief Engineer S. W. French received 88 votes
 " ass. " Wm Von Rosenberg " 88 "
 " Recorder A. Gieser. " 89 "
 " ass. Chief A. H. Cook " 1 "

The Council confirmed S. W. French Chief Wm Von Rosenberg assistant Chief and A. Gieser Recorder of the Fire Department of the City of Austin.

Marshal. The marshal report for February 1885 shows
 for Feb. 1885

Total Fines	\$ 879.10
Cash. Collected	\$ 229.70
Fines worked out	\$ 192.50
" " " "	
" " "	\$ 105.45
" " "	\$ 133.00
" " "	\$ 545.45
Back fines collected	\$ 45.00
" " "	\$ 219.70

Referred to the police committee

Deacon for Feb. 1885 The report of the City Deacon for Feb 1885 shows:
 Total deaths 23. white 14. Colored & Mexican 1
 referred to the cemetery committee

Treasurer for Feb. 1885 The following report of the City Treasurer for February 1885 was read and referred to the Finance Committee

Balance on hand Jan 31 st 1885	\$ 21,346.81
Received from A.S. & Collector.	\$ 10,265.40
	\$ 31,612.21
Credits	
Paid checks of President of Hospital	\$ 1,713.50
" " " " " " "	\$ 6,012.28
" " " " " " "	\$ 3.10
" " " " " " "	\$ 2,850.00
" " " " " " "	\$ 1,045.00
Cash balance	\$ 20,201.48
" " " " " " "	\$ 800.00 interest fund. in New York
	31,612.21
Unappropriated Balances.	\$ 11,801.25

Physician The report of the City Physician for February 1885 was read and referred to the hospital Committee

Street Com. The street committee submitted the following report on an ordinance locating fire hydrants on west Pease Street
 west Pease Street
 street To the Hon. Mayor and City Council
 was the committee to whom was referred the within

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Ordinance would recommend that ten fire hydrants be located west of west avenue

Schubert,

Chairman.

Street Com. The Street committee submitted the following report on an ordinance appropriating \$704. for

con. arguments on congress avenue report laid over

Hon. J. M. Robertson and City Council:

Your committee to whom was referred the within ordinance would recommend that it do pass, as it is a necessity to prevent further washout of the curb on Congress Avenue.

Schubert,

Chairman.

Street Com. Report of the street committee on a petition asking that

come to name the unnamed street in the City be named.

streets.

Report laid over.

To the Hon. Mayor and City Council

As the committee to whom was referred the within petition have had the same under consideration and would recommend that it be granted, and that a committee be appointed, consisting of three aldermen and City Engineer, to name such streets.

Schubert,

Chairman

Street Com.
Lamp to be placed

Report of the street committee on street lamps forwarded
Report laid over.

To His Honor, the Mayor, and the City Council.

Your committee to whom was referred a resolution to locate five street lamps in the seventh ward, would most respectfully recommend that the resolution be granted.

Schubert,

Chairman.

Market Com.
on Pet. of
Lucksinger
majority

The following is the majority report of the Market house committee on the petition of J. Lucksinger asking that he be released from paying certain notes, put for market stall.

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

majority Gentlemen: Your committee on market house report both to whom was referred the within petition, by house com. leave to report that after a full and fair investigation of the matter set forth in said petition, would singe most respectfully report the same back to the City Council with the recommendations that it be not granted.

J. J. Campbell,
B. S. Pillow,
Market house Committee

Minority Report.

minority
Market House
committee
on Pet. of Luck
singe.
To the Hon. J. W. Robertson, Mayor:
Sir: I would most respectfully dissent from the majority report "not to allow the relief asked for" I would state that from my construction of the market ordinance, all places where meats are sold should be confined to certain laws of the City, The butchers having stalls in the market house proper have been compelled to comply with such laws, while those in the city have been allowed to keep open all hours, therefore, I would recommend that the council grant the relief prayed for.

W. B. Brush

Market house committee

The majority report was adopted.

Holman
excused
Alderman Holman was excused from further attendance at this meeting.

Contract
Taking care of
of City clock
The contract for taking care of the city clock for the next two years, at \$70⁰⁰ per year was awarded to J. O. Palm.

\$2,259.85
roll.
The finance committee submitted an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$2,259.85 for the pay march pay roll for march 1885. The ordinance was read record and third time under suspension of the rules and passed by the following vote: yeas Alderman Schneider, Metz, Pillow, Hancock, Wells, Campbell, Rehder, Underhill, Warren, Maas, Crooker, Odell, Carrington, Hill, Platt, Brush & Brenner 17

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passage of Alderman Hancock called upon ordinance
Ord. 2 hydrants providing for the location of two hydrants west
of Pecan st. of West avenue on Pecan street.

The ordinance was read second time, then
read third time under suspension of the rules
and passed by a two thirds vote.

Alderman Crooker introduced an ordinance
appropriating the sum of \$5.050, payment of hydrant
rental due the City water company to Jan 1st. 1885.

The ordinance was read first time the motion
to suspend the rules and read the ordinance
a second time was lost. Referred to the water
by Gas. Committee.

Ord. 34111. '6
connect
with sewer

Alderman Odell introduced an ordinance appro-
priating the sum of \$400. for the purpose of connecting
water closets and urinals in the City jail and
offices with the city sewer. The ordinance was
read first time and then referred to the Water and
gas committee.

Ord. amending
hog Ord.

Alderman Hancock introduced an ordinance
amending an ordinance passed May 6th 1884 in
regard to taking up and impounding hogs. The
ordinance was read first time the motion to
suspend the rules and read the ordinance
second time was lost referred to the Police committee.

On motion the council adjourned.

J. L. Quired
City Clerk