Regular meeting of the City Council

Austin Tex. Feb. 15th 1886.

Henry W. Roberts, Mayor-President

Roll Call


Abe J. Alderman Schneider, Metz, Campbell, Kelman, and Curwin - 5.

Petition for Means for permission to Open a Shooting gallery. Was granted, provided the Ordinances of the City were complied with. Alderman Schneider and Campbell, opposed.

Petition for Alderman Caldwell presented a Petition from Lone Star Chapter No. 6 Royal Arch Masons requesting the City Council to instruct the City Assessor and Collector of taxes to cancel taxes assessed against the property of this Chapter because it is used exclusively for the purposes of benevolence and charity and is not taxable under the laws of this State. Referred to the Finance Committee and to the City Attorney.

A Petition from Citizens of the Tenth Ward asking the Council to change the Ordinance instructing the City Water Company to Construct a main from Red River Street to East Water Street to East Avenue, was referred to the Water Gas Committee.

Petition from W. H. Kelin to lease Block 59 and south of East Pine Street, etc., was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition from the Officers of the City Fire Department and the Fire Committee requesting the Council to instruct the Street Committee and City Engineer to remedy certain dangerous defects in the bridge over the gutter on West Skelly Street where said street crosses the Avenue, and also the approaches to the new engine house. The Street Committee and City Engineer were instructed to comply with the petition.
To hear Petition from the board of fire Commissioners concerning the sale of condemned hose etc.

Petition from the Austin Hose Co. No. 4

E. A. Hensley approved by the Austin fire Department and the Austin Fire Department Committee of the City Council requesting admission into the Austin Fire Department was read and on motion granted.

Alderman DeGress moved that a hose cart be turned over to the East Austin Hose Co. No. 4. Adopted.

Grade works.

Alderman Schuber, for the Street Committee, reported adversely an Ordinance offered by Alderman DeGress providing for the grading and putting in proper condition Mesquite Street.

Alderman DeGress moved that action on the report be postponed. Carried.

Alderman Schuber, for the Street Committee, reported unfavorably an Ordinance appropriating $3000.00 for building a bridge over Wilder Creek where Wilder Street crosses the same, and recommended that it do not pass. The report was adopted.

Alderman Schuber, for the Street Committee, reported favorably on the Petition from J. M. Mauer, for back pay for time lost while sick last year.

Alderman Schuber, for the Street Committee, submitted the following report on An Ordinance requiring electric car railways to erect lamps on certain streets in the City of Austin:

To Mayor and City Council of the City of Austin: Gentlemen--We, the undersigned, would meet respectfully beg leave to report that we have had the same under consideration and think it would be an injustice to the Syndicate to exact from them alone, and not from others also, and they claim
that they do not run in the night.
We therefore respectfully recommend that the
Ordinance do not pass.

J. Schuber
Chairman

The report was adopted.

Advisory to
Alderman Corwin, for the Committee
On Markets reported as follows:
Austin Lee, Feb. 16th 1886.

Hon. W. Robertson
Mayor.

Your Committee on markets
to whom was referred the petition of James
and Flume asking to be permitted to lease
the shed north of the market house
for use for a carpenter shop. Having
fully considered the matter are of the
opinion that in view of the fact that an
Ordinance has been passed requiring Venders
of wood, hay, and poultry from wagons to
stand only at public squares in the city,
there will probably be a chance in the near
future to use or lease the market house
shed for legitimate market purposes and
therefore recommend that the petition
be not granted.

Dennis Corwin
Chairman.

The report was adopted.
The following report was submitted to the
Council:

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of
Gentlemen,

Your Committee on
Printing have examined the two sides of the
Statement and Directed for printing the
Ordinances and whatever other printing
required by the Council. We would recommend
the awarding of the Contract to the
Statement at the following prices:
Five (5) Cents per line for the first
insertion and two (2) Cents per line for
each subsequent insertion.
We would ask the City Attorney to draw up
the contract and have same duly signed and
acknowledged.
The petition of Wm. Beckmann Which
was referred to your Committee asking their
bid for job printing be received in place
of Warner & Daughters your Committee
would say we did not entertain their bid
at all as we considered they did not
comply with their contract with the City
Feb 1885
Respectfully Submitted
Wm. Walker
A. Giesen
B. S. Pillow

The report was adopted by the following
vote:

Yes: Aldermen Pillow, Anderson,
Brush, Campbell, Caldwell, Giesen, Crooster,
Walker and Jones — 9.

