

Called Meeting of the City Council

Austin Tex. Dec. 14th 1885.

Hon J. W. Robertson, Mayor, presiding.

Roll Call - Present:

Aldermen Pillow,
Anderson, Brush, Schuber, Underhill, Warren
Wertham, Helman, DeGress, Cummings, Erwin
and Walker. - 12.

Absent - Aldermen Schneider, Metz,
Campbell, Maas, Crooker, Odell, Corwin and
Brennen.

Aldermen Odell, Corwin, Maas and
Campbell came in and answered to their names.
On motion of alderman DeGress the Council
was called and the marshal sent after the absentees.
On motion of Alderman DeGress the Call of the
Council was suspended.

The following Call of the Council
was read:

Mayor's Office,

Austin, December 14, 1885.

To the Aldermen of the City of Austin:

Gentlemen: - I hereby
Call a special meeting of the City Council to
assemble this day, Monday, Dec 14, 1885, at 12 m.,
for the purpose of obtaining the poll lists of
the third ward, for use in the Contested election
for alderman of said ward, which poll lists were
by mistake sealed up in the ballot box; also to
provide for fixing salaries of officers, as required
by the Charter, and to transact such other business
as may then be brought before you.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Robertson
Mayor.

Alderman Pillow moved that the ballot box
of the third ward be brought into the Council
Chamber and opened, and the poll list taken
out of the same.
Motion adopted.

Call of Council

Call suspended

The Mayor's
Call

Open ballot
box 3rd ward

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His Honor appointed as the Committee to open the
 ballot box, Pillow, Campbell and Wertham.
 Ballot box opened, poll list taken out, and box
 resealed by Committee.

Alderman Pillow moved that a Committee of three
 be appointed to fix the salaries of City officers.
 (Alderman DeGress moved to amend by making the
 Committee seven.
 Amendment accepted and motion adopted.
 Committee on Salaries: Aldermen Pillow, Campbell,
 Warren, Crocker, Odell, Holman and Erwin.

Alderman DeGress moved that a Committee, to
 consist of the mayor City attorney, marshal elect
 and five aldermen, be appointed to consult and
 recommend a manner of reorganizing the police
 force.

The motion that the marshal qualify
 before serving on the Committee was lost.
 Original motion then adopted.

His Honor appointed as the Committee on
 police, Aldermen Anderson, Wertham, Corwin,
 Schneider and Walker.

Alderman Metz came in and answered to
 his name.

An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$420.21
 to pay sundry accounts was taken up and read
 then read second and third times under suspension
 of the rules, and passed by a unanimous vote.
 On motion of Alderman Pillow the Council
 adjourned until 7 O'clock p. m., Saturday, Decem-
 ber 19th, 1885.

J. S. Burnell
 City Clerk

Dec 19th Adjourned meeting of the City Council

Austin Tex., Dec. 19th 1885.

Hon J W Robertson, Mayor, presiding.

Present:

Aldermen Metz, Pillow, Anderson, Campbell, Schuber, Warren, Northam, Odell, Corwin, Holman, Cummings, Ervin, Walker and Brennan - 14.

Absent: Aldermen Schneiders, Brush, Underhill, Maas, Crocker and Gess - 6.

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

Report of Comtee
fixing Salaries

Gentlemen - The undersigned Committee appointed to fix the salaries and fees of the officers of the City of Austin for the term of two years, beginning at this date, beg respectfully to report that after due consideration, they have agreed to report the ordinance passed on December 10th, 1883, and ask that the same be reenacted, said ordinance being hereto attached and made part of this report.

Respectfully

B. S. Pillow

Chairman for Committee.

Caption of the Ordinance:

Ordinance fixing
Salaries

"An Ordinance fixing the compensation of the officers and employees of the City of Austin for the present term."

On motion of Alderman Pillow, the rules were suspended and the ordinance placed on its second and third reading, and passed. Yea, Metz, Pillow, Anderson, Brush, Campbell, Schuber, Warren, Northam, Crocker, Odell, Corwin, Holman, Cummings, Ervin, Walker and Brennan - 16.

Alderman Maas came in and answered to his name.

Report of Special Committee:

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To the Hon City Council:

Report of Comtee

to ascertain

condition of
officers -

Your Committee appointed to ascertain the condition of the offices of the City assessor

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and Collector, City Marshal, City Clerk and City Treasurer beg to submit the following, to-wit:

Marshals Office

City Marshal.

Amounts received from March, 1884 to date \$14,870.55
 Amount turned over to City Assessor and Collector 13,500.60
 Balance \$ 1,369.95

To which add net payment in fines and jury fees 33.75
 making balance as per the Marshals books,
 in the hands of the assessor and Collector, as per
 that officers receipts, \$ 1,403.90

City Assessor and Collector.

