A Regular Meeting of the City Council

Austin, Tex. Oct. 4, 1886.

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


Absent: Alermen Cummings and Metz.

Minutes of the last meeting of the Council were corrected so as to show that the motion, which Alermen DeDress made, to amend Section 9, was: To amend Section 9 by placing the third division in the place of the second division. The minutes were then adopted.

A memorial from acting City attorney, Enlow, in the City recorder, requesting the Council to purchase certain volumes of Texas Court of Appeals reports, the recorder's Court was read, and referred to Committee on ordinances.

Officers Reports.

City marshal's report for the month of September, was introduced and referred to Committee on Police. It shows that there was $784.05 collected for fines and costs assessed during the month of September; $1,445 account of back fines and costs for April; $570, account of back fines for August; also 75 cents account of fine and sales of city pound. Total, $1,977.85. Total number of arrests, 126.

City physician's report for the month of September, 1886, was submitted, read, and referred to the Committee on Hospitals. The report shows that there were 14 patients in the hospital. September 1st, that 15 were admitted during the month, 14 discharged, 3 died, and that 12 remain; that 125 visits were made, and 138 prescriptions were written; that three cases of Scarlet Fever and one of Diphtheria were reported, but no deaths occurred from other diseases; that the health of the city continues exceptionally good.
City Engineers report for the month of September was submitted and showed the following: Total deaths, 22; White, 16; Colored, 6; Mexican, 1; male, 11; female, 11.

City Treasurer's Statement of warrants issued during the month of September was submitted. The amount is fixed at $17,022.63. Referred to the Committee on finance and revenue.


Received from Assessor-Collector:

* An act of ad valorem tax: $2,005.37
  * " " " " " license: $1,841.30
  * " " " " " general fund: $465.05
  * " " " " " City Cemetery: $170.57 - $4,482.29

** $11,235.32

Credits

City Cemetery, paid warrants: $118.25

General fund: $4,732.05

Interest: $125.00

Total: $4,975.40

Cash Balances Sept 30th:

City Cemetery: $673.60

Repayment fund: $172.73

Interest: $452.00

General: $4,963.59 - $6,259.92

Total: $11,235.32

Unappropriated Balances:

General fund: $3,297.63

Referred to Committee on finance and revenue.

The Committee on streets, alleys, etc. reported adversely on the memorial of Chas. H. Armstrong for $639.81 for grading rocks, gravel, etc. Report adopted.

The same Committee reported favorably on a petition of citizens to have sidewalks on West Ashley Avenue widened to a width of fifteen feet.

Alderman Darrow moved to postpone action.

On the report, the next meeting of the Council.

Alderman Caldwell moved the adoption of the report. Carried.
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The Committee on Fire Department reported favorably on a memorial from Chas. Schofery asking to be exempted from paying taxes of $886 on improvements on lots 5, 6 and 7, Block 11, Outlet 3, because said improvements were destroyed by fire in January last. The report was adopted.

The same Committee reported favorably on a petition of citizens of the fifth and sixth wards requesting that a hose cart be placed at the quarters of Protection House and Ladder Company No. 3. No action was had on the report.

The Committee on Finance and Revenue reported favorably on an ordinance appropriating $1000 to purchase a hose cart for Protection House and Ladder Company No. 3. Report was adopted.

The Committee on Water and Gas reported favorably on a petition of citizens of the fifth ward for a water trough to be located at the corner of Sixteenth and Sandalwood Streets. Adopted.

On the recommendation of the Mayor the Council remitted a fine which was assessed against J.R. Cassidy, for sleeping in a public place.

Alderman Chefetz came in with an ordinance ordering an election by the tax-paying citizens of the City of Austin for the purpose of procuring their consent to an extension of the bonded debt of the City of Austin in the sum of $350,000 beyond and in addition to the present bonded debt of $125,000 was taken up on its third reading and read.

Alderman DeGress moved to amend section 10, by substituting the name of Jas. H. Smith of the Eighth Ward, to be a member of the Board of Supervision, in lieu of R.M. Castileman, it being discovered that Mr. Castileman resides in the Ninth Ward.

Passed.

On motion the ordinance, passed by the following vote: Yeas—Alderman Anderson, Caldwell, Campbell, Hooper, DeGress, Ervin,
Reconsider Vote taken.

Alderman Baugh presented his reasons for voting in the negative on the final passage of the ordinance. They are as follows:

1. The vote is for the passage of this ordinance because I believe some of the citizens of the Eighth Ward desire to have this question submitted to them. 2. I, however, as a citizen, claim the right to act in regard to this ordinance when it is submitted to the people as I deem for their best interests."

Alderman Cummings submitted his reasons for voting in the affirmative on the final passage of the ordinance. They are as follows:

1. I vote no on the question because in the first place a majority of the tax-payers did not petition the city council in favor of the measure, and because it is my opinion that it is an unnecessary expense as it will be defeated by a vote of the people.

Alderman Odell introduced a resolution to empower and authorize the Chief of Fire Department to purchase, on time, a four-wheel hose carriage for protection hook and ladder company, No. 3. Adopted.

Alderman Ervin presented a resolution authorizing and requiring the Committee on Streets, Valleys, etc., to erect a lamp at the bridge over Valley Creek, on Pine Street.

Alderman Walker moved to amend by inserting "gas" before "lamp." Carried.

Alderman DeGrees moved to amend by inserting one lamp to be placed at Masonic Temple. Accepted.

The resolution was then passed as amended. It authorizes the Committee to make the necessary contract to carry the provisions
into effect.

A resolution to refund the sum of $450.90 to the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Eighth, Ninth, and Tenth Wards, that sum having been expended by the Committee on Streets, Alleys, &c., and the City engineer, on Congress avenue, out of the appropriations made to widen the streets of said wards.

A motion to suspend the rules and place the resolution on its second reading was lost by the following vote: Yes—Alderman Anderson, Bush, Campbell, Craster, Cumming, Gees, Erwin, Holman, Metz, Bilow, Schneider, Walker, and Warthen. Total 15.


Alderman Warthen introduced an Ordinance appropriating the sum of $875.16 to pay approved claims.

A motion to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on its second reading was made and adopted by the following vote: Yes—Alderman Anderson, Bush, Aldwell, Campbell, Craster, Cumming, Gees, Erwin, Giesen, Holman, Jones, Metz, Bilow, Schneider, Schuler, Walker, Warren, Wellner, and Warthen. Total 17.

Alderman Erwin moved to amend section by adding $30 to put a railing along the embankment at the bridge over Walker Creek, on Pine Street. Also $20 for repairing bottom of drain in the City Cemetery.

The motion of the Ordinance was then changed to read $975.16, and motions were made to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on its third reading, and that it now pass, both of which were adopted by the following vote: Yes—Alderman Anderson, Bush, Aldwell, Campbell, Craster, Cumming, Gees, Erwin, Giesen, Holman, Jones, Metz, Bilow, Schneider, Schuler, Walker, Warren,
Wells and Wetham. Total, 19.

Alderman Helman was excused.

Alderman Caldwell introduced an ordinance fixing the width of the sidewalks on West College Avenue. Read first time.

On motion the council adjourned.

Milton Morris
City Clerk.