

Regular Meeting of the City Council

Austin Texas June 15th 1883

Hon. J. W. Robertson, Mayor, presiding

Present - Aldermen Pillow, Hancock, Wells, Schubert, Underhill, Maas, Warren, Carrington, Kolman, Platt, Crusk and Burmen. - 12

Absent Aldermen Schneider, Metz, Campbell, Quiskill, Crooker, Odell, Hills and Erwin, - 8

On motion a call of the council was ordered and the marshal sent after the absentees call of the council suspended.

August Cameron The petition of August Cameron asking permission to erect platform scales in the rear of lot B Block 59. Pecan street, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

L. E. Daniels L. E. Daniels petitioned to have the taxes of 1884 assessed against the improvements on lots 15 & 16 in Block D of out lots, remitted, as said improvements were made after January 1st, 1884. Referred to a committee of 3. Aldermen and city attorney

Alleges, water
trough. Pecan
& E. Avenue Alderman Platt presented a petition from citizens asking that a water trough be erected at the corner of Pecan and East Avenue
Referred to the street committee.

Aldermen Metz, Crooker, Schneider, Campbell came in.

Fred Brown Fred Brown petitioned for pay for time of his hack lost by being laid off to be disinfectated after transporting Mr. Crow from the depot to his home
Referred to the hospital committee,

C. L. Mischke C. L. Mischke petitioned for an appropriation of \$300.00 for repairs of walks and ditches in the City Cemetery.
Referred to the cemetery committee

The trustees of the Episcopal church petitioned

Episcopal Church have ran Jacinto Street, between Boissiere and Victory Streets graded so as to make it passable for carriages
 Referred to the street committee

J. W. Cooke petitioned the council to adopt the Gardiner's Improved Grenade fire extinguisher for the protection of the City's public buildings
 Referred to the Fire committee

Revenue
 Report for May
 1885

Moore's report for May 1885

Total fines assessed		\$602.25
Cash from fines	\$386.05	
Worked out	198.35	
Appealed	55.15	
Turned over to the county	4.70	
Due by escapes	97.40	
Due by prisoners	<u>41.80</u>	
Jury fees	<u>3.00</u>	
Cash from back fines worked out	62.50	\$72.50
	\$219.90	

Referred to the Police committee

Depton's report for May 1885 shows Total deaths 26. white 13. Colored 12. Mexican 1. male 13. Female 14
 Referred to the cemetery committee

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City Physician
 Smallpox
 Dr. H. Crow

Hon. Mayor and Board of Aldermen
 Gentlemen:— In accordance with your instructions on the 23rd ult., Mr H. H. Crow who was suffering from a modified small pox or varioloid, was moved out side of the city limits. His quarters were made comfortable and he had every care and attention due a sick man, He has entirely recovered from his attack of varioloid and returned to the city. A positive and substantial quarantine was established, and notwithstanding there had been several exposures to him before he was isolated, I am happy to report there have no other cases in the city, I hope in future no such wild and

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unseasonable efforts as were recommended by some citizens, will soon meet approval or encouragement in this city.

Mr. Lerow's house was thoroughly fumigated and disinfected. All the clothing, carpets, trunks and sets, in his room were moved and burnt, or thoroughly disinfected.

I have had the tents and the bed clothing, purchased for nurses & guards fumigated and disinfected and left them in charge of Mr. Hugh Anderson at the small pox quarters, I now ask what disposition I must make of them? as we are liable to have cases of small pox in this city at any time, it would be wise precaution to erect a suitable building for this purpose and have them ready for any emergency.

If the city will build a good comfortable house for the reception and treatment of small pox patients, I think there will be but little difficulty in removing any person so afflicted from the city.

But if the city fails to make sufficient and satisfactory provisions for taking care of and treating small pox patients, then we must expect difficulties, contention and opposition. Provide good substantial, and secure quarters for this class of patients and the city is then in a position to ask any sick citizen to move beyond her limits. Don't forget that a man is a neighbor and citizen, though he may have small pox, and it is our duty to see him cared for in the best possible way.

All of which is respectfully submitted

W. J. Burt, M. D.,
City Physician.

I hand herewith the monthly report of the City and county hospital for May.

