

## Regular Meeting of the City City Council

Austin Texas May 15<sup>th</sup> 1855

Hon. J. W. Robertson, Mayor, Presiding

Present Aldermen Schneider, Pilsbury, Knicker  
Campbell, Schubert, Thackerhill, Warren, Odell, Holman,  
Brush & Brewster, 11

Absent Aldermen. Miley, White, Meade,  
Driskill, Crocker, Currenigton, Hill, Platt & Erwin. 7.

On motion of Alderman Schubert a call of the  
Council was ordered and the Marshal sent  
after the absentees.

Alderman Platt came in and  
answered to his name

On motion a call of the Council was  
suspended

Alderman Odell presented a petition  
from J. W. Meador asking that permission  
be granted him to erect platform scales on  
East Second Ave Street three blocks from the Avenue  
front of Block 87. Referred to the street committee  
for location of said scales under direction of  
street committee and City Engineer, Petition granted.

J. W. French  
on fire engines

A communication was read from J. W.  
French chief of the Austin Fire department sug-  
gesting that all fire engines be inspected and  
repaired. Referred to the street committee and  
City Engineer.

Alderman Wells came in

At. Com. on  
Pet of Knicker  
Hamilton

The street committee submitted the following  
report on the petition of Green Hamilton asking  
damages caused by the overflow of Waller creek:

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

Gentlemen:— your committee to whom

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was referred the within petition, by reason to report that they have had the same under due consideration and would most respectfully recommend that petition be not granted for the following reasons viz:

The ground said house was built on is as low as the creek bed by about three feet and certainly was known to said party that said property was subject to overflows.

Petitioner further states in his petition that it would not have washed away his house if said bridge had been properly constructed, by claiming that said bridge was built perpendicular, all of which is not the case, said bridge being built parallel with river street and at right angles with Mesquite street.

Respectfully

J. Schubert

Chairman Street Committee

The report was adopted by the following votes  
yeas Aldermen Schneider, Pillow, Hancock, Wells, Campbell, Schubert, Underhill, Warren, Holman, Bruck & Brunner, 10.

Nays: Aldermen Ocell & Plath 2.

Finance  
on ord. to  
pay officers  
of Fire Dept.

The Finance committee submitted the following report on an ordinance providing salaries for officers of the Fire Dept. laid over.

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

Gentlemen:— your committee to whom was referred the within ordinance, allowing pay to the Chief assistant chief and Recorder of the Austin Fire Department, also pay to one tillerman each for Hook & Ladder Co. No. 1 and Hook and Ladder company No. 2, by leave to report that they have carefully considered the matter and recommend the passage of the ordinance so far as it relates to paying two tillermen but unfavorably as to paying the Chief assistant chief & Recorder, Respectfully

J. M. Ocell

Lewis Hancock

B. Plath

Further time  
mkt. house  
Com. on ord.  
mkt. limits

The market house committee were granted further time in which to report an ordinance in regard to markets and markets limits. Alderman Platt moved to lay the whole matter on the table motion lost.

Police com.  
on Ord. to Amend  
hog pound  
hog pound

Report of the Police committee on an ordinance amending an ordinance in regard to impounding hog pound.

To the hon. J. W. Robertson, Mayor of the City of Austin:

Sir:— your committee on Police to whom was referred the within ordinance, beg leave to report the same back with the recommendation that the same do not pass.

Respectfully

J. P. Schneider

W. J. Hill

W. J. Brennen

Report laid over.

Police Com.  
on Pet. of Car.  
H. Carrington  
pay for hog  
for hog.

Report of the Police committee on petition of Car. H. Carrington asking pay for hog impounded and sold by the City. Report adopted.

To the hon. J. W. Robertson, Mayor of the City of Austin:

Sir:— your committee on Police to whom was referred the within petition beg leave to report the petition and recommend that the same be referred back to the petitioner and for him to seek recourse against said officers in the Recorder's court.

Respectfully

J. P. Schneider

W. J. Hill

W. J. Brennen

Report of the water & gas committee on lighting the streets.

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

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Water Gas Your committee to whom was referred a  
 proposition of the Capital Gaslight company  
 to light the streets of the City at the price of \$1.25  
 per lamp per month, respectfully recommend that  
 the same be accepted and that the mayor be  
 authorized to enter into a contract for road & street  
 lighting, for a period of not less than two years.

