

## Regular Meeting of the City Council

Austin Texas Sept 7<sup>th</sup> 1881

J. W. Robertson. Mayor, presiding

Present Aldermen Schneider, Wells, Schubert, Underhill  
Maas, Warren, Crockett, Carrington, Holman, Hill,  
Clark & Brush. 12.Absent Aldermen. Metz, Pillow, Hancock, Oriskany,  
Odell, Erwin, Brewster, and Campbell, 8Minutes of the regular meeting of Aug 17<sup>th</sup> 1881  
adopted.

Petition Condon (Alderman Clark presented a petition signed  
Walker & others by John Condon, W. B. Walker and others, asking  
Alderman that a policeman be appointed for that part  
of the city in and about the N. & W. R. depot  
and recommending J. W. Cassaway for the position.  
Referred to the police committee

Petition for water trough by citizens asking that a water trough and trough  
E. Pecan st lamp be located on the corner of E. Pecan street  
& Avenue near the north west corner of East Avenue.  
Referred to the street committee

Petition of A. W. Ford & H. W. Stroter (Alderman Hill presented a petition signed  
Ford & Stroter by A. W. Ford & H. W. Stroter, complaining of  
removal of a privy in improper location of a privy on lot Block 114.  
and asked that the same be removed  
Referred to the police committee

Mrs J. S. Colgate petitioned for permission to  
open a shooting gallery at 305 E. Pecan street  
Petition read first time then laid over.

(Alderman Brewster came in and answered  
to his name)

Petition of W. S. Markham (A petition was received from W. S. Markham president  
of the city water company, stating that the water

company had been compelled to pay taxes on its property for the year 1864, claiming that said company was exempt from taxation by the terms of its contract with the city, and asked that the taxes paid be returned to the company, and that the assessment against the company be stricken from the tax roll.

Special Committee Referred to a special committee consisting of Messrs. Aldermen Hancock, Warren, & Hill,

H. W. Walling A proposition was received from H. W. Walling to sell land for to sell to the city for a cemetery 2130 acres of land cemetery 4 miles north of the city.

Referred to the cemetery committee.

H. P. Neumann G. P. Neumann petitioned for \$100.00 damages on account of injuries received by falling into a ditch on the corner of east ash and San Jacinto Street.

Referred to the ordinance committee.

Businessmen The business men on Ocean Street petitioned against congress avenue & Colorado Street petitioned obstructing to have the sidewalk kept unobstructed, by Ocean street parties selling merchandise from wagons backed up to the curb stones.

The city marshal was instructed to see that the sidewalk and street was kept unobstructed.

Fine of Gardner's recommendation of the mayor, the balance of the fine due the city by Gardner's boys was remitted.

J. M. Snyder Alderman Brush presented a petition signed by J. M. Snyder asking that the city allow him to use the public square as a circus lot stating he would pay twenty five dollars for every circus that used the same. Motion to grant the petition was lost by the following vote, yeas Carrington, Holman, Platt, Brush, Brewster, S. Nays Schneider, Wells, Schuber, Underhill, Meade, Warren, Crooker and Hill - 8

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Fire committee Alderman Crooker presented the following report  
on Pet. of J. S. of the Fire commissioners on the petition of J. S. Brack  
Brackridge (enridge)  
Building in fire limits

Austin Texas August 28<sup>th</sup> 1885

We the Board of fire commissioners, unanimously  
endorse the petition of A. Gardner & J. S. Brackridge  
in regard to a building erected on lot 7 Block  
No 6, in the fire limits of the City, provided  
that said building be covered with a metal or  
slate roof.

A. W. Furch

Chief of A. F. D.

Wm Von Rosenberg

Asst. Chief A. F. D.

A. Kiser

Recorder of A. F. D.

E. H. Morley

W. H. Palmer

A. F. Smith

W. B. Brush

E. S. Wertz

Petition read first time.

Fire committee Alderman Crooker presented the following  
report of the Fire commissioners in regard to  
on frame buildings inside the fire limits.  
Building in frame buildings inside the fire limits.  
Fire limits

Austin Texas August 28<sup>th</sup> 1885

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

Gentlemen: - we the Board of Fire Commission-  
ers of the city of Austin, have been informed of the  
fact that several frame buildings have been built  
of late within the fire limits of the City, and other  
frame buildings are now at the present time being  
erected within said fire limits, which is a direct  
violation of the city ordinances, and therefore  
we deem it necessary to petition your honorable  
body to require the city marshal to hereafter promptly  
report parties violating the ordinances in regard  
to the erection of such buildings.