Showing 17 were in hospital May 1. 5 were admitted during the month - 1 died from consumption and 9 have been discharged leaving in hospital June 1st 12 patients

There is but 16. public beds for patients - 4 for male and female colored 3- for female white 9 for male white, It is impossible to accommodate all the sick poor, deserving, charitable care and treatment, with this number of beds

Yours Respectfully
W. J. Hurt, M. D.
City Physician

C. D. Johns.
codify code

A communication was received from C. D. Johns, Recorder, recommending that the council have the ordinances of the city codified and published at the earliest day possible as it was almost impossible to ascertain which are in force and which are not, as many have been amended, repealed, changed and reenacted

Referred to the ordinance committee

Treasurer
for May 1855

Report of the City Treasurer for the month of May, 1855

Balance on hand April 30.	31,570.23
Received from Assessor & Collector.	3,059.40
Credits	\$4,939.72

cash balance May 31st 29,689.91
Unappropriated \$6,793.70.

Referred to the Finance committee

Police Com.
on Resolution

Report of the Police committee on a resolution fixing the number of regular Policemen at 20.
Report adopted

Hon. J. W. Robertson, Mayor.

Your committee on police to whom was referred the within resolution, recommend the same but as it involves a matter of Finance would further recommend that the same be referred to the Finance committee

Respectfully,
J. P. Schneider
A. J. Hill
W. J. Brewer

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Report of Mayor
purchase of
Riley tract of
lands.

Report of the Mayor on purchasing the Riley tract
for cemetery purposes

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Gentlemen of the City Council:

Upon receiving the report of the special committee on cemetery grounds some weeks ago, you directed me to make arrangements for the purchase of twenty acres of ground lying south of the present cemetery as recommended by the committee. In obedience to this instruction, I have endeavored to make such terms with the owner of the land as would enable the City to conclude the purchase, but I have failed.

The price asked is \$600⁰⁰ per acre, amounting to \$12,000⁰⁰ and this amount in full is required before any sale can be made. The condition of the treasury and the demands from other quarters is such that we cannot spare this large amount of money at this time, I therefore report that the purchase cannot be made at present.

Perhaps it would be well to refer this question back to the same or another select committee for their further action.

Very Truly, etc.,

J. W. Robertson,

Mayor.

Resolution

Brush com. of
one purchase

Riley tract

Alderman Hancock introduced the following resolution which was adopted:

Be it resolved that alderman Brush be appointed a committee of one to confer with Mr. Reilly or his agent, and to arrange a trade for the purchase of the land adjoining the cemetery on the south side, trade to be reported to the council for its confirmation.

\$10,050.31
accounts

The Finance committee introduced an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$10,050.31 for the payroll for June, 1885, and approved accounts.

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

On motion of alderman Crooker the ordinance

was amended by adding \$200⁰⁰ for Mr. J. Burt to reimburse him for losses incurred while attending small pox patients

Alderman Plath moved to further amend by adding \$40⁰⁰ for Red Green time of back laid up while being disinfected after transporting Mr Crow from depot to his home. Alderman Crooker moved to amend Alderman Plath's motion by inserting \$35⁰⁰ instead \$40⁰⁰. The amendment to insert \$35⁰⁰ was adopted.

The ordinance was read third time under suspension of the rules, and passed by the following vote. Yeas - Aldermen Schneider, Metz, Pillow, Hancock, Wells, Schubert, Underhill, Hooper, Warren, Crooker, Barrington, Holman, Plath, Brush, Brennan, & Nays Alderman Campbell.

Ordinance
trespassing
upon R. R.
property

Alderman Hancock introduced an ordinance to prevent minors from trespassing upon railroad property in the corporate limits of the City of Austin, and prescribing a punishment therefor

The ordinance was read second and third times under suspension of the rules & passed by a two thirds vote.

Ordinance
transfer of
licenses

Alderman Schubert introduced an ordinance authorizing the transfer of occupation licenses read first time and then referred to the ordinance committee

Motion to
sell tents
at small pox
camp

Alderman Plath moved that the city physician be authorized to sell tents recently purchased for use at small pox camp.

The motion to table the motion of Alderman Plath's was lost. Alderman Hancock offered the following resolution as a substitute for the motion of Alderman Plath adopted.

Resolved that the City Physician be authorized to burn all articles actually exposed to infection and to store the balance in the hospital.

On motion the council adjourned
J. L. Parnell
City Clerk