A Regular Meeting of the City Council.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 17, 1887.

Hon. J.W. Roberts, Mayor, Presiding.


Absent: Aldermen Caldwell, Campbell, McGee, Metz, Odell, Schneider, Schuler, Townsend, Wellner.

A Call of the Council was moved. Adopted.

Alderman Caldwell was excused.

On motion, the Call of the Council was suspended, minutes of the last meeting of the Council were adopted as printed.

On the recommendation of the City Marshal, the Mayor remitted the balance of fines and costs assessed against J.O. Bumns, subject to the approval of the Council.

On motion, the Council agreed to the remittance.

Alderman Jones presented a petition from Citizens asking that Driskill Street, from Red River Street to East Avenue, be opened. Referred to City Engineers and Street Committee, with instructions to investigate the matter and report to the Council.

Alderman Platt presented a petition from the members of Washington H. C. Co. No. 1, requesting that the gutter on the north side of East Sixth Street be bridged its entire length across Bragas Street to prevent further damage to their hose carriage when crossing the same. Granted.

Aldermen Schneider, Metz and Townsend Came in.

Alderman Anderson presented a communication from the Secretary of Washington H. C. Co. No. 1, to Monroe Miller, Chief of H. D., to the effect that the means of reaching the fires with their hose carriage, which weighs 2,250 pounds, is too limited, being one-horse, and requested the Council to refund the money invested in the hose carriage by the company that they may provide a team suitable to properly pull the hose carriage. Referred to Committee on Fire Department.

Warrant.

A Statement of Warrants issued by the City Clerk during the month of December, 1886, was presented.
and read, and referred to Committee on Finance and Revenue. The amount issued is placed at $5,000.

In Compliance with a resolution passed by the City Council at its last meeting, the City Marshal submitted a report in regard to the range used by the Shooting Club.

The report states that the club have a right to use the range by virtue of a resolution passed by the City Council. Read and laid over.

In Compliance with resolutions passed at the last meeting of the City Council, the City Engineer presented an estimate of the cost of constructing an iron bridge on West Sixth Street over Shoal Creek, sixty feet wide with two ten-foot sidewalks and abutments and wing walls complete, which fixes the cost at $5,200.

And an estimate of the cost of removing the iron bridge new on West Sixth Street, over Shoal Creek, at West Cedar Street, over Shoal Creek, with abutments, wing walls, new woodwork and fresh painting and putting bridge up $1043; and also an estimate of the cost of widening arch bridge on East Cherry Street, over Walker Creek, to full width of the street—cost, $1077. Read and laid over.

The printing Committee presented a report stating that they had awarded the publishing of such proceedings of the City Council for the year 1877 as may be ordered to be published, all proclamations, messages, reports and notices by the mayor, and other city officers requiring publication, to the Austin Daily Statesman, at three (3) cents per line for first insertion and one (1) cent per line for each subsequent insertion.

For furnishing the City with Stationery, to Joseph A. Eagle, for printing blanks, forms and other for printing, to Warner & Drentham. Alderman Campbell Came in.

By request, the bids submitted by the newspapers were read.

They are as follows:

The Statesman Publishing Company—Three cents per line for non-foil measurement, for first insertion and one cent.
per line per each subsequent consecutive insertion.
The Evening Dispatch - revision type, one cent per line per proceedings; all ordinances, notices,
in non-parat type, at three cents per line for first insertion and one cent per line for each subsequent insertion.
Call Publishing Company - all matter published
by them, three cents per line for first insertion
and two cents per line for each subsequent insertion, irrespective of time published.
Evening News - Publishing proceedings of City Council, one half cent per line for each insertion. For publishing
any other matter, two and one-half cents per line for
first insertion, and one-half cent per line for
each subsequent insertion.

A Communication from the Evening News stating
they would furnish the required bond if awarded the
printing, was also read.

