A Regular Meeting of the City Council

Austin, July 5, 1856.

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


The minutes of the last meeting of this Council were, on motion, adopted as printed.

A petition from Dr. F. Cummings, requesting permission to erect public stalls on the corners of East Ocean and San Marcos streets, was granted.

A petition from citizens, asking that a blockade of wagons be removed from the southeast and southwest corners of Ocean and Brazos street, was read and laid over.

A petition from L. Schlegel, requesting the Council to indemnify him for loss sustained by reason of fire, was laid on the table. A petition from L. B. Colfax, belonging to him, was read and referred to the Committee on fire department, and the City attorney. Fifty-two dollars is the amount asked for by the petitioner.

A petition from citizens during all of block No. 5B, in division D, was presented and read and referred to the Committee on streets, alleys, etc.

Petitioners desire the perpetual closing of alley running through said block.

A petition from W. C. Boney, approved by citizens of the 10th Ward, for permission to open a saloon in the Brunswick Hotel building, corner of Congress avenue and Pine street, was presented and granted.

A Communication from C. J. Nitschke, at Austin, asking the Council to fix the price of one-half and one-quarter lots in the
On motion, also, the State of the Several Bills, Acts, and resolutions, which have been introduced for the purpose of Ark.

also called attention of the Council to the number of Bills relating to lands and persons which bear no mark of identification, and to the door at the south side of the Council, which is not under his control and is at all times open.

The Communication was referred to the Committee with instructions to take such action as the matter named therein as they may deem proper and necessary.

Changes made by A. W. Leader against Policeman O. H. Goossen and A. Damien and Marshal James Gove, were presented and read and referred to the Committee on police for investigation and report.

Alderman DeGraaf introduced the following resolution, which was adopted: Resolved, That henceforth not more than three express wagons be permitted to stand on any block of any street in this city for the purpose of hire, provided that the three wagons first arriving on such block shall have the prior privilege of taking stand on such block; and provided further, that the city marshal is hereby charged with the execution and due obedience of this resolution.

The report of the City Treasurer for the month of June was presented and read, and referred to the Committee on finance and revenue. St. Louis.

Received on hand May 31st, 1870: $25,573.96.

Received from Assessor's collection on account, Policeman tax, $6,758.75; license, 631.20; Sheriff's fund, 1,139.70; Reed Ave. sale, 36.51; Old Cemetery fence, 36.61; total, $24,510.22.
Cemetery fund, paid Warrants
General " " 
July 1, 1886, 116 to 13.3 on 10 percent bonds

Cash balances June 30: Cemetery fund
Back debt " General "

Interest fund (in Newsark)

Unappropriated balances
General fund

The report of the City Marshal of Castle, etc.,
juniper during June, by reason of Violations of
the Town Ordinance, was presented, read, and
referred to the Committee on Police.
The amount so collected is placed at $147.25; fees
paid, $115.00; balance $32.25.
The City Marshal's report of fines assessed
and collected during the month of June was
introduced and read and referred to the Committee
on Police. The report fixes the total
amount assessed at $907.30; Cash Collected,
$403.85; worked out $271.55.
The City Physician's report for the month
of June was submitted, and read and
referred to the Committee on Hospital. The
report shows that there were twelve patients
in the hospital June 1, and that fifteen were
admitted during the month, eleven discharged,
three died, and that thirteen remain. Also
that the health of the City is good, for this
season of the Year.

Alderman Schneider came in.

The report of the City Clerk on warrants
issued during the month of June was submitted
and referred to the Committee on Finance
and Revenue. The amount issued is placed
at $9,963.90.
The City Auditor's report for the month of June was introduced and referred to the Committee on Cemetery. Total deaths, 31, White, 17; Colored, 11; Mexican, 3; male, 15; female, 16.

The Committee on fire department and board of fire commissioners, presented an adverse report on the petition from J. M. Brass, requesting permission to proceed with the erection of a shed.

A motion was made and adopted empowering the fire commissioners to take such action regarding the matter as they may deem proper and necessary.

Alderman Bush moved that the matter of numbering the streets in the city be withdrawn from the Committee on Streets, Alley's, etc. and referred to a special committee of three aldermen. The motion was adopted.