Nays: Aldermen Schneider, Schuler,
VanDenk, Northam, Odell, Orwin, Gess,
Cummings — 8.

The following report was presented by
the Committee on Water and Gas;

Wm. H. Robertson

Your Committee recommend
that the sum of $1847.50 be allowed the
City Water Company as an offset against
their taxes for the year 1885.

C. B. Anderson
T. J. Campbell
J. Cummings

The report was laid over.

Alderman Pillow introduced the
following resolution which was adopted:

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Resolved that the Street Committee
be and are hereby directed to wait upon Mr. Jas H. Raymond and from the width of sidewalks of West Pecos Street from West Avenue to Western City limits and obtain from him a deed to the city for sidewalks on said West Pecos Street.

Alderman Brush offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved that a Committee of five be appointed by the Mayor to revise and amend the ordinances naming the streets of the city and to name such streets as are not named.

That said Committee shall be composed of one Alderman from the 1st and 2nd wards, one Alderman from the 3rd and 4th wards, one Alderman from the 5th and 6th wards, one Alderman from the 7th and 8th wards and one Alderman from the 9th and 10th wards.

That said Committee shall report at next regular meeting.

The following named Aldermen were appointed as such Committee:

142 Wards - Rice
394 " Brush
546 " Giesen
748 " Corwin
940 " James

Brush Chairman

Alderman Corwin offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved that the City Engineer be and is hereby instructed to locate by a survey of the adjacent lots and define on the ground the center of 2nd Avenue from Lampasas Street east that being the length of said lot No. 10 Division "L".

Alderman Odell offered the following named Ordinance:

An Ordinance
Appropriating the sum of $2940.00 for the
pay roll for Feb 1886.

Matins were made to suspend the
rules and place the ordinance on its
second and third reading, and that the
ordinance now pass, all of which was
adopted by the following vote: Yeas Aldermen
Schneider, Pillow, Anderson, Brush,
Campbell, Schubey, Caldwell, Giesen, Warren,
Northam, Crooker, Odell, Corwin,
DeGree, Cummings, Walker and Jones 17

A motion to suspend the rules
and place the ordinance on its second
reading was adopted by the following
vote:

Yees Aldermen Schneider,
Pillow and Anderson, Brush, Campbell,
Schubey, Caldwell, Giesen, Warren,
Northam, Crooker, Odell, Corwin, DeGree,
Cummings, Walker and Jones 17.

The ordinance was then read a
second time and a motion to suspend
the rules and place the ordinance on
its third reading was adopted by the
following vote: Yeas Aldermen Schneider,
Anderson, Campbell, Schubey, Caldwell,
Riesen, Warren, Northam, Crooker,
Odell, Corwin, DeGree, Cummings,
Walker and Jones 16.

Nays Alderman Pillow and Brush.

Alderman DeGree moved that the Mayor
have the Clerk to So Change the "Stand"
ordinance now being published in the
Daily Statesman that the language will
be grammatically correct and that a corrected
Copy of the ordinance be republished in the Daily
Statesman. Carried.
A Motion was made to Suspend the rules and take up the Ordinance Appropriating $200.00 to repair the Culvert on West Avenue Street between Crockett and Blanco Sts. The Motion was lost by the following Vote: Jas. Allden, Schneider, Piller, Anderson, Brush, Caldwell, Giesen, and Odell - 7. Novy, Allden, Campbell, Schuler, Warren, Wortham, Crocker, Corwin, O'Dell, Cummings, Walker and Jones - 10.

Allden, Odell offered an ordinance amending Section 6 of the Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance levying a license tax for the year 1886 on the keepers of livery and feed Stables and the owners and proprietors of hacks Omnibus and other Vehicles not connected with livery or feed Stables." The Motions were made to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on its second and third reading and that the Ordinance now pass all of which was adopted by the following Vote: Jas. Allden, Schneider, Piller, Anderson, Brush, Campbell, Schuler, Caldwell, Giesen, Warren, Wortham, Crocker, Odell, Corwin, O'Dell, Cummings, Walker and Jones - 17.

The following named Ordinances were referred to the Committee on Police:

An Ordinance defining and punishing disturbances of the peace.

An Ordinance regulating the running at large of dogs in the City of Austin.

An Ordinance relating to public morals and decency.

An Ordinance regulating Dance houses and exhibitions in the City of Austin.

