

Regular Meeting of the City Council

Austin Texas July 20<sup>th</sup> 1885  
Hon J. W. Robertson Mayor Presiding

Present- Aldermen Metz, Pillow, Hancock, Wells, Campbell, Schuber, Hodax, Warren, Odell, Carrington, Hill, Platt, Busch & Brennan - 14

Absent- Aldermen Schneider, Underhill, Driskill, Crooker, Hohman, and Ervin - 6.

Minutes of July 6<sup>th</sup> 1885 adopted

L. Morris

Officer Morris, petitioned for pay for two days time lost by sickness during July 1885. Referred to the Police Committee.

Citizens lamp post & water plug

A Petition signed by citizens asking that a water plug and a lamp post be located on the corner of W. Pine and Lavaca streets, was read and referred to the Street committee.

Citizens against extending cemetery.

Alderman Odell presented a communication from citizens living the city cemetery, protesting against the extension of the cemetery by the purchase of the Riley tract of land. and if the city were purchased said land. that they will injoin the city from using the same for cemetery purposes. Referred to the cemetery committee.

Laura Brinkwell

The Petition of Laura Brinkwell asking permission to establish a shooting gallery on lot 8 Block 8. Pecan Street was granted.

Engineer  
Fire Dept  
Hickory St.  
& excavating

The following report of the city engineer was read and ordered filed.

To the Hon. Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Austin

Gentlemen:— By an ordinance appropriating one thousand (1000) dollars for grading hickory street between congress. avenue and Colorado St. and making the excavation for the Fire Department building.

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I would report that the grading of Hickory street cost \$712<sup>40</sup> and the remainder of the appropriation \$587<sup>60</sup> has been expended on the excavation for the building for the Fire department. Said excavation said excavation being about half completed. The material taken from said excavation has been used in filling up the extension of the arch bridge on west Pecan street.

Very Respectfully

J. H. P. Mc Fall

City Engineer

The motion to take up an ordinance appropriating \$350<sup>00</sup> to finish the excavation for the fire department building, was lost.

Finance Com  
majority on  
purchasing  
Riley tract  
for cemetery

The Finance committee submitted the following majority and minority reports on an ordinance providing for the purchase of an addition to the city cemetery. Reports laid over.

To the Hon. Mayor & City Council,

Gentlemen:— your committee to whom was referred the within ordinance, respectfully recommend by leave to state that on account of the present financial condition of the city, we recommend that it do not pass.

J. W. Odell,

W. Maas,

Finance committee

Finance  
minority  
Riley tract  
for cemetery

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

The undersigned, a member of the Finance committee to whom was referred the within ordinance, respectfully recommend that in the absence of any other reasonable suggestion, that the ordinance do pass.

Lewis Hancock.

The following report was submitted by the Market house committee, which was adopted:

Hon. J. W. Robertson, Mayor, and board of Aldermen of the City of Austin

Market room  
on market  
limits

Gentlemen: your committee on market house,  
to whom was referred the resolution directing the  
committee and the city attorney to prepare an  
ordinance regulating market house, and market  
limits, by leave to report, that we have had the  
same under consideration, and a majority of  
said committee, the city attorney concurring,  
believe it to be unwise to make any ordinance  
looking to the centralization of the markets at  
the city market house; a majority of your committee  
believe that the citizens of Austin are better satisfied  
with the present arrangement of the markets than  
they would be with any proposed changes, and  
would, therefore, asked to be relieved from any further  
consideration of the matter

Respectfully submitted, this 20<sup>th</sup>  
day of July 1885

W. B. Bruck

B. S. Pillsbury

Cemetery  
on Oak Street  
improvement

The cemetery committee submitted the following  
report, which was laid over

To the Hon. Mayor, and city council  
of the city of Austin

Your committee to whom was referred  
the within petition, asking for an appropriation  
of thirty dollars to repair the streets, walks and gutters  
in the city cemetery, would report that we have  
duly considered the same, and recommend that  
the appropriation be granted.

