A Regular Meeting of the City Council

Austin, Tex., May 17, 1886.

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


Minutes of the last two regular and last called meetings were adopted.

Alderman DeGrees moved that a special committee of three aldermen be appointed as tellers to count and announce the vote cast at the election held in the Seventh Ward on Friday, May 14th, for the purpose of electing one Alderman. The motion was adopted and Aldermen DeGrees, Below, and Below were appointed as such special committee.

Alderman DeGrees, for the committee, rose and announced that the returns show that William Wellman received 139 votes, and — Anderson 1 vote.

Mayor Robertson then declared Mr. Wellman duly and constitutionally elected Alderman of the Seventh Ward. The official oath was then administered to Alderman Wellman and he took his seat in the Council.

A petition from Andrew Ward was presented and read. He requests that the Council allow him from paying taxes of 1886, assessed against certain improvements, because such improvements were not made till August 1886. The petition was referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition from G. M. Brass, requesting permission to proceed with the erection of a shed, which he states is being constructed in accordance with the ordinance governing fire regulations, was read and referred to the Committee on Fire Department.

A petition from S. C. Emanuel was read, asking that the City pay a bill for repairing
water pipes, which he was compelled to entreat, because the city street gang, while running over his premises, broke the water pipes leading into his house. The petition was granted.

Alderman Walker presented a petition from H.P. Shemam, requesting that Riven Street be established seventy feet further south, than it is at present. Referred to the Street Committee.

A protest from C.W. Maslins, et al., against opening of alley through creek No. 19, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

An invitation from a joint committee of John B. Hood Camp Confederate Veterans, and Joseph J. Mower Post No. 10, Grand Army of the Republic, to the officers and members of the city council, to be present as a body, and participate in the ceremonies of decorating the graves of the beloved dead now buried in the General Cemeteries of this city, on Decoration Day, was received, read, and accepted.

The following named Ordinances were referred to the Committee on Ordinances before being read:

An Ordinance amending rule XX, relating to standing committees.

An Ordinance amending rule XV, regarding the order of considering business which may be brought before the council.

An Ordinance amending rule VI, regarding the manner of acting upon ordinances.

The street committee was given further time in which to prepare their reports.

Alderman Cunningham introduced a resolution granting the Austin City Railroad Company the right to cross the bridge on East Bee St. Adopted.

The Committee on finance and revenue reported favorably on the petition of the Methodist Church, requesting that they be relieved from paying taxes on their church property. The report was read and adopted.

An Ordinance entitled "an ordinance
appropriaing the sum of $20,000 (dollars) to place the new engine house in good shape. It was taken up on its third reading, read, and an
motion passed.
A resolution providing for an election to be held in the City of Austin, for the purpose of
authorizing the issuance of twenty-five thousand and
dollars of the bonds of Said City, for the purpose
of building a system of underground sewers, was
taken up and read.
Alderman Holman came in.
Alderman Brush moved to table the resolution
defeated.
The resolution was then referred to a
Special Committee consisting of His Hon.
The Mayor, City Attorney and Ordinance Committee,
with instructions to report at the next regular
meeting of the Council.
Alderman DeGress introduced an ordinance
providing for the better protection of life
and property in the City of Austin.
A motion was made to suspend the rules
and place the ordinance on its second
reading, which was adopted by the following
vote: Yeas Alderman Schneider, Piggot,
Anderson; Brush, Campbell, Schuler, Caldwell,
Warren, Northam, Crocker, Odell, Weimer,
Holman; DeGress. Cummings, Walker, Jones.
Alderman Brush moved to amend section
1 by striking out the words "Owner, lessor,
or agent", and inserting the word "Contractor"
defeated.
A motion was made to suspend the
rules and place the ordinance on its third reading,
which was adopted by the following vote:
Yeas- Alderman Schneider, Piggot, Anderson,
Campbell, Schuler, Caldwell, Seiss, Warren,
Northam, Crocker, Odell, Weimer, Holman,
DeGress, Cummings, Walker, 16.
Nays- Alderman Brush and Jones 2.
On motion, the ordinance passed.
Alderman Schuler introduced an Ordinance to appropriate $150 to finish Public Room.

Motions were made to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on its second and third readings both of which were adopted by the following Vote:


On motion, the Ordinance passed.

Alderman Warren presented a proposition from Frank Hamilton to sell to the City the lot in Block 37 now occupied by Protection Hook & Ladder Co., at $1600.

