A Called Meeting of the City Council

Austin, Tex.; May 24, 1886.

Hon. J. W. Robertson, Mayor, presiding,


Absent—Alderman Schneider, Metz, pillow, Anderson, Brush, Campbell, Caldwell, Northam, Cooker, Holman, Cummings, Erwin. 12.

Alderman DeGress moved that a call of the council be made.

The motion was adopted, and the Marshal sent after the absentees.

Aldermen Northam, Cummings, and Schneider came in and answered to their names.

Alderman DeGress moved to suspend the call.

His honor stated the object of the meeting was to receive the report of the Compilers of the City Ordinances and to take action thereon; also to make provision for printing said revised Ordinances, and to transact any other business that may then be laid before the council.

Mayor Robertson requested the council to remit the balance of fine and costs against Chas. St. John, colored. The reasons assigned are: "he was permitted to go free on some understanding between the late city marshal, Mr. Key, for services in connection with the murders in the city in 1886. Perhaps such agreements are against good policy, but when made they ought not to be violated unless for sufficient reason."

On motion of Alderman DeGress, the council concurred in the recommendation of the mayor.

A petition from Citizens of the Seventh Ward, requesting that the ditch on the south side of Chestnut Street, from block 50 to 52, be deepened and constructed so as to conduct water direct to Walker Creek was read and referred to the alderman of that ward, and reconsidered and referred to the street committee.

Alderman Walker presented a resolution which was adopted, instructing the printing committee and mayor to advertise for proposals for printing.
the revised City Ordinances. The resolution requires
that 400 copies be printed and bound in
pamphlet form, and that 200 copies be interleaved
and bound in law style.
Proposals are required to state the amount per
page for the entire work.

Alderman Pillow and Alderman Came in.
An Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to repeal
article 414 of the revised Ordinances of the City of
Austin, passed July 31, 1878," was introduced, and
motions made to suspend the rules and place the
Ordinance on its second and third readings,
were adopted, by the following Vote: (as Aldermen
Schneider, Pillow, Campbell, Schuler, Guseon,
Warren, Nathaniel Odell, Wellner, Harman,
Lodges, Cumming, Braeker and Jones 14.
On motion the Ordinance passed.

Alderman Brush came in and answered to his
name.

Mr. Gardner Ruggles, Compiler of the revised
Civil Ordinances of the City of Austin, Came
forward and presented titles One to five,
exclusive, all of which were received by the
Council after a few Changes were made.

Alderman Pillow was excused, but soon
returned.

Alderman Brush was excused.

Alderman Lodges introduced an amendment
to the rules, which requires the names of
Aldermen to be called approximately. Referred
to the Ordinance Committee.

On motion the Council adjourned.

Milton Morris
City Clerk