

Called Meeting of the City Council

Austin, Tex. Dec 26, 1885.

Hon J. W. Robertson, Mayor, presiding.

Roll Call.

Roll Call

Present - Aldermen Schneiders, Metz, Pillow, Anderson, Brush, Schuber, Warren, Corwin, DeGross, Cummings, Ervin Walker and Brennan - 13.

Absent - Aldermen Campbell, Northam, Crooker, Odell and Holman - 5.

Call of Council

Alderman Pillow moved that a Call of the Council be made.

The motion was adopted, and the marshal instructed to send for the absentees.

Aldermen Holman and Northam came in and answered to their names.

Call suspended

On motions the Call of the Council was suspended.

Object of meeting

Mayor Robertson stated: "The object of the meeting is to consider further measures looking to the peace and security of the City, and to the arrest of persons having committed crimes; also to consider other matters that may be brought before you."

Executive session

Alderman Pillow moved to clear the room of all persons not connected with the Council; and go into executive session. Adopted.

Executive Session.

Mayor Robertson presiding.

Alderman Pillow offered the following Ordinance:

Ordinance to employ detectives \$5000 therefor

An Ordinance providing for the employment of special detectives for temporary service in the City of Austin:

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

Sec. 1. That the Mayor be authorized and requested to employ the most skillful detective talent available, for a period of 90 days, or so long as in his judgment the present emergency may demand.

Sec. 2. That \$5000 or so much thereof as may be necessary be and is hereby appropriated to pay for said service.

Sec. 3. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage. The Ordinance was read, and on motion the rules were suspended and the Ordinance placed on its second reading by a vote of 15 yeas.

Amendment

Alderman Walker moved to amend Section 1 by inserting "Pinkerton" detective. The amendment was defeated.

Amendment

Alderman DeGress moved to amend Section 2 by inserting: "And for expenses of telegraphing, fare and all other incidental expenses." The amendment was accepted. (Alderman Crooker Come in)

A motion was made further suspending the rules and placing the Ordinance on its third reading. Adopted, yeas 16.

Passed:

The Ordinance was then placed on its ^{final} passage and passed by the following vote yeas, Schneider, Metz, Pillow, Anderson, Brush, Schuber, Warren, Northam, Crooker, Corwin, Holman, DeGress, Cummings, Ervin, Walker and Brennan - 16.

Mayor appoint

any number

spl police

Mayor Robertson offered the following resolution which was adopted.

1. Resolved that the Mayor be authorized to appoint any number of sober and reliable men to act temporarily as special policemen of the City; such special policemen to report to and be subject to the Command and Control of the City Marshal.

2. Resolved that such special policemen shall serve without pay and shall be subject to removal at the pleasure of the Mayor.

3. That this resolution take effect from and after its passage.

Marshal give

alarm by fire

bells of crimes

A motion was made and adopted instructing the City Marshal to put into effect some system of signals to be sounded by the City fire bells when crimes had been committed.

in the City, and to notify the different fire Companies and the Citizens of Austin the kind of signals to be used.

Petition citizens
to suppress
gambling saloons
bawdy houses etc.

Mayor Robertson offered a petition of Citizens of Austin asking the City Council to suppress gambling halls, bawdy houses, drinking saloons etc. On motion the petition was referred to the Ordinance Committee.

Matter of
Secrecy

Alderman DeGress moved: "That the matter of secrecy of this meeting so far as it is binding between the Mayor and Citizens Committee that it be removed. Adopted.

Regular session

A motion to open the doors and go into regular session was made and adopted.

Continuation of the regular session.

Ord. to establish
st. lamps

Alderman Cummings offered an Ordinance providing for street lamps on certain streets in east Austin.

Referred to Street Committee by a rising vote, 9 to 6.

On motion the Council adjourned.

Milton Morris
City Clerk.