

Regular Meeting of the City Council

Austin Tex Nov 2nd 1885

Hon. J. W. Robertson, Mayor presiding

Present Aldermen: Schneider, Hubb, Kilmer, Wells, Campbell, Schuber, Waring, Edlin, Carrington, Coleman, Hatt, Brush, and Bremen 13

Absent Aldermen Hancock, Underhill, Moore, Oriskin Crocker, Hill, & Ervin - 7

Minutes of Oct 19th 1885, adopted

The petition of R. E. Richardson asking that pay be allowed him for nine days time lost by sickness during October 1885, was granted.

The petition of George Hutchinson asking that pay be allowed him for 19 days, time lost by sickness during the month of Sept and Oct. 1885, was granted.

Citizens of the truth ward petitioned to have the name of Spruce street changed to East Live Oak.
Referred to the street committee

A proposition was received from Tom Murstake agent for Mrs. B. Radkey, to sell to the city 2 1/2 acres of land for a cemetery, said land lying two miles north east of the city.

Referred to the cemetery committee

Report of the city Marshal for Oct. 1885

Fines assessed in the recorder's court.	\$ 1693.50
Cash from fines	\$ 776.80
Fines worked out.	1121 60
Total appealed	132.70
Amount carried over	376.75
Amount due by escapes	79.70
jury fees	6.00
Balance from back fines \$341.70 back fines worked out \$39.00 back fines returned by the court \$95.00 carried over 145.00 to be paid to Police committee	

Report of the City Sexton for Oct. 1885 shows Total deaths 30. White 19, colored 11. Male 16, Female 14.
 Referred to the Cemetery committee

Annual Report of the City Assessor & Collector for the fiscal year ending Oct. 31st 1885.

Income from ad valorem tax of - 1885.	\$481,031.17
" " " " " " " " 1884	662,173.71
" " " " " " " " 1883	131,400.00
" " " " " " " " 1882	150.00
" " " " " " " " 1881	10,350.00
" " " " " " " " 1880	4,050.00
" " " " " " " " 1879	4,500.00
" " " " " " " " 1878	3,250.00
" " " " " " " " 1877	2.00

Back taxes	1876
License Tax	11,691.40
Market House	31.80
Cemetery	857.50
Records Court	6,272.65
Miscellaneous	653.35
Expenses	400.00
Grand Total	\$86,790.63

Miscellaneous embraces the following viz: City's costs & interest on tax deeds \$21.57
 From J. H. Pma Fall City engineer: Extension of stone wall on Waller creek bridge paid by S. Rosenberg \$200.00
 From J. L. Purnell, City Clerk Lost time deducted from pay of Police officers \$23.00
 From Travis County. Contract between City and Travis Co., Hospital account. \$500.00
 From Capitol Compress Co. for lease of water hydrants \$130.00
 By Treasurer's receipts No. 990 to 1038. and from No. 1000 to 1060 inclusive \$86,790.63.

Respectfully Submitted
 Fred Sturging
 City Assessor & Collector
 Austin Tex Oct 31st 1885

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Report of the account Collector for the Quarter ending
October 31st 1885 from Aug 1 1885 to Oct 31st 1885

To income from ad valorem taxes 1885	278,105
1884	6,915.13
1883	19,100
1882	5.00
1881	.90
1880	90
1879	1,350
1878	1,500

License tax	5,907.90
Cemetery	312.50
Recorder's court	1443.45
Ground rents	160.00
Miscellaneous.	502.05
Total.	\$15,578.38

By Treasurer's receipts Nos 1041 to 1060 inclusive

Respectfully submitted

Fred Sterling

City Account Collector.

Report of the City Account Collector of taxes collected
for the public schools. Quarter ending Oct 31, 1885 from
August to Oct. 31st 1885

To income from school tax for the year 1885. 84, 83, 82 & 1884 \$2433.76

By Treasurer's receipt 65 to 68 incl. \$2,330.96

Cash on hand taxes of 1885, and not turned

over (as per this report)

92.80.

\$2443.76

cash on hand and not turned over. \$160.30

Report of the City Treasurer for the month of Oct. 1885

Balance on hand Sept 30th 1885 \$26,997.39.

Receipts from Ass. & Co 7298.14. \$34,295.53

Credits Paid warrants \$3,247.14

Cash balance \$31,048.39.

Unappropriated \$13,785.48

Referred to the finance committee

Report of the City Clerk for the Quarter ending
Oct 31st 1885 shows total warrants paid \$70,837.76

Report of the City Physician for October 1885

Gov. Mayor & Board of Aldermen

Statement - Since Oct 1st 1885 17 patients have been admitted in Hospital; 11 dismissed & died, 19 remaining Nov 1st 1885. Three of these are private patients, paying into the Hospital \$21⁰⁰ per week, Three important operations were performed during the month. One a piece of the cranial bone 1 inch square was removed from a patient, one operation for strangulated Hernia on a man from Gastrop Co. One operation on a lady for ruptured perineum - all successful.

It is my pleasure to commend Mrs. Ella Wright, matron, and Dr. Frank McLaughlin, resident physician for the good work they are performing at the Hospital. The cleanliness discipline and constant kindness to the patients are mainly owing to their constant supervision.

The city patients for Oct have been quite numerous I have made 56 visits and 90 prescriptions for them during October.

The epidemic of Dengue that has prevailed for 3 months in the city, has about used up all the material. A few cases and some relapses only remain. I have prepared an article on dengue which will properly be first submitted to the Travis county Medical Society. In this article I take the position that Dengue in the first cases, was imported here, and ^{did} not originate here de novo in the city. But that a favorable local condition did certainly exist for its spread as an epidemic. If the germs of Dengue are imported to Austin, as I believe they were then the question of Quarantine and Local Sanitation may be the highest consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. Burr, M. D.

City Physician

Referred to the Hospital Committee

Mayor's Office
City of Austin Nov. 2^d 1885

To the City Council.

I hereby remit the fine and costs assessed in the recorder's court, against David H. L. Hunter on a charge of violating the Sunday law.

I ask your advice and consent to this remission because I do not believe that Mr. Hunter was guilty of any intentional breach of the law.

Very respectfully

J. W. Robertson,
Mayor.

On motion of alderman Cullow the action of the mayor was adopted.

William Donnell and F. A. Water petitioned to be appointed Police officers of the city of Austin.

Alderman Platt for the special committee to whom was referred the matter of investigating charges against Police officers and Detectives, asked for further time. Granted.

The motion of alderman Platt to suspend the rules and take up an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$2,000.00 for the purpose of widening the iron bridge on east pecan street and the approaches thereto. was lost.

On motion of alderman Brush the street committee was instructed to ascertain on what terms street lamps can be located on Pine street along the H. T. & C. R. R. track

Alderman Odell called up an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$5⁰⁰ excess taxes paid by S. E. Daniels. The ordinance was read third time and passed by the following vote: Yeas aldermen Schneider, Metz, Cullow, Wells, Campbell, Schubert, Warren, Odell, Carrington, Holman, Platt, Brush, and Brenner, - 13.

Alderman Wells introduced an ordinance entitled an ordinance regulating the sale of wood in the city of Austin, read first time then referred to the ordinance committee and city attorney.

On motion of Alderman Hall the matter of allowing a circus to show on Block 67. was left entirely with the mayor.

On motion the council adjourned
T. H. Turner
City Clerk.