

A Regular Meeting of the City Council

Austin Tex., Jan. 3, 1887.

Hon. J. W. Robertson, Mayor presiding.

Roll

Roll Call - present: Aldermen Brush, Campbell, Fisher, Graham, Jones, Odell, Platt, Phillips, Schneider, Schuber, Townsend, Walker, Warren, Wellmer, Wartham - 15.

Call

Absent: Aldermen Anderson, Caldwell, Cummings, DeGress, Metz - 5.

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 Outlots of the City of Austin.

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

Alderman Metz came in.

Mrs. L. J.

Browne.

Alderman Odell presented a petition from Mrs. L. J. Browne, 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.

Marshal's

See report

Total fines and costs assessed	\$1.429.25.
" " " " Collected in cash	370.35.
Back " " " " " "	20.45.
Total " " " " " "	390.80.

" Number of arrests 121

Referred to Police Committee.

City Physicians Report.

Physicians

See report.

Number of patients in hospital Dec. 1, 1886.	10.
" " " admitted during "	11.
" " " discharged " "	9.
" " " deaths " "	1
" " " patients remaining in hospital Jan. 1, 1887.	11
Visits made during December	156
Prescriptions written	190

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Cases of Diphtheria reported 1
 " " 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.

Sexton's

See report

City Sexton's Report.

Total deaths	21
White	14
Colored	6
Mexican	1
Male	8
Female	13
Still born	2

Referred to Cemetery Committee.

Treasurer's

See report

Report of City Treasurer.

Balance on hand Nov. 30,	\$3,734.50.
Received from assessor and collector -	
On account of ad valorem tax	1,275.69.
" " " license "	793.30.
" " " General fund	3,507.80.
" " " Cemetery "	162.50.
Total	\$ 9,473.79

Credits.

Cemetery fund, paid warrants	\$68.00.
General " " "	3,906.80.
Cash Balances Dec. 31, 1886 -	
Cemetery fund	930.45.
Back debt " "	172.73.
General " "	4,395.81.
Total	9,473.79.

Unappropriated Balances -

Cemetery fund \$44.47

Referred to Finance Committee.

Ald. Caldwell.

Alderman Caldwell came in.

Estimate.

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 Shoal Creek, at the crossing of West Hickory Street.

Filling of 40 feet roadway, 3015 Cubic yards, and of 60 feet roadway 4570 Cubic yards. Read and laid over.

Mayor's
message.

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 where owners have laid sidewalks the entire length of a block, ^{on both sides of the street,} the city proceed to construct ^{stone} gutters and grade the street; that Pecan Street West of Congress Avenue be properly fixed at once. The message also states that there is no deficiency exists or can exist in the city revenue; that the lack of funds at the present time is occasioned by slowness of collections.

Alderman Wertham moved that the message be referred to the respective Committees appointed to Consider Subjects mentioned therein. Adopted.

Ald. Cummings.

Alderman Cummings came in.

M. A. Taylor.

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

Alderman Jones moved to table the petition and report. Lost by the following vote: Yeas - Aldermen Fisher, Jones, Metz, Platt, Schneider, Walker, Warren, Wellmer, Wartham - 9.

Days - Aldermen Brush, Caldwell, Campbell,
Cummings, Graham, Odell, Phillips, Schuber,
Townsend, Mayor - 10.

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

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 Kays - Aldermen Fisher, Jones, Metz, Platt,
 Schneider, Walker, Warren, Wellmer, Wartham - 9.

Reconsider.

Alderman Phillips moved to reconsider the vote by which the report above mentioned was adopted, and that the motion be laid on the table. Adopted.

Marshall's

The Committee on Police reported that they had

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reports Examined the City marshal's reports for the months
Examined of September and October, 1886, and found them
Correct. Report read and received

J. F. McKinley The Committee on Claims and accounts reported favorably
claim. On an Ordinance appropriating \$35.25 to pay J. F.
McKinley for damages done his buggy by a city team.
Read and laid over.

Lease 100 Alderman Wellmer offered an Ordinance authorizing
acres. the Mayor to lease 100 acres of the Greenwood Cemetery.
Alderman Caldwell moved to lay the Ordinance on the
table. Rejected by a vote of 5 to 12.

A motion was then made to suspend the rules and
place the Ordinance on its second reading which was
defeated by the following vote: Yeas - Aldermen Campbell,
Cummings, Graham, Metz, Odell, Schneider, Schuber,
Townsend, Wellmer, Wortham - 10.

Nays - Aldermen Brush, Caldwell, Fisher, Jones,
Platt, Phillips, Walker, Warren - 8.

Referred to Cemetery Committee.

Bridge Estimate 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 iron
bridge at present located on West Pecan
Street over Shoal Creek, to Cedar Street,
First ward, and of replacing the same with
a substantial stone or iron bridge, the
full width of the street.

Extend Culvert. 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.

Reconsider vote. 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
appointing, 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

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wagons belonging to the City and the street force. Carried.
Alderman Campbell then moved to refer the resolution to a Special Committee of three, with instructions to carry out the provisions contained therein. Lost by a vote of 8 to 10.

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

widened Bridge Alderman Odell introduced a resolution directing the city engineer to furnish an estimate of the cost of making the stone bridge on Cherry street over Waller 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 Cisterns Alderman Jones offered a resolution, which was adopted, requiring the city engineer to remove obstructions from fire cisterns on Ocean street.

Remove watering trough- Alderman Warren presented a resolution, which 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 will not cost too much.

Shooting range. Alderman Wartham 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.

City atty. open St. 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.

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Topographical 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 therefor."

Survey.

A motion to suspend the rules and place the substitute on its second reading prevailed by the following vote: Yeas - Aldermen Brush, Caldwell, Campbell, Cummings, Fisher, Graham, Odell, Phillips, Schneider, Schuber, Townsend, Walker, Warren, Wellmer, Wartham - 15.

Nays - Aldermen Jones, Metz, Platt - 3.

Amended:

Alderman Fisher moved to amend section one by making it the duty of the mayor and Street Committee to solicit bids and estimates 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.

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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 caption changed 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 - Aldermen Brush, Caldwell, Campbell, Cummings, Fisher, Graham, Odell, Phillips, Schneider, Schuber, Townsend, Walker, Warren, Wellmer, Wartham - 15.

Nays - Aldermen Jones, Metz, Platt - 3.

Passed

On motion the ordinance then passed.

An ordinance appropriating the sum \$35.25 to

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J. F. McKinley 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:

Yeas - Alderman Brush, Caldwell, Campbell, Cummings, Fisher, Graham, Jones, Metz, Odell, Platt, Phillips, Schneider, Schuber, Townsend, Walker, Warren, Wellmer, Wortham; total, 18.

Passed. On motion the ordinance then passed.

Sanitary Inspector. 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.