

Regular meeting of the City Council

Austin Texas July 6th 1885

Hon L. W. Crocker, President of the Council presiding

Present aldermen Hancock, Wells, Campbell, (Hoad), Warren, Crocker, Odell, Hill, Hatt, Brush and Brunner-11.

Absent aldermen Schneider, Metz, Pillow, Schubert, Underhill, Driskill, Carrington, Holman, and Ervin. 9.

On motion of alderman Brush a call of the council was ordered and the marshal sent after the absentees

Aldermen Pillow Metz and Schneider came in

Call of the council suspended.

Minutes of May 23. June 1st June 15th & June 20th 1885 adopted.

Neil McBushin Alderman Odell presented a petition from Neil Mc Bushin in regard to officer Morris inspecting his premises. Referred to the police committee

Fire Com. on Alderman Brush for the Fire committee submitted the following report on the petition of *Genl J. N. Cooke* J. N. Cooke

Your committee would recommend that the City purchase and take on trial for the use of the Fire department ten dozen of the Gardner's improved greenade fire extinguisher
M. B. Brush

The motion to lay the report on the table was

Finance Com The finance committee submitted the following *on resolution* report on an resolution increasing the Police force to 20 *to increase* men Report adopted *police force*
To the Hon. Mayor, and City Council.

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Your committee to whom was referred the within resolution, beg leave to say that while they are in favor of the increase of the police force, they cannot recommend the passage of this resolution because of the present financial condition of the city.

Respectfully

J. W. Odell
Lewis Hancock
W. Mass.

Alderman Platt moved that the mayor employ an accountant to examine the books of the City Marshal, motion lost.

Brush on
Purchase of
Reiley tract land.

Alderman Brush submitted the following report on purchasing land for cemetery purposes Hon. J. W. Robertson, mayor, and members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:— Your committee appointed at the last regular meeting of the council, as per the following resolution: "Be it resolved that Alderman Brush be appointed a committee of one to confer with Mr. Reiley, or his agent, and to arrange a trade for the purchase of the land adjoining the cemetery on the south, said trade to be reported to the council for its confirmation." Would report that the same has had due consideration, as follows:

Mr. Reiley who owns the property lying south and adjacent to the present cemetery, will sell to the city 20 acres (a fraction more or less) for the sum of six hundred dollars per acre, making about \$12,000⁰⁰, for which he wants cash,

In payment for which, your committee would say that there is now in the city treasury, unappropriated \$7,000.00. There are also several appropriations such as market-house and cemetery fund amounting to about \$2,000, for which there is no immediate or special need, which gives the city the sum of about \$9,000 on hand.

I am authorized by Mr. A. P. Woodbridge

to say, that if the city will advance \$6,000 for the cemetery grounds now under consideration, he will immediately pay the balance of \$6,000. upon the first of August, title of ground to rest in him as a trustee until the amount advanced the city is paid, either by sale of lots or through other channels, when the title reverts to the city.

Your committee would further report that the expenses of fencing and "laying off" would not amount to exceed \$300.

Your committee has been informed by responsible parties that there are now from 30 to 50 citizens who are anxious to purchase lots upon the final establishing of a city cemetery, said lots, it is thought, will bring at auction sale from \$75 to \$150. per lot. Therefore, in view of the fact that the land can be bought from the party owning same, and such moneys as the city does not possess, to pay cash down, can be procured; and further, that the present cemetery is now full, and more ground must be secured, and that the present cemetery when located was sold in lots to the citizens, upon which they have buried their dead, said living citizen believing that at least during their lives that the ground would be sacred, and now, that the relations and friends of the living and the dead wish to secure lots within the same inclosure for a last resting place for themselves or their dead.

Therefore, your committee would respectfully recommend that the Riley tract be purchased by the city for cemetery purposes.

W. B. Bruck

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

Report adopted by the following vote: Yeas - Aldermen Schneider, Metz, Pillow, Hancock, Wells, Campbell, Woods, Warren, Crooker, Bruck & Brunner, Nays - Alderman Odell, Hill & Plath

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Ordinance for the purchase of Riley land
Alderman Brush introduced an ordinance providing for the purchase of the Riley tract of land, and appropriating the sum of \$6,000, as a partial payment for the same.

The ordinance was read first time and then referred to the finance committee.

Marshal for June 1885

Marshal's report for June, 1885
Total Fines \$1,129.05

Cash from fines	\$455.90
work out "	2137.70
Appraised "	285.50
Due by escapes	7.70
Released by Doctors order	9.70
Amount brought forward	135.55
Back fines worked out	39.45
Cash from back fines	111.05

Referred to the Police committee.

Seriton June 1885

City sexton's report for June 1885 shows total deaths 34. White 25. Colored 8. Mexican 1; Male 19, female 15.
Referred to the Cemetery committee.

City Physician on vault system

The following report of the City Physician was read and referred to the Hospital committee and requested to give special attention to that part of the report relating to privy vault system:

To the Mayor, and Board of Aldermen.
Since June 1st 19 persons were admitted in hospital 7 have died, 9 dismissed, and 16 remain in hospital July 1st 1885. Of the 7 deaths, four of the patients were moribund and in a dying condition when received. More beds are needed to properly care for the indigent sick of the city.

I have heretofore called special attention to the unsanitary condition of the City, and recommended that the privy vault systems be abolished, or if retained, to have the vaults cemented, and thus prevent the whole soil of the city from becoming saturated with the fluid

portions of human excrementa. Simply surface work is like cutting off the grass and leaving the roots, abolish such a filthy and dangerous system and remove the seeds and germs of disease that are in the yards and premises of the people, and we may then hope to have a healthy city, and not until then.

Respectfully submitted,
 W. J. Burt,
 City Physician.

Treasurer
 for June

Report of the City Treasurer for the month ending
 June 30, 1880.

Balance on hand May 31.	\$29,689.91
Received from assessor & collector	12,594.90
	42,284.81

Eredits

Paid warrants.	\$6,643.10	
Cash balances June 30.	\$30,441.71	
Interest fund In. New York	5000.00	\$42,284.81
Unappropriated balances	\$9,596.10	
Referred to the finance committee		

Resolution
 Policeman
 in charge
 of gang to
 keep time
 book

Alderman Hill introduced the following resolution, which was adopted.

Be it Resolved by the City Council, That the City Marshal do and is hereby instructed to require, and it is hereby made the duty of the Policeman in charge of the prisoners who work out fines, to make a daily report signed by him, showing the name and time of each prisoner who has worked under him. Such reports shall be preserved in a time book to be kept in the marshal's office.

Ord for
 election of
 school trustees

Alderman Innes introduced an ordinance providing for an election, on Tuesday, July 6, 1880, for three trustees of the public free schools of the City of Austin.

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

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Alderman Hill introduced the following resolution,
 Resolution which was referred to the street committee,
 to extend route. Be it resolved by the City Council, that,
 scavenger carts the street committee be requested to report what
 additional expense would be required to provide
 for an extension of the routes of the public scavenger
 carts of the City throughout the more dense
 parts of the city; together with its recommendation
 as to whether such extension is advisable,

\$2,814.36
 accounts & payment of city officers salaries for July, 1885 and
 approved accounts.

The ordinance was read second and
 third times under suspension of the rules
 and passed by the following vote:

Ayes-- Aldermen Mitz, Hancock, Pillow, Wells, Campbell,
 Massey, Warren, Crooker, Cully, Kelly, Plath, Brushy, Brennan.
 Nays. Alderman Schneider.

On motion the council adjourned,