A Called Meeting of the City Council

Austin, Tex. April 15, 1886.

Hon. J. W. Robertson, Mayor, Presiding.


Absent: Aldermen Metz, Pioche, Campbell, Cresser, Odell, Carvin, Holman, and Ervin - 8.

Mayor Robertson stated the object of the meeting was to consider the report of the special committee on the Washington fire department matter; and also, any other matters presented for consideration.

Alderman DeGrasse, Chairman of the Special Committee appointed to locate quarters for Washington Fire Engine Company No.1, presented a report which states that a sub-committee of the Special Committee of the City Council and of the Washington Fire Engine Company examined the following lots: A lot belonging to Mr. Domscheit, on East Hackberry street, containing 19 x 19 feet, fronting immediately on East Hackberry street, about 25 x 61 feet in extension of the 19 x 19 feet, at $2,500; a lot belonging to Mr. T. Burns, on West Ash street, 46 x 60 feet, with a brick building on the same 19 x 46, at $4,000; a lot, 40 x 71 feet, belonging to Dr. J. Cumings, situated on Bregas street, between Reiskor and East Bexar street at $2,500.

Also, that other sites were examined, but it was found that a deed could not be made to them. That a proposition was made by Col. J. E. Driskill to provide a room for the engine and hose cart, also, a meeting room for the above named Company, but Col. Driskill was unable at this time to state at what rental said rooms could be furnished by him. Also that Col. Driskill agreed to allow the Company to occupy their present quarters for sixty days after the first of May next. The report further states that the Washington Fire
engine Company will purchase the property owned by Dr. Cummings and erect a suitable building thereon; provided
the city will pay said Company a rental of $50 per month
as long as the Company remains a Volunteer fire
Company.

The offer made by Col. Dick Kell, to allow the
Company further time to provide quarters, was accepted and
the thanks of the city tendered him for his generous offer.

The proposition of Washington Fire Engine Company
No. 1 was also accepted, and the mayor authorized to
pay the Company $3,500, this being the amount due the
Company for the building at present occupied by
them. Alderman Anderson moved that the mayor
appoint a special Committee to consist of three
aldermen, the Mayor and City Attorney for the
purpose of entering into an agreement and contract
with the Company, in accordance with the report.
Adopted.

Alderman Warren moved that the Committee
report at the next meeting. Carried.

The following named Aldermen were appointed
on the Committee: Anderson, Legg and Caldwell.

Alderman Legg introduced an Ordinance
appropriating $3,500 to pay Washington Fire Engine
Company No. 1. This amount being the said Company.

The ordinance was read and laid over.

Alderman Caldwell introduced a resolution,
which was adopted, authorizing the Chairman of
the Cemetery Committee to sell the old fence now
around the City Cemetery.

A resolution was adopted authorizing the City
Physician to suspend the small pox Camp Wharves,
in his opinion; it is safe to do so. All
property exposed to infection to be destroyed.

Alderman Warham introduced an Ordinance
enacting the operating or maintaining Osium
deno, Osium joints, etc. Laid over.

The following named Ordinances were passed:

An Ordinance fixing the penalty for Violating the
Ordinances regulating the fire limits, etc., in the City of

Austin.
An Ordinance regulating the building, repairing, and removal of wooden buildings in the City of Austin.

An Ordinance regulating theatres, circuses, public balls, and public dance houses, etc.

Action on the following named Ordinances was postponed till next meeting.

An ordinance prohibiting the running at large of animals within the City of Austin, and providing for the sale of the same.

An Ordinance making an appropriation for the payment of the City Water Company for the year 1876.

Alderman Brush introduced an ordinance appointing a special Committee to be known as a Public Park Committee.

The Ordinance was read and referred to the Committee on Streets, Alleys, etc.

Alderman Eissen presented an Ordinance appropriating $500 for the erection of a stone culvert on Congress Avenue. Read and referred to the Street Committee.

The resignation of Alderman Carwin, of the Seventh Ward, was tendered and accepted.

The report of War on Marshal Lucy and the post office department, by an evening paper, was discussed, and the following motion made by Alderman Delgres:

That this Council note that they have confidence in Mr. Lucy.

Alderman Cummings moved to postpone action on the motion. Failed, and Alderman Delgres' motion adopted.

Alderman Anderson was temporarily appointed on the Cemetery Committee.

The Council adjourned.

Milton Morris
City Clerk.