A Regular Meeting of the City Council

Austin, Dec. 20, 1876.
Hon. J.M. Robertson, mayor, presiding.


The minutes of the last meeting of the Council were adopted as printed.

Petition: A petition from M. A. Taylor was read, and referred to a Committee, requesting permission to construct a canal leading from the front entrance of the way between the present fireproof hall and the 10th Street office.

Petitions: Ald. Warham presented a petition from citizens of the third and fourth Wards, asking that a water trough be placed at the corner of Blanco and West Twelfth streets.

Ald. Phillips, Oldwell, and Graham came in.

Ald. Warham moved to amend the petition by inserting that the water trough recently directed to be placed in the fifth Ward be placed at the point designated in this petition. The amendment was adopted by a vote of 9 to 5.

Ald. Campbell moved that the street Committee be instructed to erect the water trough just granted to the third and fourth Wards, at once. Carried.

Ald. Cummings came in.

Ald. Warren moved that the water trough now on Magnolia Avenue be removed to the place that was to be occupied by the one just transferred to the third and fourth Wards.

A motion was made to table the motion. Rejected, by a vote of 5 to 7.

The question of adopting the motion made by Ald. Warren was then put and defeated.

Reports of Officers:

City Treasurer: Report of month of November 1876.
Balance On hand Oct 31, $6,998.55
Receipt from Collector: Ad Valorem Tax 207.57
On license tax
Cemetery fund 676.20
" General 140.00
" State of Texas second installment of school fund for fiscal year ending August 31, 1887 1,279.31

Total 4,113.50

Credits.
Cemetery fund paid warrants $38.35
General " " " 5078.78
Interest " " " Receivable July 1, 1886, on ten percent bonds 450.00
School fund, paid Walter Lips 4,113.50
Cash Balances Nov. 30 -
Cemetery fund 835.91
Reel debt fund 172.73
General " " " 2,725.82
Total 13,415.13

Unappropriated balances -
Cemetery fund 133.32
General 1,195.00

Report of City Marshal for Nov. 1886.
Number of arrests made. 73.
Number of patients in hospital Nov. 1, 1886, 12.
" " Admitted during " 15.
" " Discharged " 13.
" " Remaining, Dec. 1 10.
" " Deaths during Nov 4.
Visits made 144.
Prescriptions written 144.
Cases of Scarlet fever reported 18.
Cases of Diphtheria 1.

The general health of the city is very good.
Reported to the Committee on hospital.
The City Clerk's statement of warrants issued placed the amount at $4,147.34.
Dec. 20, 1872.

Debates. Referred to Committee on Finance and revenue.

City Sexton's Report.

Deaths 29

White 23

Colored 5

Mexican 1

Male 14

Female 14

Ald. Schneider. Alderman Schneider came in.

Alderman Schuber introduced an ordinance appropriating

the sum of $5000 for the purpose of making a

topographical survey of the City of Austin.

Read and laid over.

Ald. Brash offered an ordinance appropriating

the sum of $2000, or as much thereof as may

be necessary, for the purpose of making a

topographical survey of the City of Austin.

Read and laid over.

Ald. Platt moved to table both of the above

named ordinances.

The motion was lost, and on motion of

Alderman Caldwell the ordinances were referred

to a special committee of three aldermen, with

instructions to report at the next regular meeting

of the city council.

The chair appointed Alderman Caldwell, Warthan,

and Phillips as such special committee.

Ald. Odell presented an ordinance, appropriating

the January interest on the bonded

debt. 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

do now pass; all of which were adopted by

the following vote: Ayes - Alderman Anderson,

Brust, Caldwell, Campbell, Ammings, Fisher,

Graham, James, Odell, Platt, Phillips, Schneider,


Ald. Odell also offered an ordinance, appropriating

the sum of $3,175 for the purpose of paying

officers and regular employees of the city and city
and County Hospital, each for the month of December 1886.

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 do now pass, all of which were adopted by the following vote:


Ald. Jones presented a resolution directing the Mayor to appoint a special committee of five to inquire into the management of the street railway and the character of work performed by Wagons belonging to the City.

