

## Regular meeting of the City Council.

Austin Texas May 11<sup>th</sup> 1885

Hon. J. W. Robertson Mayor Presiding,

Present Aldermen Schneider, Hancock, Campbell,  
Schuber, Warren, Crooker, Carrington, Cull, Holman,  
Hart & Bruner.Absent Aldermen Metz, Killoren, Wells,  
Underhill, Maas, Driskill, Hill, Ervin, Brush.On motion of Alderman Crooker a call of  
the council was ordered and the marshal read  
after the absences,Aldermen Metz, Driskill, Maas, Underhill  
and Brush came in and answered to their  
names.

Call of the Council suspended

Minutes of April 30. & 2<sup>nd</sup> 1885 adopted.Pet. of Green  
HamiltonGreen Hamilton petitioned for \$264<sup>00</sup> damage  
loss on property caused by the overflow of  
waller creek. claimed to have been caused by the  
city building a bridge over waller creek.  
Referred to the street committeePet. A. H. &  
L. & Col. Eng.  
Co. locate  
on Mt HillAlderman Crooker presented a petition  
from Austin H & L. Co No 1. and Colorado Engine  
Co No 2, embracing a resolution passed by said  
companies, asking that their company engine  
house be located on lots 10, 11, 12. Block 98 part of  
Market house hill, provided that the council  
will have Hickory street graded. On motion  
the petition was granted.reconsider  
purchase  
of lots from  
DuffOn motion of Alderman Hancock the vote  
by which the motion was carried authorizing  
the mayor to purchase from Dock Day lot 1<sup>st</sup>  
erect an engine house. was reconsidered

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regular  
order of  
Business  
Quashed  
The regular order of business was suspended by a two thirds vote, to take up the ordinance locating the engine house on market house hill

Ordinance  
locating  
Fire Dept building  
ing on hill +  
house hill  
Alderman Crooker introduced an ordinance entitled an ordinance locating, Austin Hook & Ladder Co. No. 1. and Colorado Steam Fire engine Co. No. 2. Providing for the grading of hickory street to Congress Avenue, the selection of a plan and the erection of a suitable building and making an appropriation of \$5,500. therefor

refer ord.  
to com.  
Alderman Glath moved to refer the ordinance and the matter of locating the fire department to a committee

On motion of Alderman Hancock the motion to refer was laid on the table

The ordinance was read first time then read second time under suspension of the rules.

amendment  
Alderman Hancock offered the following amendment in lieu of section one, which was adopted  
That fifty six feet front by one hundred feet deed off the east end of lots 10, 11 & 12, of Block 98. be set aside for the purpose of erecting there on an engine, meeting and other rooms for Austin Hook & Ladder Co. No. 1. & Colorado Steam Fire Engine Co. No. 2.

amendment  
Alderman Hancock offered the following amendment to section 2. and moved that all after the words City Engineer be struck out. amendment and motion adopted

The chief of the Fire Department and one member from each company, to be selected by their respective companies as a building committee

amendment  
Alderman Campbell moved to further amend section 2 by striking out all after the word. Provided amendment adopted

The motion to strike out section three was adopted.

Amendment

Alderman Hancock offered the following amendment to section 4, which was adopted, and the sum of \$1,000. or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be used for the excavation therefor and grading Hickory Street.

Passage of Ordinance

The ordinance was read third time under suspension of the rules and passed by the following vote, Yeas Aldermen Schneider, Underhill, Metz, Hancock, Campbell, Schubert, Maxie, Warren, Driskill, Crocker, Odell Barrington, Coleman & Brennan Nays, Alderman Platt.

Marshal  
See ask for  
com. to investigate  
deficiencies  
in mar. office

To His Honor, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen Gentlemen:— I would most respectfully ask that you appoint a committee to investigate certain deficiencies appertaining to the Marshal's office.

Respectfully

H. H. Lee

City Marshal

His Honor appointed as the committee the Police Committee.

Market House  
Com. on  
need of  
Mkt. limits

The market house committee submitted the following report:  
Hon. J. W. Robertson, Mayor, and Board of Aldermen of the City of Austin  
Your committee on market house most respectfully beg leave to call your attention to a few facts in connection with the market house.

