

Regular Meeting of the City Council

Austin Texas April 6th 1885

Hon. J. W. Robertson Mayor Presiding

Roll call present Aldermen: Pillow, Hancock, Wells, Campbell, Schubert, Underhill, Adams, Warren, Diskill, Crooker, Odell, Carrington, Holman, Platt, Erwin, Brennan.

Absent Aldermen: Schneider, Matz, Hill & Brush.

Minutes of March 16th & 20th 1885 adopted.

Get Assurances
L. St. M. Church
alley
Alderman Odell presented a petition from the German Lutheran St. Martins Church asking that the alley west of said church be opened to its full width.
Referred to the Street Committee.

Get reward
open Willow
St.
Alderman Brennan presented a petition from Citizens of the 10th ward asking that Willow Street be extended east from Rucker to Red River Street. Stating that Messrs Diskill & Rainey would donate to the City and so foot street provided that the City would build a bridge over Waller Creek. Referred to the Street Committee.

Get. 6th ward
sidewalks
Whites Ave
Alderman Diskill presented a petition from property owners living on Whites Avenue asking that the sidewalks be widened on said Avenue from 10 to 15 feet. accompanying the petition was an ordinance providing for the change as asked for.

On motion of Alderman Platt, the regular order of business was suspended to take up the ordinance changing the width of sidewalks on Whites Avenue.

On changing
Whites Avenue
sidewalks read. The read second and third times under suspension of the rules and passed by the following vote
Yeas Alderman Pillow, Hancock, Wells, Campbell, Schubert, Warren, Diskill, Crooker, Odell, Carrington, Holman & Platt

Deputy for The report of the City Sexton for March 1885 shows
 March 1885 Total deaths for the month 21, white 14 Colored 7
 males 10. Female 11. Referred to the Cemetery committee

Marshal for (Marshal's report for March 1885)
 March 1885 Total arrests 15 turned over to the County 8
 Total Fines \$1438.70
 Cash from fines \$361.80
 worked out \$284.00
 Amount of Fines on appeal \$506.70
 " " " due by escaped \$10.00
 " " " discharged by St Orders \$14.71
 " " " brought forward \$245.20
 Jury fees \$3.00 \$1438.70
 Referred to the police Committee

Treasurer Report of the City Treasurer for the month
 for March 1885 ending March 31st 1885
 Balance on hand Feb 28, 1885 \$21,001.48
 Acrued from assessors & collector \$10,902.78
 \$36,904.26

Credits
 Paid non interest warrants \$2,449.45
 " 6% " " 12.50
 " 10% coupons due July 1 275.00
 \$2,736.95
 Cash balances \$34,167.31
 Unappropriated balances \$25,444.13
 Referred to the Finance Committee

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

at Com on The street committee reported back the petition
 Pet of Working of Dr. Worthington in regard to widening West
 town. The motion to lay the petition on the
 table was carried

Market house Alderman Campbell for the market house com
 Board contract mittee stated that the committee had made a
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Contract with A Palm to take care of the City clock for the next two years. On motion the action of the committee was adopted.

report of The hospital committee submitted the following report.
 March 1, 1885 To the Mayor and City Council
 City of C.C. Hospital committee report for the quarter ending
 preceding Mar. March 31, 1885

31. 1885 Your committee beg leave to report that for the quarter ending March 31, 1885. There has been expended for permanent improvements at the City and County hospital the sum of \$172.75.

Current expenses	\$874 00
	\$ 1,046.75

as per vouchers rendered and on file at the Office of the City Clerk half of the above amount, \$523.75. Deduct from appropriation of \$1000 made January 5. for the present quarter leaves an unexpended balance of \$476.63.

Your committee would most respectfully submit, that in order to carry on the hospital in the most economical way there should be a sufficient amount appropriated for the quarter ending June 30. to continue to administer its affairs in a strictly cash basis authority for and have prepared an ordinance appropriating \$600. or so much thereof as may be necessary.

Respectfully submitted

Warren } Hospital
 Schuber } Committee
 Erwin }

Ordinance The ordinance accompanying the report
 \$600. expenses appropriating \$600. for expenses of the City & County
 C.C. hospital hospital for the quarter ending June 30, 1885 was
 read second time. Under suspension of the rules
 The motion to read the ordinance a third time
 was lost.

