

Regular Meeting of the City Council

Austin, Texas, October 19th 1885

John J. W. Robertson Mayor presiding

Present: Aldermen Schneider, Pilsbury, Hancock, Wells, Campbell, Schubert, Warren, Cook, Cunningham, Kiss, Clark & Cook. 12.

Absent: Aldermen, Rich, Underhill, Macay, Guskil, Crocker, Robinson, Ervin, and Brennan. - 8

Minutes of October 5th 1885, Adopted.

The Street committee submitted the following report on the petitions of Laura Drinkwell and C. H. Miller for permission to open a shooting gallery on Pecan Street.

To the Hon Mayor and Board of Aldermen
The within petitions having been referred to the Street committee, we would most respectfully state that parties complying with the ordinances of the city and conforming with the Police regulations should be allowed to carry on a legitimate business, and this class of petitions having been heretofore invariably granted the Street committee could not raise objections
Schubert.

Chairman.

Report of the Street committee on the petition of C. C. Worthington.

To the Hon Mayor and City Council:
Your committee to whom was referred the within petition in regard to the erection of a windmill in the Avenue, would most respectfully report, that they had had the same under due consideration and would state that in the opinion of your committee that by allowing petitioners to erect said building would be a direct violation against the ordinance forbidding the erection of wooden structures within the fire limits and further it would create a nuisance on said avenue, We therefore recommended that the petition be not granted.

Schubert Chairman

Report Adopted

The Police committee submitted the following on an Ordinance increasing the Police force 1884.

Hon. J. W. Robertson, Mayor.

Since your committee on Police to whom was referred the within ordinance would respectfully recommend that the same do pass.

Adopted

J. F. Schneider,

R. J. Hill,

Report of special committee, to whom was referred the petition of the City Water Company.

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

Your special committee to whom was referred the petition of the City Water Company to ^{have} refund to them the taxes of 1884 paid by them amounting to \$2500, by leave to report that they have had the same under consideration and find under the present constitution of the state, there is grave doubt as to the right of the petitioners to have said taxes refunded or of the city to so refund them; but your committee also find that by section eleven of said contract between the City and petitioners the latter was to perform certain services, and in consideration thereof was to be exempt from taxation, while the exemption herein provided for is perhaps not authorized, it is undeniable that the company performed the services, and is entitled to compensation; and your committee think that the proper amount of taxation for the year less the amount of school tax which is not properly a municipal levy, and which could not fairly be said, and come within the terms of the contract entered into. Your committee therefore recommend that the sum of \$1876.00 be appropriated to pay the water company, for services rendered for the year 1884 under section eleven of said contract.

Louis Kunkler, Chairman

H. Wistar

R. J. Hill

What did you do with ordinance

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Alderman Criskill came in and answered to his name.

Alderman Odell called up an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$5500. to refund excess taxes paid by S. E. Daniels. The ordinance was read second time, then laid over.

An Ordinance providing for an increase of the Police force to 20 men Inclusive of the Marshal and Sergeant of Police, was called up and read second time, then laid over.

Alderman Underhill came in and answered to his name.

Alderman Brush introduced an Ordinance entitled "an Ordinance amending an Ordinance appropriating \$300. for improvement of Cedar and Cypress Street. The amendment provides that the unexpended balance of the appropriation shall be used for the general improvement of the streets in the 10th wards.

The ordinance was read second and third time under suspension of the rules and passed by the following vote yeas Aldermen Schneider, Gilroy, Hancock, Wells, Campbell, Schuber, Underhill, Warren, Criskill, Odell, Carrington, Heile, Platt, Brush.

Alderman Criskill introduced the following Resolution which was adopted.

Be it resolved by the Council, that a special committee of three be appointed to fully investigate the conduct of the special Detectives while in the employment of the City of Austin.

Be it further resolved that said special committee be further empowered to investigate the alleged outrages perpetrated upon the colored man Alex Mack, by the said detectives and City officers.

The mayor appointed as the committee Alderman Criskill, Platt, and Schneider,

The Finance committee introduced "an Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$153⁰⁰/₁₀₀ to pay approved accounts." The ordinance was read first time; the motion to suspend the rules and read the ordinance a second time was lost.

Alderman Hancock introduced an ordinance entitled: "An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$187⁵⁰/₁₀₀ to pay the City Water company for services rendered under section eleven of the contract between the City and said company." Read first time. The motion to suspend the rules and read the ordinance a second time was lost.

Alderman Hill submitted the following report of the Ordinance committee on the petition of S. P. Axemann.
Report Adopted.

To the Hon. J. W. Robertson, Mayor.
Your committee on ordinances to whom was referred the petition of S. P. Axemann for payment of damages would respectfully report, that they have had the same under consideration, and believing that the excavation complained of and by which petitioner was damaged, was not made or walled by the city or its authority and they recommend that the petition be not granted.

R. J. Hill.
J. W. Griskill

Alderman Platt introduced the following resolution which was adopted.

Resolved: That hereafter no person shall be appointed or elected to the position of a special or regular police officer of this city until after notice of his application for such position has been published in some daily newspaper in this city.

on motion the Council adjourned.

J. L. Purvell
City Clerk