A Regular Meeting of the City Council

Austin Tex., Jan. 3, 1887.
Hon. J.W. Robertson, Mayor presiding.

Roll

Call

Minutes.
Minutes of last meeting of the Council were adopted as printed.

Petition.
Alderman Walker presented a petition from citizens of the city requesting that East Live Oak Street be continued through block 17, division C, of outlets of the city of Austin.

And also that San Marcos Street be continued south to Water Street, and Excees Street east to San Marcos Street. Referred to Street Committee.

Alderman Metz came in.

Alderman Odell presented a petition from Mrs. L. B. Brown, asking to be released from paying the taxes of 1886 on certain improvements, because the improvements were destroyed by fire in the month of June last. Referred to the Committee on Finance and Revenue.

Officers' reports for the month of December, 1886:

City Marshal's Report.

Total fines and costs assessed $1,429.25.

Cash 370.38

Total 370.82

Number of arrests 121

Referred to Police Committee.

City Physician's Report.

Number of patients in hospital Dec. 1, 1886 10.

" " " admitted during " 11.

" " " discharged " 11.

" " " deaths 1

" " " patients remaining in hospital Jan. 1, 1887 11.

Visits made during December 180.

Prescriptions written 180.
Jany. 3, 1877

Cases of Deputia reported

" Scarlet fever " 5

There has been more sickness in the city than for several months previous, principally pneumonia and other lung diseases, caused mostly by exposure during the cold season.

Referred to hospital committee.

City Health Officer's Report.

Table report:

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Referred to cemetery committee.

Report of city treasurer.


Received from assessors and collectors: $1,275.69.

In account of ad valorem tax: $793.30.

" " " License: $3,507.80.

" " " General fund: $162.50.

Total: $9,473.79

Credits:

Cemetery fund, paid warrants: $68.00.

General: $390.80.

Cash balances Dec. 31, 1876:

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Total: 9,473.79

Unappropriated balances:

Cemetery fund: $44.47.

Referred to finance committee.

Alderman Colwell came in.

In compliance with a resolution recently passed by the city council, the city engineer submitted an estimate of the cost of a stone arch bridge over Little Shale Creek, at the crossing of West Hickory street.
Cost of 13 feet opening and 40 feet roadway $806.20
" " " " " " " " 60 " " 1038.40
Tiling of 40 feet roadway, 3010 cubic yards, and of 60 feet roadway 4,770 cubic yards. Read and laid over.
The Mayor read a message in which he recommended that arrangements be perfected at once for opening up Greenwood Cemetery for burial purposes; that a topographical survey of the city be made at once; that six sixers have laid sidewalks the entire length of a block. The city proceed to construct gutters and grade the street; that mean street west of Congress avenue be properly graded at once.
The message also states that there is no deficiency exist in the city revenue; that the lack of funds at the present time is occasioned by slowness of Collections.

Alderman Worthing moved that the message be referred to the respective committees appointed to consider subjects mentioned therein. Adopted.

Alderman Cummings came in.

The Committee on Streets, alleys, bridges, etc, reported favorably on the petition of Mr. A. Taylor for permission to erect steps leading from the front entrance of alley between the present Fireman's hall and the old Dispatch office.

Nays- Aldermen Brush, Caldwell, Campbell, Cummins, Graham, Odell, Phillips, Schuber, Towneend, Mayor-10.
A motion to adopt the report prevailed by the following vote: Yeas- Aldermen Brush, Caldwell, Campbell, Cummins, Graham, Odell, Phillips, Schuber, Towneend, Mayor-10.

A reconsideration motion was made to reconsider the vote by which the report above mentioned was adopted, and that the motion be laid on the table. Adopted.
The Committee on Police reported that they had
Examined the City Marshals reports for the months of September and October, 1876 and found them correct. Report read and received.

The Committee on Claims and Accounts reported favorably on an Ordinance appropriating $36.25 to pay J. F. McKinley for damages done his buggy by a city team. Read and laid over.

Leave 100 acres. Alderman Wellner offered an Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to lease 100 acres of the Greenwood Cemetery. Alderman Aldwell moved to lay the Ordinance on the table. Rejected by a vote of 5 to 2.

A motion was then made to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on its second reading, which was defeated by the following vote: Alders Alderman Campbell, Cummings, Graham, Metz, Odell, Scheider, Schuler, Townsend, Wellner, Shareham—10. Mayo—Alderman Bruch, Caldwell, Fisher, Jenes, Pratt, Phillips, Walker, Warren—8.

Referred to Cemetery Committee.

