A Regular Meeting of the City Council

Austin, Tex., July 19, 1886.

Hon. J. W. Robertson, mayor, presiding.


Absent—Aldermen Anderson, Caldwell, Orvin, Halman, Metz, Pillow, Schneider, Northam—8.

A Call of the Council was moved and adopted, and the marshal sent after the absentees.

Aldermen Pillow, Halman, Caldwell, and Northam came in.

Alderman Sisson moved that the Call be suspended. Adopted.

The minutes of a regular and called meeting of the City Council held July 5 and 12, respectively, were adopted as printed, after the former was so changed as to show that the Committee on Fire department was named in the resolution introduced by Alderman Sisson, providing for the repairing of approaches to the engine house on Market Hill, instead of the Committee on Streets, Alleys, etc.

A petition from Mrs. T. C. Houston, asking that $10.00 be refunded to her, the amount being paid by her at a tax sale of property on which the City had no right to levy a tax, it being the property of the Swedish Church, was referred to the Committee on Finance and Revenue.

The Committee on Streets, Alleys, etc., reported favorably on a petition from citizens owning all of block No. 52, in division B, who requested the perpetual closing of the alley running through said block. The report and petition were referred.
to the City Attorney with instructions to prepare
an ordinance in accordance with the petition,
and submit the same to the Council.

Alderman Anderson came in.

The Committee on streets, alleys, etc., reported
adversely on an amendment to Section One
of the ordinance prohibiting the running
of large of animals in the City of Austin and
providing for the sale of the same. The report
was adopted.

Further time was given to the Committee on
police in which to prepare their report of the
charges made by W. Y. Leader against policemen
O. W. Hilger, E. O. Harrison and Marshal
James Levy.

The Committee on Cemetery presented their
report on the communication from the
City Denison relative to the prices of lots in the
Cemetery, etc. The report fixes the prices
of one-half lots at $35. One-quarter lots at
$18, to be sold only for immediate use.
The report recommends that the City Denison be
required to name and number the lots set
apart to the Colored people; in the present
City Cemetery, and report the same to the
City Council at their next regular meeting;
and that he take charge of the gate on the
South String of Cemetery Fence, and that
Children under twelve years of age be not
allowed admittance into the Cemetery, except
when in Company with some grown
person; further, that dogs be not allowed
at the Cemetery grounds.

The report and recommendations were adopted.
The same Committee reported on the disposition
made of the Old Cemetery fence recently
removed.

The report shows that the fence erected
$79.36, and that improvements were made at the
Cemetery with a portion of the lumber and
that the west and north fence was hauled
to the hospital, leaving about 500 feet of old lumber, etc., at the cemetery.

In motion the report was accepted.

Mayor Robertson presented a report of his action under a resolution authorizing him to purchase 120 acres of land from J.A. Patterson, for a cemetery. The report states the terms of purchase, etc.

Alderman Brush moved that action on the report be postponed, and that the Council accept an offer made by Monroe Miller, to take the members of the Council in a body, free of charge, to inspect any or all tracts of land offered for sale to the City for cemetery purposes. Rejected.

Alderman Anderson introduced a resolution ratifying and confirming the sale of 120 acres of land made to the City for a cemetery, by J.A. Patterson and wife, through Mayor Robertson.

The resolution also provides that all income from the sale of lots shall be set apart and appropriated to the liquidation and payment of the outstanding notes of purchase.

Alderman Brush moved a call of the Council, which was duly seconded and the call of the roll showed the following present:


Absent: Alderman DeGraaf, Erwin, Metz, Schneider—4.

Alderman Felton moved that absentees be excused. Adopted.

Alderman DeGraaf came into the council and moved the previous question. The motion prevailed by a rising vote of 13 to 4. The main question (the adoption of the resolution offered by Alderman Anderson) was then put and carried by the following vote:
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A motion was made to suspend the rules and pass the Ordinance on its second reading, which was adopted by the following vote:


Nays—Alderman Brush, Campbell, Jones and Schuber. Total 4.

Alderman Anderson introduced an Ordinance providing for the establishment of a new Cemetery for the City of Austin, to be known as the Oakwood Cemetery, and providing for the purchase of land therefor, and making an appropriation to carry the same into effect.

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


Nays—Alderman Campbell, Jones and Schuber.

Alderman Brush moved to amend the caption and section 1, by striking out "Oakwood" and inserting "Greenwood" Cemetery. Adopted.

Alderman Walker moved to amend section 6 by striking out "five" and inserting "ten" acres for the use of colored people for burial purposes. Adopted.

Alderman Campbell was excused.

Motions were made to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on its third reading, and that the Ordinance do pass, both of which were adopted by the following vote:


Nay—Alderman Schuber.

A petition from J. F. McKinley asking for $150 as damages to his person, horse, buggy and harness, caused by a team belonging to the City, sliding with his buggy. Referred to.
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The Committee on Streets, Alleys, etc., for investigation and report at next meeting of the Council.

Ord to pay Alderman Oddell introduced an Ordinance appropriating July pay rates. $300.00 to pay officers and regular employees of the City; also, $757.00 to pay employees of the City and County Hospital each for the month of July 1886. 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:


No—Chili stands. Alderman Schuler introduced a resolution directing the City Marshal to have the Chili Stands on Petam Street removed. Adopted.

New Chili stands. Alderman Cummings offered a resolution, which was adopted, requiring the City Engineer to make a map of the ten acres of land in the new Cemetery, set aside by Ordinance for burial of paupers, and that each grave be numbered and that the City Sexton be furnished with said map and be required to record the name of paupers when buried in the appropriate space, with the number of grave used.

Alderman Crooker introduced an Ordinance appropriating $150.00 for improving the street in front of Fire Hall on Military Street.

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: Yes—Alderman Anderson, Brush; Crooker, Cummings, DeGrees, Sisem, Helman, Jones, Odell, Pellow, Schuler, Walker, Warren, Willmer, Wartham—15.

Nay—Alderman Caldwell.

Ord to pay the Ordinance passed.

Alderman Wartham introduced an Ordinance making appropriation to pay for the printing and binding of the revised Civil and Criminal
ordinances of the City of Austin. The ordinance was read, after which 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:

Passed:

"stands". Alderman Odell offered a resolution naming the east side of Brazos between Pine and Cedar Streets as a stand for wagons.

Amendments: Alderman Brush moved to amend by adding "and on market house hill." No objection. Alderman Cummings moved to amend by adding "and Stock No. 77." No objection. The resolution was adopted as amended.

Alderman Jones introduced a resolution restoring to the general fund $700, which was appropriated March 1, 1886, the flag stones on certain street crossings. Adopted.

Alderman Brush moved that the City Engineer be required to lower the top of the Dam in front of a Dancing drug store to a level with the street. Adopted.

Alderman Cummings offered a resolution prohibiting the City Physician and resident physician of the City and County Hosptial from charging any private patient who pays the regular fee, any further amount. Referred to Committee on Hospital.

On motion the Council adjourned.

Milton Martin
City Clerk.