

## Regular Meeting of the City Council

Austin Texas April 20<sup>th</sup> 1880

Leon L. Iv. Crooker President of the Council presiding

Roll call present Aldermen. Hancock, Odell,  
Hill & Gatz.Absent Aldermen. Schneider, Ketz, Pillow  
Wells, Campbell, Schubert, Underhill, Madd, Warren,  
Driskill, Carrington, Johnson, Erwin, Bruck, Brennan  
No quorum present.On motion the Council adjourned  
until Thursday April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1880 at 8 o'clock P.M.J. L. Russell  
City Clerk

## Adjourned, Regular Meeting of the City Council

Austin Texas April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1883

Hon. J. W. Robertson Mayor Presiding

Present Aldermen Melz, Pillow, Hancock, Cambell,  
 Moore, Warren, Crocker, Odell, Holman, Chief Clerk 11  
 Absent Aldermen Schmeckel, Hill, Schuler, Under  
 Hill, Diskie, Cunningham, Ervin, Brink, Brennan,

Engineer on  
 condition  
 of bridges

Report of City Engineer condition of bridges in this  
 City Read and referred to the Street Committee  
 To the Hon. City Council of the City of Austin  
 Gentlemen: I would most respectfully beg leave  
 to submit to your honorable body a report of  
 damages sustained by the City to the streets and  
 Bridges caused by the heavy rains of yesterday

I have visited and inspected all the bridges  
 in the City and find that the following have  
 been damaged:

Stone arch bridge on Plum St. Shoal creek gone;  
 wooden bridge on Cedar Street, "  
 Wagon bridge on Walnut Street Little Shoal Creek gone;  
 Bridge on Chestnut Street across Waller creek, one half  
 of the east wall gone; wooden bridge on Mulberry St  
 over Waller creek gone; bridge on Waller creek on  
 Ash Street, gone; foot bridge on Waller creek crossing  
 Joe Darc. Street, partly gone; north west wing wall  
 of arch bridge on Red River Street, crossing Waller  
 creek, gone. South wall of the bridge on Robinson  
 Hill, near Barber's store, gone.

I find the streets in a much better condition  
 than could have been expected, owing to the heavy rains

April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1883 J. R. P. McFar  
 City Engineer

Act of 10<sup>th</sup>  
 Sec. 10  
 sidewalk

Alderman Hancock presented a petition from  
 W. O. Brady, asking the council to lease to him  
 part of the river walk at the foot of Congress  
 avenue for the purpose of building a hotel thereon  
 Referred to the Street Committee

Pet. of Mary  
 Anderson Alderman Owell presented a petition from Mrs  
 Mary A. Anderson, asking the council to refund to  
 her \$3.00 amount paid the city water company for  
 mending water pipe blown up by hand working  
 on the streets for the city, referred to the street  
 committee.

Pet. of J. L.  
 Driskill Alderman Platt presented a petition from  
 J. L. Driskill, asking that the council pass  
 an ordinance, granting him permission to widen  
 the sidewalk two feet on the west side of Brazos  
 street, from the corner of Bois d'Arcs, to the corner  
 of Pecan Street.

grant Pet.  
 of Driskill On motion of Alderman Platt, the  
 petition was granted and the city attorney  
 was instructed to draw up an ordinance  
 providing for the changes asked for by Mr Driskill.

Alderman Hancock, for the special committee  
 appointed to select ground for cemetery purposes  
 submitted the following report:

Report of  
 spec. Comm.  
 on land for  
 Cemetery  
 purposes.

