

Regular meeting of the City Council

Austin Texas August 17th 1885

Hon. J. W. Robertson Mayor, presiding

Present - Aldermen Pillow, Hancock, Wells, Caughlin,
Schubert, Underhill, Macay, Warren, Crooked, Owell, Carrington,
Holman, Hill, Platt & Brennan - 15

Absent - Aldermen - Metz, Schneider, Chief Clerk
and Erwin - 5.

Minutes of Aug 6th 1885 adopted.

Pet. Citizens Alderman Hill presented a petition signed by
grade builders living east of east avenue, asking that
misquite an appropriation be made to grade Misquite street
east from east avenue for two blocks so as to
make a direct route to congress avenue, by way of
the new bridge over waver creek, on Misquite street.
Referred to the street committee

Alexanders On recommendation of the Mayor, balance of fine
fines remitted due by Charles Alexander was remitted.

Glen Drummer On recommendation of W. J. Runt, City Physician,
release The city marshal was authorized to release Glen
Drummer from prison.

Pet of S. J. Canterbury Alderman Brennan presented a petition from
S. J. Canterbury, asking permission to be allowed to
move a house on the river walk, near the old tannery,
owning and stating he would pay a rental for the same, and
vacate the land when ever notified by the council
so to do.

Referred to the street committee.

W. French 2500 feet of hose. D. W. French Chief of the Austin Fire department,
petition for 2500 feet of new hose and four new
nozzles, for use of the fire department.
Referred to the Fire committee.

at Council Pet to open alley B. 4. div. E. Report of the street committee on the petition
of A. H. Sheldon, Joseph Fischer, and Earnest Meyer

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To the Hon. Mayor and City Council of the City of Austin.
The committee to whom was referred the petition asking the opening of alley in Block 4, div. 6, have had the same under due consideration and would recommend that petition be granted, and the city engineer is and is hereby instructed to have said parties notified to open the alley prayed for.

Respectfully submitted
Schubert,

Chairman of the Street committee

Report adopted

Dep't of Fire
Commissioner
on Pet of A. H.
Carrington

Alderman Crooker presented the following report on the petition of A. H. Carrington, to erect a shed on Lot 6, Block 60: would recommend that the within petition be granted

Respectfully submitted

L. W. Crooker,

Chairman of Fire committee

D. W. French,

Chief of A. F. Dept.

Wm. Von Rosenberg,

Assistant Chief A. F. Dept.

Wm. Salge,

Foreman of H. J. Co., No. 1.

R. J. Smith,

Foreman of H. J. Ladder Co., No. 3

Report adopted, and permission granted to erect shed

Spec. com on
Pet of L. E.
Daniels

Alderman Odell for the special committee submitted the following report on the petition of L. E. Daniels:

To the Mayor & City Council
Gentlemen:— your committee to whom was referred the within petition of L. E. Daniels, by leave to report that they have made proper investigations and believe his petition should be granted, we submit herewith Mr. Daniels' affidavit as to the truth of his claim as set forth in his petition, and recommend that his petition be granted.

Respectfully

J. M. Odell,

L. Hancock,

R. J. Hill,
Special committee

Report adopted,

spec. com on Alderman Platt submitted the following report of charges against the special committee to whom was referred the petition of H. Benjamin:

To the Hon. City Council.

Your special committee to whom was referred the charges and complaints of H. Benjamin against Police Sergeant Chumville, beg leave to report that, after a careful examination of the written charges, and due consideration of all outside information on the subject, and from what your committee have been able to learn of the complaints, that in the opinion of the committee, the charges are without substantial foundation, and the complainant a distinguished member of the grand army of "cranks"; wherefore the committee beg to be discharged.

Respectfully

R. Platt,

B. C. Wells

B. S. Pillow.

Adopted, and committee discharged.

J. H. Wheeler
selling
land for
cemetery

Alderman Hill submitted a communication from J. H. Wheeler, respecting recent proposition to sell to the city his place for a cemetery, and submitting instead a proposition to sell to the city this tract of land at \$600. \$1000. payable April 1864 the remainder of the purchase money to be paid out of the sale of lots, and the entire price to bear interest from date @ 10 per cent per annum, and making a transfer of said land without retaining any debt thereon the same.

Laid over.

Rept. of Erwin
on purchase
of land for
cemetery

The following report of Alderman Erwin, chairman of the cemetery committee, was read and laid over

To the Mayor & City Council of the City of Austin.

Gentlemen:- At the last regular meeting of the city council, there was a report made by each of the two members of the cemetery committee

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as to the advisability of purchasing the eight acre tract adjoining the present cemetery - from Mr. Palm for cemetery purposes. The subject is of such vital importance to the health and well being of the city, that I feel it an imperative duty to give expression to my views and feeling on the subject, more so as I am a member of the cemetery committee. I will not attempt to discuss the subject from a sanitary point of view, for I believe some months ago, almost every prominent Physician in the city signed a petition, against the purchase of this Fry tract, testifying that it would endanger the lives of all the residents of the eastern portion of the city. If the advice of our most noted medical men, failed to move us to reject this proposition to perpetuate a cemetery in our midst, surely it is useless to add anything more on this point. But there is another point of view from which it should be looked at. A large number of our best citizens live in that part of the city and many more will soon build if the proposed purchase is abandoned. Otherwise they will not build property will depreciate in value, and many how have invested their small means in a home will not only lose the expected profit on their investment, but may be compelled to leave their homes entirely, as they surely would in case of an epidemic of cholera, which was very likely to have certainly by next year. I cannot see why why our men will persist in voting to perpetuate a nuisance so horrible and so sure to come to our citizens, why cant we compromise our differences by purchasing the Adles or wharves tract or better than either, give encouragement to the syndicate that has been formed, provided they will furnish the best land in the best locality on the best possible terms, I most certainly say with all the emphasis possible, do not buy the Palm tract.

Very Respectfully

Wm Erwin

Chairman Cemetery committee

Ordinance Alderman Hill submitted an ordinance entitled to purchase an ordinance providing for the purchase of whole land for the purpose of a new cemetery, and tract for providing for certain regulations in reference cemetery thereto, and making an appropriation to carry the same into effect.

The Ordinance was read first time. The motion to suspend the rules and read the ordinance a second time was lost.

Ordinance addition to cemetery

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, was called up.

Alderman Crooker moved to lay the ordinance on the table.

Motion lost by the following vote:
Yeas - Alderman Pillow, Crooker, Odell, Carrington, Holman, Clark, Bennett - 7

Nays - Alderman Hancock, Wells, Campbell, Schuber, Underhill, Madge, Warren, Hill - 8

On Motion the Council adjourned.

J. L. Curran
City Clerk