Alderman Fisher presented a resolution which was adopted, instructing the City Engineer to furnish the Council at its next meeting with an estimate of the cost of moving the lion bridge at present located on West Pecan Street over Shadel Creek, to Cedar Street, First ward, and of replacing the same with a substantial stone or iron bridge, the full width of the street.

Alderman Cummings introduced a resolution instructing the City Engineer to have the Culvert on the north side of the east approach to East Pecan Street rock bridge extended east to East Avenue or as far as may be necessary to render the same safe as a thoroughfare. On motion, referred to Street Committee.

Alderman Campbell moved a reconsideration of the vote by which a resolution was tabled at the last meeting of the Council, which provided for the appointment, by the mayor, of a special committee of five Aldermen for the purpose of examining into the character and amount of work performed by the
Wagons belonging to the City and the street forces carried.

Alderman Campbell then moved to refer the resolution to a
special committee of three, with instructions to carry out the
provisions contained therein. Carried by a vote of 9 to 0.

By unanimous consent of the Council, Alderman Jones was
permitted to withdraw the resolution, he having introduced it.

Widening Alderman Adell introduced a resolution directing the city
engineer to furnish an estimate of the cost of making
the Stone Bridge on Cherry Street over Walker Creek
the full width of the street. Adopted.

Printing: Alderman Walker submitted a resolution providing
for all printing contracts now in force to be continued
during the present year on the same terms as during
the past year. Tabled.

Fire stations: Alderman Jones offered a resolution, which was
adopted, requiring the city engineer to remove obstructions
from fire columns on Ocean Street.

Remove Alderman Warren presented a resolution, which
watering trough was adopted, instructing the City Engineer to move the
watering trough now located on Magnolia Avenue, near
Guadalupe Street, to the corner of Guadalupe and
Sixteenth, or Cherry streets.

Printing proceedings: Alderman Cummings introduced a resolution, which
was adopted, directing the printing Committee to provide
for the printing of the full proceedings of the Council
in a newspaper, and to discontinue printing them in
pamphlet form; provided the change would not cost
too much.

Shooting range: Alderman Warthen offered a resolution, which was
adopted, requiring the City Marshal to ascertain what
danger to families may exist because of the
discharging of firearms at the shooting grounds
situated in the northwest portion of the City; and that
he report the result of his investigation at the next regular
meeting of the City Council.

Alderman Cummings presented a resolution instructing
the City attorney to proceed to take such legal steps
as may be necessary to open East San Marcos Street
through the grounds claimed by the Houston & Texas railroad,
in order to render this street passable for public travel.
Adopted.
To the Special Committee, to whom was referred an Ordinance appropriating the sum of $3,000, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the purpose of making a topographical survey of the City of Austin, and an Ordinance appropriating $5,000 for the same purpose, reported, submitting, as a substitute for the Ordinances referred to them, "an Ordinance providing for a topographical survey of the City of Austin, and making an appropriation thereof."

A motion to suspend the rules and place the substitute on its second reading prevailed by the following vote: Yeas—Alderman Brash, Caldwell, Campbell, Cummings, Fisher, Graham, Odel, Phillips, Schneider, Schuler, Townsend, Walker, Warren, Wellner, Warkham—15.

Nay—Alderman Jones, Metz, Platt—3.

Alderman Fisher moved to amend Section one by making it the duty of the Mayor and Street Committee to solicit bids and estimate from Competent Civil engineers for making the survey, etc., instead of authorizing them to employ one or more Civil engineers to do the work.

Alderman Fisher moved the previous question, which motion was duly seconded and carried.

The question of adopting the amendment was then put and agreed to.

Alderman Cummings moved to strike out Section 5, which related to Compensating Civil engineers to be employed, and making an appropriation of $5,000 to carry the provisions of the Ordinance into effect. The motion was adopted and the Captain charged to conform to the amendments.

A motion was then made to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on its third reading, which was agreed to by the following vote: Yeas—Alderman Brash, Caldwell, Campbell, Cummings, Fisher, Graham, Odel, Phillips, Schneider, Schuler, Townsend, Walker, Warren, Wellner, Warkham—15.

Nay—Alderman Jones, Metz, Platt—3.

On motion the Ordinance then passed as an Ordinance appropriating the sum $3,000.
J. F. motion, pay J. F. McKinley for damages done his buggy by a city team was taken up on its second reading, and a motion was made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its third reading, which was adopted by the following vote:


Passed. On motion the ordinance then passed.

Alderman Fisher introduced an ordinance creating an office of Sanitary Inspector of the City of Austin, and prescribing the salary and duties of that officer. A motion was made to refer it to the Committee on Sanitation and Sewers and one to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second reading. The motion to refer prevailed, and on motion the Council adjourned.

Milton Morris
City Clerk.