To the Mayor and City Council of the  
 City of Austin

Your special committee to whom  
 was referred the selection and recommendation  
 of land to be used for additional cemetery purposes,  
 beg leave to report that they have had the same  
 under consideration and recommend that the  
 city make a proposition to Mr Riley for the  
 purchase of his twenty acre tract adjoining the  
 present cemetery on the south, they believe that  
 notwithstanding the sanitary objection to burying  
 the dead in or near a town, it is a wiser policy  
 for the city to extend the present cemetery than to  
 purchase a new and larger tract, and call attention  
 to the following reasons therefor:

1st The number of families already supplied with  
 lots on which but few interments have been made  
 assure us that for a number of years the majority  
 of the city's dead will be buried in the old cemetery,  
 although a new one was opened.

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2<sup>nd</sup> The purchase of a new and larger tract would necessitate costly improvements, which the size of the City and its prospective growth do not warrant.

3<sup>rd</sup> The history of older and larger cities prove that the sanitary objections to a well regulated cemetery are not so great as to demand at this time a change in the City's policy.

4<sup>th</sup> That portion of the City in which the cemetery is situated is the least densely populated and in view of the fact that the latter cannot be removed, is likely to remain so.

Your committee report that the tract of land proposed by Mr. Shanks in this connection is not far from town to be available.

Believing that certain changes should be made in the management of the Cemetery, your committee beg leave to offer and earnestly recommend to your attention the following suggestions, applicable to any ground used for cemetery purposes.

First - That all graves shall be required to be at least six (6) feet deep.

Second - That lots be graduated in value, ranging from \$50. to \$100. per lot, according to choice of location.

Third - That a certain number of lots be set apart to be sold in single graves.

Fourth - That no person be allowed to buy or own lots for the purpose of speculation, and that proof of such ownership shall result in a forfeiture to the City.

Fifth - That stringent regulations be adopted for securing for all lots sold.

Sixth - That in case of purchase of the Riley tract, the northeast corner be used for single graves, and the southeast corner be used for paupers.

Hancock,

Bush,

Barron,

Wilmers,

Committee.

Alderman Hancock submitted the following report on additional grounds to be used for the burial of persons of color

Land for cemetery. burial of negroes.

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

The undersigned members of your special committee to whom was referred the matter of recommending a site for additional cemetery facilities, beg leave to report that they recommend that the City make a proposition to the proper parties for the purchase of the three and one half acres, more or less, belonging to the Duckhills, and lying north of that part of the present cemetery used for the purpose of burial of negroes, the said land to be used for the burial of persons of color

Hancock  
Barrow.

adopting reports

The reports were adopted by the following vote yeas Aldermen Metz, Pillow, Hancock, Campbell, Warden & mass. 6

Nays Aldermen Crooker, Odell, Holman, Hill, and Glath. 5.

Discharge Com. on house lot. for engine house mayon to purchase Day lot

Alderman Hancock moved that the committee appointed to purchase a site for engine houses be dismissed and that the Mayor be authorized to purchase from Mr. Day the lot recommended by the foreman of Colorado Engine Co. & Austin H. & L. Co. at a price not to exceed \$1500.00 Motion adopted

Police Com. to report on and to provide for

On motion of Alderman Hancock the Police committee were requested to report on an ordinance amending an ordinance prohibiting and to provide for preventing at large

Mayor to settle

Alderman Glath moved that the Mayor be authorized and requested to settle the case Krause vs. The City of

April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1853.

Austin as he may deem best, at a sum not to exceed \$1500.<sup>00</sup> Motion adopted.

Resolution A Resolution offered by alderman Campbell, directing  
 the City Attorney to draw up an ordinance establishing  
 market limits, was laid on the table.

Resolution A Resolution offered by alderman Hancock  
 requesting the ordinance committee to draw up  
 an ordinance establishing a pound, was laid on the  
 table.

Alderman Mass introduced the following  
 resolution which was adopted.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of

Resolution Austin

moor jail

to cover story

That the market house committee be requested to make an estimate of the expense of removing the City jail to the first floor of the market house and to frame an ordinance accordingly and report at the next meeting of the council and remodel the second story.

Place globes  
 on gas jets

The City Marshal was instructed to have globes placed over the gas jets in the council chamber.