A Regular meeting of the City Council.

Austin, Tex., April 19, 1886.

Hun J. W. Roberts, in charg, prasiding.


Absent—Allderman Schneider, Metz, Anderson; Caldwell, Cook, Convin, Heiman, and Ervin—8.

Allderman DeGraff moved that a call of the Council be made. The motion was adopted and the Marshal sent after the absentees.

An allderman, Anderson was excused on account of sickness.

Allderman Cummings moved to suspend the call. Adopted.

The minutes of the regular meeting of April 5th were read and adopted.

Allderman Caldwell and Schneider came in.

Minutes of a called meeting of the Council which was held April 15th, were read and on motion of Allderman Caldwell the passage of a motion adopted concerning the Marshal's pay and police department was changed to so as to include the words "and police department." The minutes were then adopted.

A petition from citizens of Austin was presented requesting that Dan Mark, Water and Cypress Streets be opened through block 17, Division 0, of the plat of the City. Referred to the Street Committee.

A petition from Mr. Eugene Beymond and others, requesting permission to incorporate into the present Cemetery, at their expense, a strip of ground thirty five feet wide, running along, and adjoining the east side of the same, for its entire length, half of the ground to be given to the City. The petition was granted.

The Assessor and Collector submitted an estimate of receipts from date to November 30, 1886. The report was read and laid over.

Allderman Schuber, for the Street Committee, reported favorably on an ordinance.
Prohibiting the placing and stacking of barb wire, hay, or disk stacks, and streets, in the city of Austin.

The committee on finance and revenue, U.S. 10, referred to the committee that the facts might be submitted to the Council in a Committee of the Whole.

The Ordinance Committee reported favoring the purchase of lot 2, block 135, for a roadway. After investigation by the Street Committee, it is found that the property can be secured for a fair valuation. The owner of the property petitioned the Council, asking that the property be relieved from paying city taxes thereon because a portion of the property was being used as a public highway. The report was adopted.

The Ordinance Committee reported favorably on a petition of owners and drivers of hacks, protesting against the enforcement of the Ordinance excluding hacks from taking stands on Congress Avenue and Oasis Street, etc., and recommending the passage of an accompanying Ordinance which permits hacks to take stands at any of the streets of the city, but no nearer than ten feet of the curb stone nor nearer than twenty feet to any vehicle.

Action on the report was deferred.

The Special Committee appointed to locate additional lights in the city, submitted a report accompanied by an ordinance which they desire passed. The report was read and laid over, together with the ordinance.

The Special Committee appointed to name the streets in the city, which are not properly named, reported recommending the following changes: That the street in the northwestern part of the city, named Willow, be changed to Biak; that the name of the street changed from Court to Resource be renamed Court; the street known as San Marcos, extending north of Magnolia Avenue, be named Guadalupe, as it seems to be a continuation of that street, and as there is a
San Marco's street in the southeastern part of the city; also, that the street in the northwestern part of the city, named San Bernard, be changed to Rio Grande, as there is a San Bernard street in the northeastern part of the city; that all streets running north, and at Magnolia avenue make an effort should be continued on under the name with which they began entering Colorado and Lamar, which after leaving magnolia avenue should retain their present names--White and University avenues.
Also that the street named Chinoe in be changed to Rosewood.
The street on the west side of lots 17 and 18, and on the east side of lots 15 and 16, in division E, running from Linden street on the south to Magnolia avenue on the north, be named Summit. The report was adopted.

Alderman Metz came in.

The Ordinance prohibiting the running at large of animals within the city of Austin, and providing for the sale of the same, was taken up on its third reading, and Alderman Pleas moved that the ordinance be read only by caption. No objection was made.

Alderman Pleas moved to lay the ordinance on the table. Defeated by a vote of 9 to 11.

On motion the ordinance passed.