Mayor's
page Street
improvement
C. C. Hooper
sanitary matters

The Mayor submitted the following message
Gentlemen of the Council:

I beg leave to call your especial attention
to a few matters of public interest that, in my
opinion, demands action on the part of our mun-
icipal authorities.

1. The sanitary condition of the City is not
what it should be. It is now the beginning of
the hot season, and it is apparent to the most
casual observer, in passing through the City, that
the rules of sanitation are not properly observed.
Apprehension of epidemic diseases, especially
cholera, whether well founded or not, seems
to prevail throughout the country. In the Cities,
north and south, the most stringent measures
to insure cleanliness are being adopted.

The duty devolves upon us to see to it that
the City is at once placed in a proper sanitary
condition to insure the health of our people.

If this is done and disease comes, we
are prepared for it, if it does not visit
us we will not have lost anything and
have discharged a public duty.

I would recommend that measures be
immediately adopted as will place the City
in a clean and healthy condition, To this
end I would recommend a thorough Police
inspection of the entire City that the owner
and occupants of all premises be requested
to place them in a proper sanitary condition
at once, That all ordinances relating to nuisances
be enforced, That all filth and uncleanness be
abated, and that necessary regulations for the
preservation of health be strictly enforced such
measures will produce comfort, as well as a
guaranty of safety.

2. The City and County hospital is at the
present without regular management, except
on the part of the County Judge, in behalf of
the County, and hospital committee in behalf

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of the City it is necessary to its successful management that it have a distinct head to control it, The County Judge, Hon. J. F. Willmore makes in substance the following proposition for your consideration: 1. The City and County to make appropriations to fully furnish and fit up the building and grounds each to furnish one-half as heretofore

2. The County to turn over to the City the entire management of the hospital and to pay to the City \$2000. per annum as its share of the expenses patients to be admitted as heretofore, The expenses of fitting up the buildings and grounds would require only a few hundred dollars. This arrangement can be made for from one to five years, I believe this proposition or something similar should be accepted. If this proposition is not satisfactory, I believe that an agreement can be arrived at that will prove beneficial to all concerned.

3. The present financial condition is such that in my opinion that we can easily spare several thousand dollars for improvements on the streets. A good deal of work has been done on the streets and at a comparatively trifling cost since the present system was inaugurated, I think the distribution of this improvement fund should be general over the City as is practicable, having due regard to population, the amount of travel over the streets and to public necessity and convenience. In other words that all the people who support the City Treasury by their substance should as nearly as may be practicable, share in the benefits of such public improvement.

I would recommend that an appropriation of \$5000. for the general improvement of the streets of the City be made \$500. for each of the ten wards, to be expended under the direction of the street committee and the aldermen of the respective wards, and all the work to be done under the supervision of the Engineer.

4 The stone work of the bridge on East Menquite Street is completed, but it will prove utterly worthless, unless the street is filled and graded.

I recommend that this work be let out by contract to the lowest bidder by the street committee, upon specifications to be prepared by the City Engineer, and that the dirt for filling be taken from neighboring streets in need of grading.

I make this recommendation in view of the fact that the teams and street force are needed in other portions of the City and upon other necessary works.

I submit these suggestions for your consideration and ask your careful investigation of the same.

I am very truly your obedient servant,
J. W. Robertson,
Mayor.

Mayor & Hospital Com. to consult with County Officer

The Mayor and Hospital Committee were authorized to confer with Judge Fulmore, and make necessary arrangements for running the City & County Hospital.

Alderman made motion that the Mayor's message be referred to the proper committee motion adopted.

Ord. \$5000 for Street Imp.

Alderman Schuber introduced an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$5,000. for the improvement on the streets of the City of Austin.

The ordinance was read. Then read second and third times under suspension of the rules and passed by the following vote
Yeas Aldermen, Pellow, Wells, Campbell, Schuber, Underhill, Maas, Warren, Driskill, Crooker, O'Connell, Carrington, Holman, Ervin, & Brunner, 14
Nays Alderman Platt.

Aldermen Hill, Metz, and Brush came in and answered to their names.