Alderman Gieson introduced a resolution which was adopted, directing the City Engineer and Committee on Streets, Alley's, etc., to have the approaches to the engine house on Market hill put in proper shape.

Alderman Crocker presented a Communication from the President of Washington Steam Fire Engine Company No. 1 to the Council, calling attention to the bad condition of the engine of said company.

Alderman Bush moved that the engineer of the fire department be directed to make an estimate of the cost of repairing and placing of said engine in a safe and serviceable condition and that he report the probable cost to the Council. Adopted.

The Committee on police reported that they have examined the City Marshal's report for the month of May, and found it correct. No action was taken on the report.

Alderman DeGraaf moved that the Council go into a Committee of the Whole, with the Chairman of the Special Committee on Cemetery in
the Chair, to Consider the report of the said Special Committee. The motion was adopted. Alderman Warren took the Chair and said before the Committee a report favorable to the purchase of parcels 19, 21, and 20 division D. Alderman Crouch moved to postpone action on the report, that the Aldermen may visit and inspect the proposed land, and that the Mayor call the Council together on most Monday night to take further action on the report. Alderman DeGreeves moved that further Consideration of the report be postponed till July 13, that the Committee may procure information from Austin, Texas, and other points, about private Cemeteries. The motion was rejected by a rising vote of 7 to 8. Alderman Crouch then renewed the motion to postpone made by himself, and it Carried. Alderman Bush moved that the time for visiting the proposed location be fixed at 3 P.M. Sunday next. Adopted. Alderman Crouch moved to go into regular session Adopted. Mayor Robertson in the Chair. The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole reported the action taken by the Committee of the Whole as Stated above. On motion the report was received. Alderman Cummings moved to amend the portion of the report relative to visiting land offered for Cemetery purposes, by adding, "in other tracts of land offered for said purposes," adopted. Alderman Warren introduced a resolution which was adopted, permanently establishing the Survey of the boundary line of Rio Grande Street, formerly called San Bernard Street, from Orange Street to northern boundary of the city, as shown by the Land Office Map of 1872, and as reserved and Confirmed by the City Engineer. Alderman Wieland introduced an Ordinance Appropriating $800 to pay Balance due on
A motion was made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second reading, which was adopted by the following vote: Yes - Alderman Brush, Crooker, Cummings, Adress, Giesen, Jones, Odell, Pilcer, Schneider, Schuler, Walker, Warren, Wellner, Warthen, 14.

Nay - Alderman Metz.

Alderman Crooker moved to amend the motion by adding $50 to put a new floor in the building occupied by Protection Hook & Ladder Company No. 3. Adopted.

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


Nays - Alderman Metz and Schneider.

Alderman Odell introduced an ordinance appropriating $742.87 to pay approved accounts.

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


Alderman Cummings was excused.

Alderman Jones moved to amend the ordinance by adding $6.99 to pay W. H. Fiebraugh for expenses incurred by reason of street gang interfering with water pipe leading to his premises.

Alderman Brush moved to amend the motion made by Alderman Jones, so as to exclude the payment of such bills in the future. The amendments were rejected by a vote of 6 to 7.

Alderman Brush moved to amend by adding $52, to be voluntarily paid to F. Schlinger.
The amendment was adopted by a rising vote of 10 to 0.

Alderman Pickow moved to amend by adding $3 to pay Dr. A. Fiehlaug for cost of replacing water gage. Adopted.

A motion to dispense the rules and place the ordinance on its third reading was defeated by the following vote:

Yeas - Alderman Brush, Rocker, DeGraff, Griesen, James, Metz, Odell, Pickow, Walker, Wellner,hartman, Total, 11.

Nays - Alderman Schneider, Schuler and Warren. Total, 3.

Alderman Odell introduced an ordinance amending Section 1 of an ordinance entitled "an ordinance prohibiting the running at large of animals within the city of Austin, and providing for the sale of the same," passed April 29, 1884, and approved April 29, 1886. Referred to the committee on streets, alleys, etc.

On motion the Council adjourned.

Milton Morris
City Clerk