The city owns a house and sheds erected for market purposes that cost in the neighborhood of fifteen thousand dollars. This property if properly managed could be made to pay a revenue to the city of fifteen hundred or two thousand dollars per annum, whereas it now pays but a trifle and even that amount, the butchers who rent the stalls, feel that it is a

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hardship to pay, because of they have no protection and we think we are warranted in saying that when the time expires for which they have rented the stalls they will move out unless some sort of ordinance is adopted and enforced which will protect them.

The majority of the butchers in Austin would rent stalls in the market house if suitable regulations were adopted and rigidly enforced.

If a suitable number of butchers were to come to the market house, that would bring the vegetable dealers to the vegetable stalls, which would enable the marshal to rent the coffee stands, all of which would be a convenience to the public, a source of income to the City and a matter of economy to the butchers and vegetable dealer who are now paying very high rents for market stalls on private property, and of course charge it up to the consumers who buy their products.

Another thing which seems to have been lost sight of is the condition upon which the city holds its title to the ground upon which the market house is built.

The act of the legislature granting this property to the City expressly provides that when it is converted to any other use than for a market house and city hall, the property shall revert to the state. Should the butchers all abandon the market house, certainly there would be no market held on the property and let not those who are opposed to having a market house "lay the flatteringunction to their souls" that we can build a market house on "market square".

That property was deeded to the state in part payment for this market house property, and it would require a special act of the legislature to cancel the deed, which, in the opinion of my own committee, would be a great while before it was done. These suggestions are made for the consideration of your honorable body, and most respectfully submitted.

Campbell  
Brewer

Market House Comm.  
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The market house committee and city attorney were requested to draw up an ordinance in regard to markets and market limits and submit the same at the next meeting.

Deputy for  
April

The sextons report for April 1885 Total death 18 white 11. colored 7. Male 10. Female 8. Referred to the Committee of Cemetery

Marshal  
for April

City Marshals report for April 1885  
Total fines for April \$1200<sup>00</sup> Cash from fines \$625<sup>00</sup>  
Fines worked out \$280<sup>00</sup> appraised \$147<sup>00</sup>  
carried forward \$57<sup>00</sup> Cash from back fines \$92<sup>00</sup>  
Referred to the Police Committee

Assessor  
for Qr  
ending  
April

Assessors & Collectors report for the quarter ending April 1885

	Income of ad valorem Tax 1884	\$31,912.84
	" " " " " 1885	8.40
	" " Back taxes	1.75
	" " Licenses	1,398.70
	" " Cemetery	235.50
	" " Records & Court	1,147.90
	" " Ground rents	55.00
	" " Miscellaneous	45.75
		\$34,090.44

By Treasurer receipts \$34,090.44.  
School tax for the quarter collected and turned over to the Treasurer of Public Schools. \$10,503.28

Treasurer  
for April

Report of the City Treasurer for April 1885  
Balance on hand March 30, 1885 \$34,167.31  
received from the assessors & Col. 7,921.76. \$42,089.07  
Credits \$10,518.34.  
Balance 31,570.73 Total \$42,089.07  
Referred to the Finance committee

Clerk for  
Qr ending April  
1885

Report of the City Clerk for the quarter ending April 30, 1885 shows total warrants issued for the quarter \$18,955.89 referred to the finance committee

May 4<sup>th</sup> 1855Street com  
estimate  
cost of bridgesTo the Hon. Mayor and City Council of the  
City of AustinGentlemen— We, the street committee would  
most respectfully submit for your consideration  
the following estimate made by the city engineer  
of amounts necessary to repair or rebuild bridges  
in the City damaged by the late heavy rains

Wing Wall on Red River Street	\$800.00
Bridge on Shoal creek Walnut Street	\$400.00
Bridge on east Walnut Street	\$240.00
Foot bridge on North Avenue	\$100.00
Foot bridge on ash Street	\$80.00
Wagon bridge on east Walnut Street	\$308.00
Turn st. bridge Shoal creek	\$1,800.00
Bridge on street near Caillietti store	60.00
Grading at East Mesquite Street Bridge Waller creek	\$100.00
Foot bridge on Boies D. arc. Street Waller creek	\$30.00
Total	\$4,918.00

We especially call your attention to the item of  
\$800. for the wing wall of the bridge at the  
crossing of Waller creek and red river street unless  
repaired at once may cause serious damage to  
the bridge.