Alderman Warren offered an Ordinance appropriating $800 to purchase of Frank Hamilton the lot in Block 37, now occupied by Protection Hook and Ladder Company.

Motions were made to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on its second and third readings, both of which were adopted by the following Vote:


Nay—Alderman Wellmer.

A Motion was made that the Ordinance now pass, which was adopted by the following Vote:


Alderman Adell introduced an Ordinance appropriating $2,825 to pay the Officers and regular employees of the City for the month of May.

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—Alderman Schneider, Pleas, Anderson, Buss, Campbell,

Alderman Schuber introduced an ordinance appropriating $2,500.00 to a balance of $1,16 due on masonry work, and $16 to pay for East Orange Street bridge.

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


Alderman Campbell moved to strike out $16. Alderman DeGress moved to take the motion. Carried by a vote of eleven to six.

Alderman Campbell moved to insert "$2,500.00" that amount being subscribed by citizens and paid into the city treasury for this work. Adopted. Alderman Campbell moved to strike out "$16" and insert "$2,500.00".

Alderman DeGress moved to take the motion. Carried.

A motion to further suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its third reading was defeated by the following vote: Yes - Alderman Ollow, Bruck, Schuber, Warren, Odell, Keller, Holman, DeGress, Cummings, Walker, and Jones - 11.


Alderman Holman moved to reconsider at some future meeting the vote by which an ordinance making an appropriation for payment of the City Water Company for the year 1895 was defeated on its final passage. No objection.

Alderman Bruck moved that the street committee be required to report at the next meeting of the Council on an ordinance appointing
a special committee to be known as a Public Park Committee. Adopted.

Alderman Campbell moved to suspend the rules and take up the ordinances appropriating $475 to pay balance due on masonry work on East Beeman Street bridge and also to fell in said bridge. The motion was adopted by the following vote: Yeas—Alderman Schneider, Biceo, Anderson, Brink, Campbell, Schuler, Caldwell, Giessen, Warren, Marthams, Crocker, Odell, Wellman, Helman, Seigress, Cummings, Walker, Jones-14. Alderman Campbell then moved to strike out "$16" and insert "$2." Alderman Cummings offered as a substitute for the motion, that "$2" be struck out and "$16" be inserted. The substitute was adopted by a rising vote of 12 to 5.

A motion was made to suspend the rules and place the ordinances on its third reading which was adopted by the following vote: Yeas—Alderman Biceo, Brink, Campbell, Schuler, Warren, Marthams, Crocker, Odell, Wellman, Helman, Seigress, Cummings, Walker, and Jones-14. Nays—Alderman Schneider, Anderson, Caldwell, Giessen, total 4.

In motion the ordinance passed.

Alderman Seigress introduced the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That hereafter all accounts presented to the finance committee for their approval shall bear the approval of the majority of the committee to whom such accounts were originally referred.

An ordinance to approve and adopt the revised penal ordinances of the city of Austin was read, and motions made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second and third readings and that the ordinance may pass, all of which were adopted by the following vote: Yeas—Alderman Schneider, Biceo, Anderson, Brink, Campbell, Schuler, Caldwell, Giessen, Warren.
Wortham, Coker, Odell, Wellner, Holman, Descress, Cummings, Walker and Jones 18.

Alderman Cummings moved that it is the sense of this Council that the Street Committee be and are empowered to purchase gates etc. on or before the date named for purchase in the advertisement now being published in relation to this matter.

On motion of Alderman Descress the motion was tabled.

Alderman Brush introduced an ordinance regulating hotel drummers, and others at railroad stations.

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

Yes: Aldermen Schneider, Cleen, Anderson, Brush, Campbell, Schuler, Caldwel, Edison, Murren, Wortham, Coker, Odell, Wellner, Holman, Descress, Cummings, Walker and Jones 18.

Alderman Descress moved to strike out "$1" and insert "$5" in section 2. Adopted.

Alderman Odell moved to strike out "30" and insert "20" feet. Defeated.

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

Yes: Aldermen Schneider, Cleen, Anderson, Brush, Campbell, Schuler, Edison, Murren, Wortham, Coker, Odell, Wellner, Holman, Descress, Walker and Jones total 16.

Nays: Alderman Caldwell and Cummings 2.

A motion was made that the ordinance now pass. Adopted.

On motion the Council adjourned.

Milton Morris
City Clerk.