Respectfully

Lewis Hancock

R. Platt

The report was adopted.

Alderman Metz. came in and answered to  
 his name.Ordinance  
 levying ad. val.  
 new tax for  
 1885

Alderman Odell for the Finance committee  
 submitted an ordinance levying an ad. valorem  
 tax of one per centum on all property real and  
 personal within the City of Austin, made taxable, for  
 State and county purposes, for the year A.D. 1885.  
 The ordinance was read first time.

The rules were suspended and the ordinance read  
 second time under suspension of the following  
 vote yeas Aldermen. Schneider, Metz, Pillow, Han-  
 cock, Wells, Campbell, Schubert, Underhill, Warren,  
 Odell, Holman, Platt, Brush & Brennen, 14.

The motion to suspend the rules and read the  
 ordinance third time was carried by the follow-  
 ing vote yeas Aldermen Schneider, Metz, Pillows  
 Hancock, Wells, Campbell, Schubert, Underhill,  
 Warren, Odell, Holman, Platt.

On motion the ordinance passed by the follow-  
 ing vote yeas Aldermen Metz, Schneider Pillow  
 Hancock wells, Campbell, Schubert, Underhill  
 Warren, Odell, Holman, Platt, Brush and Brennen

Ordinance  
 levying tax  
 for schools  
 for 1885

Alderman Odell submitted an ordinance  
 entitled an ordinance levying an ad valorem  
 tax of one third of one per centum on all property  
 real and personal, within the City of Austin

made taxable for state and County purposes for the year A. D. 1885 for the support of the public free schools in said city. The ordinance was read, then read second and third times under suspension of the rules. By the following vote, Yeas Aldermen Metz, Pillow, Hancock, Wells, Campbell, Schubert, Underhill, Warren, Oull, Holman, Platt, Bruck and Brennen. Schneider. 14.

The ordinance passed by the following vote Yeas Aldermen Schneider, Metz, Pillow Hancock, Wells, Campbell, Schubert, Underhill, Warren, Oull, Holman, Platt, Bruck, & Brennen,

Ordinance authorizing contract with Capital Gaslight Co to light the streets  
Alderman Hancock introduced an ordinance entitled an Ordinance authorizing a contract with the Capital Gaslight company for lighting the streets

The ordinance was read second and third times under suspension of the rules and passed by the following vote Yeas Aldermen Metz, Schneider, Pillow, Hancock, Wells, Campbell, Schubert, Underhill, Warren, Oull, Holman, Bruck, Platt and Brennen. 14.

Board of Appraisers for 1885  
The Mayor submitted the following nominations as the board of appraisers and Equalization for the year 1885, on motion of Alderman Hancock the nomination were confirmed,

Justin Cox (May 18<sup>th</sup> 1885)  
Gentlemen of the City Council:  
I respectfully ask your consent and advice to the following appointments to wit: Aldermen J. Schubert, S. Warren, and R. J. Hill, and Messrs. Galen Crow and John P. Kirk as the board of appraisers & equalization on the assessment of City property for taxes for the year A. D. 1885.

Respectfully  
J. W. Robertson  
Mayor

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Ord #704<sup>12</sup> Alderman Schneider call up an ordinance provid  
 to providing for paving the gutters on congress avenue and  
 gutters appropriating \$704. Therefor The ordinance was  
 read second time, The motion to suspend the  
 rules and read the ordinance third time was  
 lost.

Resolution Alderman Brecken introduced a resolution  
 to increase providing for the increase of the Police force  
 police force from 12. To twenty members, including of the  
 Marshal & Sergeant of Police.

The motion to lay the resolution on the table  
 was lost.

Read first time and then referred to the Police  
 committee.

Resolution Alderman Hancock offered the following resolution  
 on stoppage of water supply which was adopted

As it resolved, that the City Council view with  
 great concern and apprehension the present  
 entire stoppage of the City's water supply; and can  
 see no excuse for the existence of such a state of  
 affairs.

As it resolved, that the mayor is requested  
 to investigate the matter and report to the council  
 what steps if any can be taken to prevent a reoccur  
 rence of this calamity, and to compel the water  
 company to supply the water for which City and  
 citizens pay so high a price

On motion the Council adjourned

J. L. Quinell  
 City Clerk