The Mayor submitted the following report of

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Formen of The foramen of Colorado engine Co and H. E. L. Co No 1
 Colorado No 2 in regard to the purchase of lots for Engine houses
 Co No 2 in for for said companies
 Engine house

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 To the Hon. City Council

The undersigned appointed by the Mayor as a special committee to select a suitable site for engine houses for Colorado Engine Co No 2 and Austin Hook & Ladder Co No 1, would respectfully report, that after a full and careful examination, they have selected as the most suitable property for the purpose named the following, to wit, thirty two feet by ninety two feet of lot 7 & 8 in Block 42 fronting Pine street which property is owned by Dock Day, and can be purchased for \$1,500. Mr. Day proposes that one half of the wall shall be built on his land and he shall have the privilege of joining the same

Very Respectfully

F. E. Jones

Forman Colorado No 2.

Wm. H. Ralge

Forman H. E. L. No 1.

also
 report to
 committee

Alderman Underhill moved that the report be referred to a committee to consist of the chairman of the Fire Committee City Attorney and three Aldermen and that the committee be authorized to make necessary arrangements for the purchase of a site, select plans, etc. for a house for the Fire Companies, motion adopted.

His honor appointed as the committee Aldermen Underhill, Platt, & Crocker.

Alderman Odell called up the following resolution which was adopted,

Resolution
 of street lamps
 in 7th ward

Resolved that the street committee in connection with the Aldermen from the seventh ward are hereby instructed to locate in the seventh ward five street lamps.

Alderman Platt moved to refer the matter of Gas supply and contract, to the water and Gas Committee motion adopted.

The water and Gas Committee submitted the following report

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water & Gas
Com on and
\$5050. hydrant
\$4000 sewer

To the Hon. Mayor and City Council of the City of Austin.
Your committee on Water & Gas, to whom was referred an ordinance appropriating \$5050. for payment of the water companies bill for the last half of the last year, and an ordinance appropriating \$4000. for connecting water closets, windseats, in City jail etc. with city sewer, respectfully report that they recommend that both ordinances do pass.

Lewis Hancock

R. Platt

J. W. Dickell.

Alderman Crooker moved to take up the Ordinances as reported by the committee

\$5050. for
hydrant
rental.

An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$5050. payment of hydrant rental due the City Water Co. from July 1st 1884 to Jan 1st 1885 was taken up and read second time

Alderman Hill moved to amend the Ordinance by striking out \$5000. and inserting \$4000. Alderman Crooker moved to lay the amendment on the table, motion to table carried by the following Yeas Metz, Maas, Warren, Dickell, Crooker, Odell, Barrington, Holman, Platt, Erwin, Brush, & Brennen. 12.

Nays Alderman Pillow, Wells, Campbell, Schuber, Underhill, & Hill. 6.

The ordinance was read third time under suspension of the rules and passed by the following vote Yeas. Aldermen Metz, Pillow, Wells, Maas, Warren, Dickell, Crooker, Odell, Barrington, Holman, Platt, Erwin, Brush & Brennen, Nays Aldermen Campbell, Schuber, Underhill and Hill,

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\$400. To connect An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$400. for
excise for connecting water closets and urinals, in the City
with sewer Jail & City Offices with the City Sewer, Was called up
and read second time.

amendment Alderman Pillow offered the following amendment
to above Ord. which was adopted. That the committee on sewers
have charge of this work and that the same shall be
let to the lowest responsible bidder after the usual
advertisement The ordinance was read third time
under suspension of the rules and passed by the
following vote yeas. Aldermen Metz, Pillow, Wells, Maas,
Warren, Quiskill, Crooker, Odell, Carrington, Holman,
Hill, Platt, Ervin, Brush, & Brunning,
Nays Aldermen Wells, Campbell, Schubert & Underhill

\$5978.92.
acct. april
pay roll.

The Finance Committee introduced an ordinance
appropriating the sum of \$5978.92. for the April pay
roll and certain approved accounts.

The Ordinance was read second and third time
under suspension of the rules and passed by
The following vote yeas Aldermen Metz, Pillow,
Wells, Campbell, Schubert, Underhill, Maas, Warren,
Quiskill, Crooker, Odell, Carrington, Holman, Hill,
Platt, Ervin, Brush, & Brunning

On motion the Council adjourned
J. L. Purnell
City Clerk