We herewith submit an ordinance appropri-  
ating the amount necessary to make the above  
repairs and would respectfully ask that the  
Ordinance do pass.

Schuber

Holman

Streets on  
Pet of Mrs  
Anderson

Report of the street committee on the Petition of  
Mrs Mary. St. Anderson. asking pay for water pipe  
placed up by street gang working on the street.  
report adopted.

We would recommend that the petition be  
not granted

Schuber

Streets on  
Pet of H. L.  
Church

Report of the street committee on Petition from H. L.  
church asking ass'n block 100. prohibited. report adopted  
and the City Engineer be instructed to have obstructed  
removed

Schuber

Schuber

Streets on  
Out of Wash  
Road

Street committee's report on the petition of Wm. St. Read for lease of part of river walk at foot of avenue. Report adopted

Would recommend that petition be granted.

Schubert

Appropriation  
\$3,974.17 -

The Finance committee submitted an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$3,974.17 for the payroll for May 1886 and approved accounts

The ordinance was read second time under suspension of the rules. The bills of the City Water Company and Hartigan & Farrell were referred to the Finance committee for approval of the city engineer

The ordinance was read third time under suspension of the rules and passed by the following vote yea. Aldermen Metz, Hancock Campbell, Schubert, Maas, Warren, Frankie Crooker, Odell, Barrington, Holman, Platt, Bush & Brennan. Nays Aldermen Schneider & Underhill

\$4,668.00 to  
rebuild  
bridges

The Street committee submitted an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$4,668.00 for repairing and rebuilding certain bridges in the City.

The ordinance was read second time under suspension of the rules. The ordinance was then amended by striking out \$1,100.00 for grading east Mesquite street at the bridge and inserting \$850.00

The ordinance was read third time under suspension of the rules and passed by the following vote yea. Aldermen Schneider Metz Hancock, Campbell, Schubert, Maas, Warren, Frankie, Crooker, Odell, Barrington, Holman, Bush, & Brennan. 14 Nays. Aldermen Underhill & Platt. a.

The Mayor submitted the following proposition for lighting the street with gas  
(referred to the water and gas committee)

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Proposition To the Hon Board of Aldermen of the City of Austin  
 Gentlemen: we beg to submit the following propo-  
 sition, namely - To erect at once lamp posts, keep  
 them in repair, furnish the gas, light and extinguish  
 light on every dark night at the rate of \$125 per lamp post  
 per month; Beginning, on Live Oak street at the corner  
 of Trinity street, west to Congress avenue, thence up  
 Congress avenue to Mesquite street, west on Mesquite  
 street to Lavaca street, thence north on Lavaca street  
 to the university, and beginning at west avenue  
 on Pecan street, thence east to the bridge on  
 east Pecan street, and on each corner east and west  
 of Congress avenue, between Live Oak and Mesquite  
 streets; the lamp posts to be located as your committee  
 shall direct; and as we extend our mains it shall  
 be optional with you to locate additional lamps  
 on the same terms,

Respectfully

Capital Gaslight Co.

B. Van Steinberg, Pres.

Motion to add to committee Alderman Brenner submitted the following  
 resolution which was adopted

Resolved that the mayor appoint two members  
 of the City Council and the City attorney to act  
 with the police committee in the examination of  
 the books of the City Marshal's office

His honor appointed as the Committee Aldermen  
 Maas & Holman.

Committee on locating the Fire Department  
 to locate building on market hill and Grading Hickory street  
 Aldermen Schubert & Crooker

On motion the Council adjourned.

S. L. Purnell.

City Clerk

Read and approved May 18<sup>th</sup> 1885