Alderman James moved to strike out the words
"Daily Statesman," in the Committee report, and insert
"Evening News," instead thereof.
Alderman Northam moved to lay the amendment on
the table. Adopted by the following vote:

Brush, Campbell, Fisher, Graham, Platt,
Nays - Aldermen Cummings, James, Metz,
Phillips, Schneider - 5.

Aldermen Odell and Schuler came in.
Alderman Cummings moved to recommit the

Alderman Cummings then moved to adopt that portion
of the report awarding the job printing. Set a date to
the Chair ruling that the report was inadmissible. It
having required to the question of adopting the report, the
question was put and carried by the following vote:

Yeas - Aldermen Anderson, Brush, Campbell,
Fisher, Graham, Odell, Platt, Schuler, Townsend,
Nays - Alderman Cummings, James, Metz, Phillips,
Schneider - 5.
Alderman Anderson presented a report from the Cemetery Committee stating that the City Engineer had made a map of Greenwood Cemetery, out of which twenty acres on the south side is said to white people, and five acres on the north side is sold to colored people, and five acres for the burial of paupers, as per plat now on file in the Engineer's office. That bids have been invited for fencing the Cemetery. Read and laid over.

Alderman Anderson, for the Cemetery Committee, also presented a favorable report on an Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to lease 100 acres of Greenwood Cemetery for one year. Read and laid over.

Report of Alderman Fisher and Townsend of the Committee on Sanitation and Sewers reported generally on the Ordinance creating the office of Sanitary Inspector of the City of Austin, and prescribing the salary and duties of that officer, which was referred to the Committee. Alderman Cummings, of the same Committee, submitted a minority report, dissenting from the majority report, because he says the same work can be done better and cheaper by the policeman, under the direction of the City Physician and Committee on Sanitation and Sewers, and that the sum of money that would be paid under the Ordinance could be spent to better advantage by using it to remove nuisances and promote the health of the City; that the present existing ordinances on this subject, if enforced, are, in his opinion, adequate for the purpose under consideration until means are at hand to remove offensive matter; that all money that can be spared from the current revenue for sanitary purposes be expended in furnishing sewers and other privileges necessary to the health of the City. Read and laid over.

Alderman Jones introduced a resolution which was adopted, giving authority to Charles Wolf to erect a Cannelted iron building 120 ft. No. 6, in block No. 60, in the City.

The mayor stated that he had remitted the fine and costs assessed against The Schwartz for a trivial disturbance of the peace; also fine and costs in Case of Chas. Wolf, for violating ordinances relative
to five limits, subject to the approval of the City Council. On motion, the action of the Mayor was approved.

*Adopted.* Alderman Platt offered a resolution, which was adopted, instructing the Street Committee and City Engineer to immediately reconstruct the gutters on both sides of East Pierce Street, at the Crossing of Brazos and San Jacinto and Trinity Streets, so as to make them easier to cross.

An Ord: to Alderman Anderson introduced an Ordinance (appropriating $700) and authorizing the Mayor to purchase the hose carriage from Washington Engine Company No. 1, of the City of Austin.

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


An Ord: to Alderman Wartham presented an Ordinance appropriating the sum of $3243 for the purpose of paying officers and regular employees of the City and County hospital, each for the month of January, 1877.

The Ordinance was read, after which motions to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on its second and third readings, and that it pass, which prevailed by the following vote:


Alderman Brush was excused.

Alderman Graham offered a resolution, which was adopted, rescinding the permission heretofore granted by the City Council to the Austin Rifle Club to operate a shooting gallery, or range in target practice, with rifles, within the corporate limits.
Alderman Marthan moved that the City Marshal inform the president of the Austin Rifle Club of the adoption of the resolution. Carried.

Alderman Fisher presented a resolution, which was adopted, instructing the City Marshal to notify the party building a frame stairway from the side yard on the north side of Hickory Street, between Congress Avenue and Brazos Streets, to remove the same at once.

On motion, the Council adjourned.

Milton Morris,
City Clerk.