A Regular Meeting of the City Council.

Austin, Tx. August 2, 1886.

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


Absent—Aldermen Caldwell, Crooker, Ervin, Helm, Metz, Fieley, Schneider, Schuber—5

Aldermen Crooker, Schuber and Helm, Amin.

On motion, the minutes of the last regular meeting of the Council were adopted as printed.

Alderman Walker presented a claim from J.W. Cassaway for $74 for services as a sexton officer during a portion of the months of April and May 1886

Laid over.

A Communication from Chad A. Lewning, stating that he desired to purchase the City interest in land on the south side of the river, known as the fleet grounds, was read and referred to the Committee on Hospitals.

Treasurer's report for the month of July.

Balance on hand June 30

Received from Assessor-Clerk on account

Advalorem tax

Receipt on account License tax

" " " General Fund

" " " Cemetery Fund

" " " sale of cemetery fence

Credits

City Cemetery paid Warrants $20.00

Glenwood Cemetery $80.00

General Fund paid Warrants 10th, 668.74—11th, 484.59

Cash Balances July 31—

City Cemetery $538.45

Bank debt Fund 178.73

General Fund $9,922.26—10,633.44

Interest Fund in New York

Unappropriated balances:

General Fund $5,966.38
Referred to Committee on Finance and Revenue.

Clerk's statement of Warrants issued during the month and quarter ending July 31, 1886, fixed the amount at $11,624.36 and $37,702.76, respectively. Referred to Committee on Finance and Revenue.

Assessor and Collector's report of Collections made during quarter ending July 31, exclusive of school tax, $28,781.50. School tax collected during same period, $6,358.05. Referred to Finance Committee.

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Brevity report July.

Physicians report July.

Masons report July.

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Physician's report for month of July:
- Total deaths 46; White, 31; Colored, 15; Mexican, 1;
- Males, 28; females, 18; Children, 20; remains from Travis county, 8.

Referred to Cemetery Committee.

Physician's report for month of July:
- Number of patients in hospital July 1, 123;
- Discharged during month, 8; admitted, 127; died, 2;
- Now in hospital, 156; Visits made during month, 188; Prescriptions written, 152; Cases Scarlet fever reported during month, 20; deaths, 1.

Considerable sickness in the City.

Referred to Committee on Hospital.

Marshal's report for month of July:

Cash Statement:
- Cash collected for fines and costs for month of July, $3,488.20.
- Cash collected for fines and costs for month of June, $2,761.00.
- Sales of City pound, $10.25.
- Total, $834.40.

Total number of arrests, 85.

Referred to Committee on Police.

Mayor Robertson submitted a statement of the financial condition of the city at this time.
The report shows an actual Cash balance of $7,112.19,
Estimated income to March 1, 1887, including
the Cash balance on hand $47,869.53,
Estimated liabilities to same period $45,950.00

In the estimate of expenses the cost of improving
streets is not included except the feed of teams &
pay of drivers.

Claim of
The committee on streets, alleys, etc., reported
adversely on the claims of W. H. Finkbeiner and
Carl Mayer for costs of replacing stove, water
pipes interfered with by city street gang; also
on petition and claim of J. F. McKinley for
damages to his person, buggy and horses owned
by Calding with a team belonging to the City.
No action was taken on the report.

The committee on police reported that they had
examined the marshal's report for the month of
June and found it correct. Action deferred.

The same committee, to whom were referred
the charges against Marshal Guy and Policeman
Gillam and O'Banion, by H. J. Ceder,
reported, stating that the charge against Marshal
Guy had been withdrawn, and that as articles
330 and 332, inclusive, of the City ordinances,
placed the policeman entirely under control of the mayor
and marshal, they had no authority to investigate the
charges. No action was taken on the report.

Alderman Schneider and Caldwell came in.

Alderman Moretham presented an ordinance
authorizing the owners of block No. 52, in division 2
Grahams' addition to the City of Austin, to close
the alley running from north to south through said
block, and moved that the rules be suspended
and the ordinance placed on its second
reading, which was adopted by the following
vote: Yes - Alderman Anderson, Bush,
Caldwell, Campbell, Crooker, Cummings, Hedeman,
Gieson, Helman, Jones, O'dell, Schneider,
Alderman Cummings introduced a resolution as follows:

"Resolved, That whenever a nuisance exists, that the City Marshal shall have the authority to demand of the City Engineer and Chairman Street Committee, whose duty it shall be to have the matter attended to at once, by City teams if necessary."

Alderman Schuber moved to amend by striking out "Chairman Street Committee" and inserting "Street Commissioner." No objection. Alderman Odell moved to amend by adding "the Marshal shall use the City prisoners and scavenger carts in abating nuisances involving the public health." Adopted. The resolution was then adopted as amended.

Alderman Walker introduced a resolution to dispose of the bound and interleaved revised civil and criminal ordinances of the City. The resolution provides that each officer, Alderman, and the Chief of the fire department shall be furnished with the copy. The resolution was adopted.

C.E. Brush moved that the City Engineer be required to have the top of the Cistern in front of Samuelt's Store, on Congress avenue lowered to a level with the street, and report cost of same to the Council. Adopted.

Alderman Anderson introduced an ordinance prohibiting opium smoking in the City, and punishing the keepers of opium dens. 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: Yeas - Alderman Anderson, Besch, Aldridge, Campbell, Coates, Cummings, DeGress, Seisen, Helms, Jones, Odell, Fellow, Schneider, Schuger, Walker, Warren, Wellmer, Wardham - 18.

On motion the ordinance was passed.

A claim from Geo. F. Kirk for $100.
for services as a secret officer during a portion of January and February, was referred to the Committee on Police.

Alderman Odell offered an Ordinance appropriating $1268.68 to pay approved accounts. 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 Anderson, Brussel, Caldwell, Crooker, Cummings, DeGrees, Gissen, Helman, James, Odell, Pierce, Schneider, Schuer, Walker, Warren, Wellman, Marsham. Total 18.

Alderman Walker moved to amend by adding $74 to pay J.W. Gassaway for services rendered as secret officer in April and May. The caption was changed to read $1,342.63. Motions were then made to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on its third reading, and that the Ordinance now pass, both of which were adopted by the following vote: Yeas—Alderman Anderson, Brussel, Caldwell, Crooker, Cummings, DeGrees, Gissen, Helman, James, Odell, Pierce, Schneider, Schuer, Walker, Warren, Wellman, Marsham. Total 18.

Alderman DeGrees introduced a resolution which was adopted, directing the mayor to appoint a Special Committee of five, to ascertain the amount of money taken from the different wards under the direction and control of the engineer and street committee, without the authority of the Aldermen of the different wards, and report to the City Council at ordinances at its next meeting, the amount so taken and used, and further report an ordinance to return to the different wards the amount of money so used. The following Aldermen were appointed as such Special Committee: DeGrees, Warren, Crooker, James and Odell.

Alderman Anderson offered a resolution, which was adopted, directing the mayor to appoint a
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Examining Special Committee of three and the mayor, to inquire into the condition of the lease of the property known as the Old Glasscock Mill, and if properly leased to Jones & Glass.

The Center Alderman Anderson, Caldwell, and McIver were appointed as such Committee. Alderman Crooker was excused.

Executive Session Alderman McIver moved that the Council go into Executive Session. Adopted.

Reduce Police Alderman McIver moved that the Police force be reduced to 15. Tabled.

A motion to return to regular session Carried and on motion the Council adjourned

Milton Morris
City Clerk