A. B. Spadwick,

J. W. Odell,

Proposition  
to sell to  
city Palm  
tract

Ginslemen & Bergen, agents for swante Palm  
submitted a proposition to sell to the city part of our  
lot 39, division B, lying east of the old cemetery, at  
the price of \$500<sup>00</sup> <sup>per acre</sup> cash \$1000<sup>00</sup> and the remainder in  
one and two years to be paid out of the sale of lots  
title to vest in the City at once.

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Cemetery

Alderman Hill submitted a proposition from  
Thos. H. Wheeler to sell to the city for a cemetery his  
place containing 40 acres. being City out lot 58, division  
B. at \$3,600. The tract is one mile beyond the city  
cemetery, on Magnolia avenue. well timbered and  
watered. The land is inclosed, has a new house  
stable, etc; upon it.

Referred to the cemetery committee.

Land for  
Cemetery

Alderman Hill submitted a proposition from  
Mrs Maggie Stiles to sell to the city for a cemetery  
the grounds owned by the late Dr. Wm. Stiles lying  
two miles east of the city embraced in out lots,  
216, 27, 28, 29, 30 & 31. of division B. price not stated.

Referred to the cemetery committee.

Ord; purchase  
Riley tract

An ordinance providing for the purchase of  
the Riley tract for cemetery purposes, and making  
an appropriation of \$6,000. for partial payment on  
the same, was called up and read second time.

Substitute  
Ord; Palm  
tract

Alderman Hancock offered as a substitute  
an ordinance entitled "an ordinance providing  
for the purchase of land and the enlargement  
of the city cemetery, and providing for certain  
improvements and regulations in reference thereto,  
and making an appropriation to carry the same  
into effect."

Alderman Schneider came in

The substitute was adopted, then read by sections  
and the following amendments offered  
by Alderman Hill. Amend by inserting the name  
of Thos. H. Wheeler in lieu of that of Swartie Palm,  
and change the entire section so as to apply to  
Mr. Wheeler's proposition, amendment lost by the  
following vote: yeas Aldermen Pillow, Maas, Core  
Hill, Platt, and Brunner - 6. Nays - Aldermen Metz,  
Hancock, Wells, Campbell, Schuber, Warren, Carrington,  
& Brush - 6. excuse from voting Alderman Schneider

Amendment

Alderman Hill moved to amend section 1<sup>st</sup> by inserting

Without retaining lien.<sup>33</sup> Amendment: adopted  
 The motion to amend section 6 by striking out  
 "a sufficient portion of said tract for the  
 exclusive use of the colored people" was lost.

The motion of Alderman Platt to recommitt the  
 ordinance, was lost.

Alderman Maas, moved to amend sec. 7  
 by inserting "that the minimum value of said  
 lots shall be \$50. Alderman Hill moved to amend  
 the motion of Alderman Maas, by adding "and  
 the fractional parts of lots shall be in proportion"

Amendments adopted.

Section 10. was amended by inserting "\$21,000."

Alderman Platt moved to lay the ordinance  
 on the table.

Motion lost by the following vote:

Yea - Aldermen Metz, Pillow, Odell, Carrington,  
 Platt & Brush - 6.

Nays - Aldermen Schneider, Hancock,  
 Wells, Campbell, Schubert, Maas, Warren, Hill,  
 & Brennen - 9.

\$350. for

excavation purpose of finishing the excavation for the Fire department  
 S. D. building building, was introduced and read & then read second  
 time under suspension of the rules. Alderman Maas, moved  
 amendment to amend by inserting \$205<sup>00</sup> payment of A. M. C. Nixon for plans  
 remodeling market house, amendment referred to the Finance  
 committee. The ordinance was read third time  
 under suspension of the rules, and passed by the  
 following vote: Yea - Aldermen Metz, Pillow, Hancock,  
 Wells, Campbell, Schubert, Maas, Warren, Odell, Carrington,  
 Hill, Platt, Brush & Brennen - 14.

Spec. Police

W<sup>m</sup> Wagenfuhr was nominated and confirmed  
 as a special police officer of the city of Austin.

On motion the council adjourned.

S. L. Purwell  
 City Clerk