An Ordinance to prohibit any interference with officers of the City of Austin.

An Ordinance regulating the work of night scavengers in the City of Austin.
July 15th, 1886

Sight Lamps. An Ordinance requiring lighted lamps on vehicles, upon vehicles.

Animals. An Ordinance prohibiting the running, running at large, of animals within the City of Austin, and providing for the sale of the same. The following named ordinances were referred to the committee on ordinances:

Selling. An Ordinance prohibiting gambling in the city of Austin.

Bawdy. An Ordinance regulating barrooms, saloons, etc. in the city of Austin.

Art. 240.

Taking up Deeds. An Ordinance, amending article 285 (19) of the revised ordinances of the city of Austin.

An Ordinance prohibiting the taking up and using any animals belonging to another.

Sabbath. An Ordinance, amending article 297 (20) of the revised ordinances of the city of Austin.

An Ordinance prohibiting Sabbath breaking in the city of Austin.

Art. 224 (40). An Ordinance, amending article 224 (40) of the revised ordinances of the city of Austin.

Art. 47. An Ordinance, amending article 47 (3) of the revised ordinances of the city of Austin.

Art. 691 (2) of the revised ordinances of the city of Austin. The ordinances named below were referred to the committee on sanitation and sewers.

Unwholesome food. An Ordinance prohibiting the sale of unwholesome food in the city of Austin.

Dead animals. An Ordinance regulating the removal and burial of dead animals within the city of Austin.

Art. 6000 for the purpose of facilitating the sewer now owned by C. A. Brush.

Nuisances. An Ordinance defining nuisances, and providing for the prevention and abatement of the same.
And to promote the health, cleanliness and welfare of the City of Austin, and prescribing penalties for violation of the same.

The following named Ordinances were referred to the Committee on streets, alleys, etc.:

- Riding and Driving: An Ordinance regulating riding and driving in the streets of Austin.
- Bill-posters: An Ordinance regulating bill-posters in the city of Austin.
- Animals: An Ordinance prohibiting the driving of animals in dromes through the streets in the City of Austin.
- Hogs: An Ordinance prohibiting the hocking of any hog, hogs, or hul in any street or alley, or keeping the same for service in certain places in the City of Austin.

The Ordinances named above were referred to the Committee on Fire Department:

- Wooden buildings: An Ordinance regulating the building, repairing and removal of wooden buildings in the City of Austin.
- Hay-stacks: An Ordinance regulating the storage of hay, etc., within the fire limits of the City of Austin.
- Fire limits: An Ordinance fixing the penalty for violating the Ordinances regulating the fire limits in the City of Austin.

The following named Ordinance was referred to the Committee on Markets:

- Auctioneers: An Ordinance regulating Auctioneers in the City of Austin.

Alderman Giesen offered an Ordinance authorizing the sale of certain property belonging to the City of Austin.

Motions were made to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on its second and third reading and that the Ordinance do now pass, all of which were adopted by the following vote: Yeas: Aldermen Schneider, Gillow, Anderson, Brown, Campbell, Schmatz, Giesen, Warren, Wallman, Crocker, Deall, Carvin, Bessess, Cummings, Waits, and Jones-17.
Alderman Cummings presented the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved that an officer be detailed by the City Marshal when called upon to investigate complaints made in regard to places in the city that may have offensive alleys, streets or any place that may be reported in bad sanitary condition whose duty it shall be to report to the proper authority to have the matter remedied.

A motion to place an item third reading the ordinance appropriating $200.00 to repair the culvert on West Avenue Street between Crockett and Blance Streets was adopted and on motion the ordinance was tabled on motion of Alderman Crooker, the petition from J.E. Miller for pay for time lost in Sept and Oct on account of sickness, was granted.

The ordinance providing for building an arched bridge on College Avenue and Guesso Streets was taken up on its second reading and on motion of Alderman Crooker was tabled.

Alderman DePress asked permission of the council to withdraw the ordinance offered by himself providing for the grading and putting in good condition Melrose Street. Permission was granted.

An ordinance regulating the construction and operation of horse railways in the City of Austin and providing a penalty for violation of the same was taken up on its second reading.

Amendment by Alderman Brook moved to amend section six by striking out "six" after within and inserting "the". The amendment was lost and on motion the ordinance was passed by a rising vote of 17. On motion the report was adjourned.

Milton Morris, City Clerk