Ald. Fisher moved to take the resolution carried, by a vote of 10 to 4.

Mr. Mason Alderman Anderson presented a petition for permission to remove a frame dwelling house from lots 1 and 2, block 126, to lot 8, block 97.

A communication from the Recorder of the Fire Department was read, stating that the Board of Fire Commissioners had, by a unanimous vote, given their consent to M. Butler to make the above-mentioned change.

Ald. Cummings presented the following:

Resolved, That the City Council of the City of Austin continue the terms of office of the Sergeant of Police, Resident Physician and Matron, and other employees of the City, until after the election in 1887.

Ald. Phillips moved to amend the resolution by inserting all the names of present incumbents. The amendment was adopted, and the names inserted as follows:

Frank P. McLaughlin, resident physician, at City Hospital.

Mrs. Alle Wright, matron at City Hospital.

J. K. Morey, engineer fire department.
C. C. Palmer Sergeant of Police:
Policemen: Neil McLachlin, John Cherryville;
W. H. Henderson, J. W. Johnson, J.J. Rundell,  
A. Montgomery, J.R. Camen, L. C. Lock,  
P. Plumb, W. Darnwell, J.W. Sessaway, C.C.  

J. F. Wittey: Ald: Aedel introduced an ordinance, appropriated the 
sum of $35.25 to pay J. F. McKinley for damages  
done to his buggy by a city team.
The ordinance was read, and referred to the Committee on  
Claims and Accounts.

Ald. Fisher presented an ordinance, prohibiting  
persons from crossing the Syndicate Bridge, on  
East College Avenue.
The ordinance was read, after which a motion was  
made to suspend the rules and pass the ordinance  
On its second reading, which was adopted by the  
following vote: Yeas: Ald. Anderson, Brunk,  
Caldwell, Campbell, Cummings, Fisher, Graham,  
Jones, Allil, Platt, Phillips, Schneider, Townsend,  

Ald. Anderson was excused.

Ald. Aedel moved to amend the section 1 of  
the ordinance, by inserting after "College Avenue"  
"and East Avenue": Adopted by a vote of 9 to 4.
Ald. Campbell moved to amend section 1 by adding  
"and the capital of the Syndicate be required to put up  
signs of warning at each end of bridges." Adopted  
unanimously.

Ald. Fisher moved a reconsideration of the vote by which  
the amendment just made by Ald. Campbell was adopted.  
Carried by vote of 9 to 4.

Ald. Campbell then withdrew his amendment.

A motion was made to suspend the rules and pass  
the ordinance on its third reading, which was  
adopted by the following vote: Yeas: Ald. Brunk,  
Caldwell, Campbell, Cummings, Fisher, Graham, Jones,  
Allil, Platt, Phillips, Schneider, Townsend, Walker,  
Warren, Wathen - 16.

Passed: On motion, the ordinance then passed.
Adopted a resolution directing, "that the
City Marshal be required to put up, at the City's expense,
a sign at each of the City's railroad bridges and
East College Avenue, prohibiting fishermen from
catching at a penalty of not less than $5 nor
more than $100."

All Jones moved to amend by striking out City Marshal
and inserting City Engineer. Adopted.

All Odell moved to amend by inserting that same
kind of signs be placed at bridge on East Avenue.
Carried.

The resolution was then adopted as amended.
Mayor Robertson announced the following:
Committee Standing Committees for the ensuing year, as
follows:

Streets, Alleys, Bridges, etc. -
Schneider, Grauer, and Phillips.
Finance and Revenue -
Odell, Warman and Walker.
Fire Department -
Graham, Schneider, and Jones.
Police Department -
Schneider, Anderson, and Metz.

Claims & Accounts - Townsend, Wellmer.

delinquent.

Cemetery - Caldwell, Wellmer.


Market - Jones, Metz, and Bruce.
Sanitation - DeGree, Cummings, Fisher,

Townsend.

Hospital - Warren, Schneider, and Campbell.

Water & Gas - Anderson, Campbell,
Cummings.

Parks - Brush, Platt, and Odell.
Charity - Phillips, DeGree, and Caldwell.

On motion the Council adjourned.

Milton Morris, City Clerk.