An ordinance making an appropriation for payment of the City Water Company, for the year 1885, was taken up on its third reading. Alderman DeGrees desired to amend the ordinance, claiming that the same was open to amendment, but Mayor Robertson ruled that as the ordinance was on its third reading it was not open to amendment. Alderman DeGrass appealed from the decision of the chair and his position was sustained by the Council by a vote of 5 to 9, and he moved to amend section one by striking out "$1847.50" and inserting "$2,463.36. The amendment was adopted by a vote of 8 to 6.
A motion was then made to postpone further action on the ordinance till the next regular meeting. Ruled out of order by the mayor. A motion to take up the ordinance was carried by the following vote:


An ordinance prohibiting the placing and stacking of barb wire upon the sidewalks and streets in the City of Austin, was taken up on its second reading and read. Alderman Jones moved to amend by inserting "or other barbed material". Adopted. A motion was made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its third reading which was adopted by the following vote: Yea — Aldermen Schneider, Bleece, Brush, Campbell, Schuler, Caldwell, Giesen, Warren, Marsham, Crooker, Odell, DeGrees, Cummings, Walker and Jones — 14.

On motion the ordinance passed.

An ordinance appropriating thirty five hundred dollars to pay Washington Fire Engine Company. This amount being due said Company, was taken up on its second reading and read, and motions were made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its third reading and that the ordinances now pass, both of which were adopted by the following vote: Yea — Aldermen Schneider, Bleece, Brush, Campbell, Schuler, Caldwell, Giesen, Warren, Marsham, Odell, DeGrees, Cummings, Walker and Jones — 14. Alderman DeGrees moved to suspend the rules and consider the ordinance relating to the payment of the City Water Company for the year 1885. The motion was defeated by the following vote: Yea — Aldermen Schneider, Bleece, Brush, Giesen, Marsham, Odell, DeGrees
And Cummings - 8.
Nays—Aldermen Campbell, Schuler, Caldwell; 
Mahan, Walker and Jones - 6.

Alderman Odell introduced an ordinance
appropriating $2,770 to pay the officers and
employees of the City for the month of April.

Motions were made to suspend the rules
and place the ordinance on its second
and third readings and that the ordinance
now pass, all of which were adopted by the
following vote: Yea—Aldermen Schneider, metz,
Pillow, Brush, Campbell, Schuler, Caldwell,
Giesen, Warren, Wartman, Odell, Degress,
Cummings, Walker and Jones - 15.

Alderman Wartman moved to suspend the rules
and take up the ordinance submitted by the
special committee appointed to locate additional
street lights.

The motion prevailed by the following
vote: Yea—Aldermen Schneider, metz,
Pillow, Brush, Campbell, Schuler, Caldwell,
Giesen, Warren, Wartman, Odell, Degress,
Cummings, Walker and Jones - 15.

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 were adopted by the
following vote: Yea—Aldermen Schneider,
metz, Pillow, Brush, Campbell, Schuler,
Giesen, Warren, Wartman, Odell,
Degress, Cummings, Walker and Jones - 15.

An ordinance authorizing Eugene Bremont
and associates to add a strip of land to the
last end of the City Cemetery was taken up,
and a motion made to suspend the rules
and place the ordinance on its second
and third readings, both of which were
adopted by the following vote: Yea—Aldermen
Schneider, metz, Pillow, Brush, Campbell,
Schuler, Caldwell, Giesen, Warren, Wartman,
Odell, Degress, Cummings, Walker, Jones - 15.
On motion the Ordinance passed.

Alderman Hell introduced a resolution which was adopted, instructing and directing the City Treasurer to transfer from the market cesspool fund to the general fund, $1,339.

Alderman Brush introduced an Ordinance changing the names of some of the streets in the City of Austin. The Ordinance was read and referred to the Committee on Streets, Alleys, etc.

Alderman Cummings presented an Ordinance regulating the duties of City Officers in certain cases. The Ordinance was read and referred to the Committee.

A petition from Citizens and taxpayers of Austin requesting the Council to purchase the Bruce House was presented and read.

The Council adjourned.

Milton Morris,
City Clerk.