Called Meeting of the City Council

Austin, Tex., Jan. 20, 1886.
Hon. J.W. Robertson, Mayor, President.

Roll Call.


Absent: Aldermen Campbell, Caldwell, Cooker, Odell, and Cummings - 5.

His Hon. Mayor Robertson read the following:

Mayor's Office,
Austin, Tex., Jan. 20, 1886.

To the City Council:

At the request of Aldermen Brush, Bissell, Ervin Holman, Jones and Walker, as set forth in the attached petition, whereby Call a meeting of the City Council to meet at 7:30 P.M. this Wednesday, Jan. 20, 1886, to Consider the resolutions passed by the property holders and business men on East Ream Street, and also to Consider any other matters I may see proper to lay before the Council.

J.W. Robertson
Mayor.

The following is the petition:

Austin, Tex., Jan. 20, 1886.

To the Honorable Mayor of the City of Austin:

We the undersigned request the City Council to meet at 7:30 this evening at City Hall, to Consider the resolutions passed at a meeting of property holders and business men of East Ream Street.

Geo. A. Brush.
B. J. Bissell.
Wm. Ervin.
R.F. Holman.
J. C. Jones.
W. B. Walker.

Alderman Anderson moved that a Call of the Council be made.
The motion was adopted and the Marshal sent after the absentees.

Alderman Belew moved to excuse Alderman Caldwell on account of sickness in his family.

Adopted.

Bill suspended. Alderman Segrest moved to suspend the Call of the Council.

Adopted.

Motion that Alderman Elwin present the following petition:

Austin, Texa. Jan. 20, 1872.

To the City Council:

The undersigned property holders and business men of East Beean Street, at a meeting held today, have expressed our wish that no street car track of any kind be laid upon East Beean Street. But should it appear to be a fact that the present street railroad company have the legal right to lay a track on said street against our wishes, we hereby present you to require said company to lay such a track only as will not interfere with the travel of loaded wagons and with business generally on East Beean street.

The undersigned also wish to say, with due respect to your honorable body, that if any damage occurs to business by reason of said track being laid otherwise than in such way as will not obstruct travel and business, we will hold the city of Austin responsible therefor.

Julius Beth, Julius West, C. Masler,
Julio W. Breston, N. V. Bittinger, L. M. Miller,
Evan Campbell,
Alderman Cummings came in.
Alderman DeGrass moved that the petition of
business men and property-holders of East Pecan
Street be received and filed. Adopted.
Alderman Cummings presented an ordinance
regulating the Austin City Railway Company to construct their
railway on East Pecan Street so as not to
obstruct passage and interfere with traffic
on said street. The ordinance was read.
Alderman Chell, Campbell and Crooker came in.
Alderman Anderson moved a suspension of the
rules to place the ordinance on the second
reading.
The motion was adopted by the following vote:
Yes - Schneider-Matz, Bellows, Anderson, brush,
Campbell, Dehands, Giesean, Warren, Wardham,
Crooker, Chell, Corwin, Holman, DeGrass,
Cummings, Corwin, Walker and Jones - 22.
The ordinance was then read a second
time.
Alderman Bellows moved to amend section
1 by substituting the words "a plank at least
ten inches wide and three inches thick be
spiked on the ends of the ties. An" etc.,
for that part of the section which refers
To Cabble stones and gravel, or wooden
blocks, on the outside of the track etc.
Alderman Crooker suggested that "heart pine"
be inserted before the word "plank.
No objection being raised, the change was
made.
Alderman Campbell also offered an
amendment to section 1 as follows: That
the outside of the "rail and top of the rail
shall be on a level with the surface of
the street."
Amended
Alderman Corwin moved to amend section 1 by
adding: "And this construction shall be continued
Amendment

Throughout East Bleanstreet:
All of the amendments named above were adopted.

Alderman Blessey offered the following amendment to Section 2, which was adopted: "Under the direction of the street Committee.

Alderman Walden offered the following amendment as Section 4:

That any person who shall violate the foregoing provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punished by fine not less than twenty-five nor more than one hundred dollars."

The amendment was adopted by a rising vote of 14 to 4.

The original Section (4) was changed to Section 5:

Alderman Andersen moved to strike out "East Blean Street" in the Oaption Section 1 and Section 3.

No objection being raised, the changes were made.

Alderman Blew offered to insert the penalty clause in the Oaption. Adopted.

On motion the rules were further suspended, and the ordinance placed on its third reading and final passage, and passed as amended by the following vote: Yes: Schnider, Metz, Blelloch, Anderson, Brush, Campbell, Schuler, Warren, Vartan, Astor, Odell, Ervin, Walden, Blessey, Cummins, Ervin, Walker and Jones - 9.

Alderman Blessey called up, and read the ordinance introduced by himself at the last meeting of the city council relating to granting right of way over the streets of the city of Austin to Mr. Wilson, Joseph Helie and others for the purpose of operating a line of street railway, but which was postponed till next meeting of the city council.

Substitute

Alderman Odell, offered as a substitute for the ordinance called up by Alderman Bleslov.
Ordinance granting the right of way over certain streets of the City of Austin to F. M. Wilson, Joseph Halle and their associates for the purpose of constructing and operating a line of street railway in said City.

The substitute was adopted and read, then read in sections.

Amendment: Alderman Pillow offered the following amendment to Section 7: Provided that said Wilson, Hall and associates shall have the privilege of placing any bridge over which they may wish to lay their track in a suitable condition for laying their road, and operating the same; this safe and suitable condition to be determined by the City engineer. The amendment was adopted.

Alderman Cunningham offered the following amendment as section 11: That where culverts or bridges are necessary to be built by said railway company, that they be constructed the full width of the street whenever the City engineer and Street Committee may deem it necessary.

A motion to strike out "or bridges" and also to strike out "railway Company that they" and to insert in place thereof "Wilson, Halle and their associates, successors and assigns, the same, etc." was made and adopted.

Section 4, as it originally stood, was changed to Section 5.

On motions the rules were further suspended and the ordinance placed on its third reading and final passage, and was passed, as amended, by the following vote:


On motion the Council adjourned.

Milton Morris
City Clerk.