

Dec 25th 1885.

Called meeting of the City Council.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 25, 1885.

Hon J.W. Robertson, Mayor, presiding.

Roll Call.

Present: Alderman Anderson, Brush, Campbell, Schuber, Warren, Crooker, Odell, Corwin, Holman, Cummings, Ervin and Walker - 12.
 Absent: Schneider, Metz, Pillow, Wertham, DeGress and Brennan - 6.

Call of Council

On motion, a call of the Council was ordered, and the marshal sent after the absentees.

Alderman Pillow, Wertham, Schneider and Metz came in and took their seats.

Call suspended.

Alderman Crooker moved to suspend the call of the Council.

Adopted.

Object of the meeting

His Honor Mayor Robertson stated the object of the meeting was to consider the action taken by the Citizens' meeting which was held today for the purpose of taking the necessary steps to aid in suppressing murder, robbery and other like crimes now being committed in the City, and to adopt such measures for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons committing these crimes, as the Council may deem wise and necessary.

Alderman Crooker offered the following Ordinance:

Ordinance to increase police force

An Ordinance providing for a temporary increase of the police force of the City.

Section 1. Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Austin, That there shall be appointed thirty additional policemen of the City of Austin to serve until further orders of the City Council.

Sec. 2. That said additional policemen shall be appointed by the City Marshal, subject to approval of the City Council, and shall be under the command and supervision of the City Marshal.

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Sec. 3. That this Ordinance take effect and be in force from and after its passage. On motion the Ordinance was read, and Under a suspension of the rules, it was read a second and third time and put on its final passage, and passed by the following vote:

Yea Pillow, Anderson, Brush, Campbell, Schuber, Warren, Wertham, Crocker, Odell, Corwin, Halman, Cummings, Ervin and Walker - 14.

Mrs Honer Mayer Robertson, presented a petition of Citizens of the Seventh ward, asking to be appointed special policemen to patrol that ward.

Petition was read, and on motion referred to the City marshal.

Aldermen Schneider and Metz Came in and answered to their names.

Alderman Pillow offered the following Ordinance:

An Ordinance regulating the hours of business of saloons and other places where liquors are sold.

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Austin:

Section 1. That all saloons, retail liquor shops, or any place where intoxicating liquors are sold, shall be closed from 11 P.m. to 5 a.m.

Sec. 2. That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

A motion to table the Ordinance was defeated, and a motion made and adopted suspending the rules and placing the Ordinance on its second reading.

Alderman Schneider moved to amend the Ordinance by striking out 11 P.m. and inserting 12 o'clock midnight.

(Alderman Goddess came in.)

The amendment was adopted by a rising vote - 11 to 6.

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Passed

On motion the rules were suspended and the Ordinance read a third time and put on its final passage and passed as amended.

Reconsider Vote.

A motion to reconsider the vote by which the police ordinance was passed, was defeated.

On motion the Council adjourned.

Milton Morris
City Clerk