Balance on hand and due as per the books, on Nov. 30th, 1885 \$3,275.82

Assessor's Office

Note - Credits are due this officer for insolvent lists, sales to the City, etc. which, when allowed and made, will very nearly, if not quite, balance the account.

City Treasurer.

Balance \$21,511.92
 Received from assessor and Collector during Oct. 2, 118.32
 Bal. Nov. 30th 1885, \$23,630.24

City Clerk.

Clerks Office

This office we find in good shape, records neatly and conveniently arranged.

Your Committee has not deemed it necessary to go into a minute examination and checking of the books of the several offices, but so far as our examination has extended, find the records of the City in neat and businesslike shape, and to the officers we beg to acknowledge our appreciation of their courtesies and offers of assistance.

J. M. Odell
W. B. Wertham
C. E. Anderson

On motion of Alderman Crocker, the report was adopted.

Report of Special Committee:

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To the Hon City Council: Your Committee

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Report made Appointed to prepare an Ordinance for the regulation
 of the police force, by to submit the accompanying
 Ordinance, and recommend its passage.

C. E. Anderson Chairman,
 W. B. Northam
 W. B. Walker
 J. P. Schneider
 Dennis Corwin

The following is the Ordinance submitted:

An Ordinance providing for the reorganization
 of the police department of the City of Austin.

Section 1. Be it ordained by the City Council of the
 City of Austin. That the police department of the
 City of Austin shall hereafter consist of the following
 officers, to-wit:

One City Marshal
 One Sergeant of police,
 Twenty policemen.

Sec. 2. That the City Marshal shall at all times
 have and exercise command and supervision of
 all police officers of the City, and shall be
 responsible for all the acts of his subordinates.

Sec. 3. That the marshal shall select and appoint
 the sergeant and policemen of the City as provided
 in this Ordinance, and shall report such appointments
 to the mayor and City Council for confirmation.

Sec. 4. That the sergeant and all subordinate police
 officers, except special policemen, appointed for
 a special purpose, shall be appointed for a term
 of one year, or until discharged by the mayor and
 marshal, and the mayor and marshal are hereby vested
 with the power of absolute removal for any cause to
 them seeming just and sufficient.

Sec. 5. That a sufficient number of the policemen
 shall be mounted from time to time as shall
 be deemed necessary by the mayor and marshal,
 to effect a complete patrol of the City.

Sec. 6. That twelve policemen shall be kept on
 duty at night.

Sec. 7. That if any policeman shall neglect his
 duty or shall leave his post, or disobey his

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Superior officers, or take intoxicating drinks while on duty, or in any manner violate the police regulations, or be guilty of any insubordination or misconduct, he shall be removed at once.

Sec. 8. That the marshal shall prescribe rules and regulations for the government of the police force of the City, and such rules and regulations shall be printed and a copy thereof furnished to each police officer for his guidance and instruction.

Sec. 9. That the members of the police force shall be neatly uniformed and they shall at all times be orderly, prompt and polite when on duty.

Sec. 10 That this ordinance take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Rules suspended.

On motion the rules were suspended and the Ordinance read by sections.

Amendment to read

Alderman Cummings moved to amend section 1 to read 18 policemen.

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On motion the amendment was tabled

Amendment

Alderman Maas offered the following amendment:

"Sound" etc

That the police shall be sound in body and health and not over 45 years of age.

Passed

Motion to table the amendment Carried.

Passed

On motion the Ordinance was read the second and third times, under a suspension of the rules and passed by the following vote: Yea, Metz, Pillow, Anderson, Brush, Campbell, Schuber, Maas, Warren, Wartham, Crocker, Odell, Carwin, Holman, DeGress, Cummings, Erwin, Walker and Brennan—18.

Ordinance to

provide ordinance

Alderman Campbell introduced an ordinance making provision for the revision and codification of the Ordinances of the City.

On motion of Alderman Crocker the Ordinance was referred to the Ordinance Committee.

Case of

to

The papers in the contested election cases of P.C. Wells vs Geo A. Pitman; and Charles McAnally vs J.C. Johnson, were presented.

Committee

A committee of special "commissioners" of five were appointed to take testimony and report to the Council.

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at the first regular meeting in January.

On motion of Alderman Campbell the Committee was instructed to employ a stenographer to take down the testimony.

The following aldermen compose the Committee: Anderson, Brennan, Schuber, Walker, Warthen.

Alderman Walker offered a petition requesting permission for Fred Olby and Wm Wright to erect a small frame house on the river walk. On motion the petition was granted.

Alderman Schneider and Underhill came in.

Alderman Maas presented his official bond as assessor and Collector.

C. L. Nitschke's bond as sexton, was also presented.

On motion these bonds were referred to the City attorney to be submitted to the Council Monday.

On motion Council adjourned

J. S. Curvell
City Clerk.