Respectfully

- S. W. French, Chief
- Wm Von Rosenberg, Asst. chief
- H. Keenan Recorder
- S. H. Morley
- B. F. Smith
- Wm H. Dalg S.
- W. B. Brush
- E. C. Metz

Report adopted.

regular order On motion the regular order of business of business was suspended to take up the general appro-  
suspended ppropriation ordinance, Appropriating the sum of \$4,621.85 for the payroll for September, 1885 and approved accounts. The ordinance was read first time, The motion to suspend the rules and read the ordinance a second time was lost.

Resolution Alderman Platt introduced a resolution directing to remove the city engineer to remove all dirt deposited dirt placed on side streets taken from an excavation on side streets for the foundation of a building for a private person

On motion the resolution was laid on the table.

City Marshal The report of the city marshal for August 1885 for Aug 1885 shows total arrests, 106. Total fines, \$866.25 Cash from fines \$368.45 worked out \$257.35 Fines appealed \$70.80 turned over to the county \$41.10 remitted by council \$9.50 and by escapes \$54.85; turned out by doctors orders \$7.70. Back fines worked out \$120.35 Back fines paid \$39.20. Referred to the police committee.

Sexton for Aug 1885 Report of the city sexton for August 1885 shows Total deaths 27; white 14; colored 12; Mexican 1; male 13; female 14.

Referred to the cemetery committee

Report of the city Treasurer for the month

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Treasurer ending August 31 1885  
 for Aug 1885 Balance on hand July 31<sup>st</sup> 1885 \$41,136.54  
 Received from Ass't Col. \$3,033.75  
 \$44,170.29.

Credits  
 Paid non int. warrants \$11,831.07  
 interest on Bonds \$4,700.00  
 16,531.07

Balance Aug 31 1885 \$27,639.22.  
 Unappropriated \$13,514.59.  
 Referred to the Finance committee

Fire committee Alderman Crooker presented the following report on report of the committee appointed to select plans for the Fire department building  
 Fire Dept. building To his Hon. J. W. Robertson, and the city council of the city of Austin:

The undersigned joint committee on building a house for H. & L. No 1 and Colorado Co. No 2 would most respectfully report, and ask as follows:

That they have selected a plan for the building and that bids have been advertised for same as a whole, Upon opening the bids it was found that the plans as adopted by the committee could not be built for the amount which was appropriated by your honorable body, The committee then advertised for bids on materials, etc, delivered on the place, which was taken into consideration with the labor necessary, when it was found that the same could not be built for the amount appropriated

In view of the above facts, and believing that the city desires a building which will be of some ornament, and suitable for the purpose for which it is intended, the undersigned would most respectfully ask that your honorable body appropriate one thousand five hundred dollars additional, making a total of \$6000

L. M. Crooker chairman

J. K. P. Mc Fall city Engineer

J. Schuber Alderman 4<sup>th</sup> ward

W. H. Sargo for H. & L. No 1

D. K. Mooly for Colorado

P. W. French

Chief A. F. J.

Fire Com. Alderman Crooker submitted the following report  
 rept. on new of the Fire committee on the petition of D. W. French  
 hose asking for 2500 feet of new hose.

Hon. J. W. Robertson:

Your fire committee to whom was referred  
 the above petition have had the same under  
 consideration, and find that it is necessary  
 to supply new hose and nozzles as asked for,  
 and would recommend that the same be  
 granted.

Crooker, Chairman

Report adopted.

Resolution  
 minutes to  
 be distributed  
 to citizens.

Alderman Hill offered the following resolution  
 Resolved, 1, That the committee on printing be  
 and is hereby instructed to provide for the  
 distribution by private carriers or through  
 the mails among the people of a number not  
 exceeding 500 copies of the printed proceedings  
 of the council;

2 such distribution shall be made to such  
 citizens as shall be named by the mayor  
 and members of the board of aldermen, each  
 having the right to name twenty citizens to  
 whom the proceeding shall be delivered.

3 The expenses of carrying out this resolution  
 shall be paid by provision in the general appropriation  
 ordinance from time to time as the same accrue.

Alderman Brush moved to lay the resolution on  
 the table. Motion lost.

On motion of Alderman Wells the resolution  
 was adopted.

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