

# Regular Meeting of the City Council

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Austin Texas, Dec. 21st. 1885.

Hen J. W. Robertson, Mayor, presiding.

Roll Call - present:

Aldermen Metz, Pillow, Anderson, Campbell, Maas, Warren, Northam, Crocker, Odell, Carwin, Cummings, Ervin and Walker - 13.

Absent:

Aldermen Schneider, Brush, Schuber, Underhill, Holman, DeGress and Brennen - 7.

On motion the minutes of Dec. 19th were read. Alderman Pillow moved to amend the minutes, naming the time that the Committee appointed to take testimony in the Contested election Cases of Charles McNally vs J. C. DeGress, and B. C. Wells vs Geo A. Brush, should report to the Council, to read "first" regular meeting, etc., Carried.

The minutes, as amended, were then adopted.

## Officers Reports.

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To the Honorable Mayor and City Council;

Gentlemen: In obedience

City attys report  
on official bonds

to a resolution passed by your honorable body, at its last meeting, I have examined the official bonds of the following named persons, to-wit: J. W. Howard, Treasurer; Jas E. Lucy, Marshal; Milton Morris, City Clerk; W. Maas, Assessor and Collector, and C. L. Nitschke, Sexton, and find them correct in form.

Respectfully

Geo F. Pendexter  
City Attorney.

Petition to  
Construct  
spur on Capitol  
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Alderman Schuber offered a petition from Gus Wilke, sub-contractor of the Capitol building, asking for permission to construct a spur from the Capitol railroad on East avenue, and to lay a side-track on East avenue to connect with the Austin and Northwestern railroad, on East Cypress street, and also for permission to add a

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third rail to the track of the Capitol railroad  
On East avenue.

On motion the petition was referred to the  
Street Committee.

The City marshal's report from December 1st to  
December 21st, 1885, was presented to the Council  
and referred to police Committee.

His Honor J. W. Robertson, mayor announced  
the Standing Committees of the City Council, as  
follows:

Standing  
Committees

Streets, Alleys Etc., : Schuber, Crocker, Helman

Fire Department: Crocker, Schneider, Brennan.

Finance and Revenue: Odell, Wartham, Walker  
Markets: Corwin, Pillow Brush.

Police: Schneider, Anderson, Metz.

Printing: Walker, Maas, Pillow.

Emetery: Erwin, Underhill, Corwin.

Ordinances: Wartham, Campbell, DeGress.

Sanitation and Sewers: Cummings, Maas, Odell.

Hospital: Warren, Schuber, Erwin.

Water and Gas: Anderson, Campbell, Cummings.

Charity: Underhill, DeGress, Brush.

To pay Dec  
pay roll

Alderman Odell introduced an ordinance  
appropriating \$2,335.85 for the payroll of City  
of Austin for the month of December, 1885.

On motion, the Ordinance was taken up and  
read, and then read a second and third time and  
passed by the following vote: Yea, Metz, Pillow, Anderson,  
Campbell, Schuber, Underhill, Maas, Warren, Wartham,  
Crocker, Odell, Corwin, Cummings, Erwin and  
Walker - 15.

J. E. Lucy's off  
band

The official band of City marshal, J. E. Lucy was  
presented, and on motion the Council ordered the  
band approved.

J. W. Howard's  
official band

The official band of City Treasurer J. W. Howard  
was presented, and on motion was ordered approved.

Down in

Mr Howard then came forward and was sworn in.

C. L. Nitschke's

The official band of C. L. Nitschke was presented  
and ordered approved by the Council.

Off. Band

Mr M Maas' official band, as assessor and collector,

Maas' off. Band

was next presented and on motion was ordered

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approved.

Milton Morris  
Official Bond

The official bond of Milton Morris, City Clerk, was also presented and ordered approved by the Council. Alderman DeGress came in:

Claims of  
Wm Darnwell

The Claims of Wm F Luckie and Wm Darnwell for \$250 each for the reward for the arrest of one Jack Combs, were presented by His Honor Mayor Robertson, and referred to the police Committee.

Claim C. B. Roth

A Claim of \$44 in favor of C. B. Roth, for half cost of bridge on Live Oak and Brazos Streets, was presented and referred to Finance Committee.

Claim J. Wamsley

The Claim of J. Wamsley, for \$18.50 for damages caused his hack by Washington horse Carriage striking and breaking it in several places, was introduced, and referred by His Honor, May, Robertson, to the finance Committee, with the recommendation that it be investigated, and if found to be just and proper, that the Claim be paid.

Police appointed

The appointments by J. E. Luey City Marshal, of Wm Darnwell, R. D. Bell, Henry Pielman, J. A. Wells, I. W. Milligen, Frank A. Martin, L. S. Lester, as policemen, were, on motion, confirmed by the Council.

Ordinance to  
improve av.  
gutters

Alderman Crooker offered an ordinance appropriating \$800, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to improve the gutters on Congress Avenue, south of Cypress Street, and moved that the Ordinance be read, and that the rules be suspended and the Ordinance be placed on its second and third reading.

Motion adopted, and the ordinance put on its final passage and passed by the following vote: yea Metz, Pillow, Anderson, Campbell, Schuber, Underhill, Meas, Warren, Worthams, Crooker, Odell, Corwin, DeGress, Cummings, Erwin, and Walkers 16.

Report on  
examination of  
Little Shoal Creek  
bridge

Alderman Schuber presented the following report: To His Honor the Mayor and City Council of the City of Austin: Gentlemen: On examination of the condition of the bridge over Little Shoal Creek

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at the Crossing of North Avenue and Kueces Streets. I find that the last heavy rains have washed away in part the wings of said bridge leaving it in a very bad condition, and liable to cave at any moment, and very dangerous to life. I would therefore recommend the adoption of the report of the City engineer, and that an Ordinance covering said amount be passed for said work as recommended.

Schuber  
Chairman Street Committee.

Ordinance of \$400  
to build bridge

Alderman Schuber introduced an Ordinance appropriating \$400, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to build an arched bridge over Little Shoal Creek, at the Crossing of North Avenue and Kueces Streets.

The Ordinance was read, and on motion, the rules were suspended, and the Ordinance read a second and third time, and placed on its final passage, and passed by the following vote: Yea Metz, Pillow, Anderson, Campbell, Schuber, Underhill, Maas, Warren, Northam, Crocker, Odell Corwin, DeGress, Cummings, Erwin and Walker - 16.

Resolution to  
get estimate of  
cost of establishing  
permanent grades  
& levels

Alderman Schuber offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Whereas, It is has become a matter of necessity that permanent grades and levels be established for the streets, sidewalks, alleys and public ways of the City, so that all public improvements may conform to a system; and Whereas, It is also necessary that a survey of the City be made for drainage and sanitary purposes, and to provide for a system of sewerage; and Whereas, It is necessary to employ an experienced and skilful engineer to advise and assist the City engineer in such work; therefore, be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin. That the mayor be directed and requested to correspond with competent civil engineers in order to ascertain

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the probable cost of such survey of the City, with the necessary maps, plats, drawings, etc., to inaugurate and maintain a permanent system of grades, drainage, sewers and other like public works, and that he report to the City Council as early as practicable.

Alderman Pillow offered the following resolution:

Power of Comtee.  
in Wells +  
McAnally  
Contested Cases.

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, That the Committee appointed to take testimony in the Contested election Cases of Wells vs Brush and McAnally vs DeGress, be and it is hereby invested with full power to send for persons and papers necessary to a full investigation of the matters involved in said Contests.

Call of Council

On motion to adopt the resolution Alderman DeGress requested a Call of the Council, which was ordered. Yea Pillow, Anderson, Campbell, Schuber, Maas, Warren, Northam, Crocker Odell, Walker - 10

Nay Metz, Underhill, Cerwin, DeGress, Cummings, Ervin - 6.

The resolution was adopted.

Underhill's resignation

Alderman Underhill tendered his resignation as alderman of the fourth ward.

On motion it was accepted.

Maas resignation

Mr M. Maas took official oath as city assessor and collector.

Alderman Maas tendered his resignation verbally.

On motion the same was accepted.

His Honor Mayor Robertson submitted to the Council the following:

Resolution  
Ordering Spl.  
election 4th Ward

A resolution ordering a special election in the fourth and fifth wards of the City, on Tuesday, January 5, 1886, for the purpose of electing one alderman in the fourth ward in place of R. B. Underhill, resigned, and one alderman in the fifth ward in place of M. Maas, resigned.

Sec. 2. The election will be held in the fourth

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Ward at Rumpel's store, and in the fifth ward at hook and ladder truck house.

Sec. 3. The following persons are appointed Judges of election: In fourth ward: A. Wahrmann, J. H. Wood, B. T. Goldbeck.

In fifth Ward: A. Kuss, W. Jacoby, Charles Huppertz.

Sec. 4. That the mayor issue his proclamation ordering said election, and this resolution take effect from and after its passage.

In motion, the resolution was adopted

Committee on  
writing bridge

Alderman Pillow moved to recommit the Ordinance widening the bridge on East Pecan street, with instructions to report as heretofore requested.

Adopted.

In motion the Council adjourned

J. L. Turner

City Clerk