

Minutes of A Regular meeting of the City Council

Austin, Tex. July. 7, 1887.

Alan J. W. Robertson, Mayor presiding
Roll Call. present: Aldermen Brush, Caldwell, Graham,
Jones, Odell, Platt, Phillips, Walker, Warren,
Worham - 10.

Absent: Aldermen Anderson, Campbell, Cummings,
DeGress, Fisher, Metz, Schneider, Schuber, Townsend,
Wellmer - 10.

A quorum not being present, a motion was made and
adopted, Ordering a Call of the Council, and the Marshal
sent for the absentees.

Ald. Fisher & Townsend. Aldermen Fisher and Townsend came in.

The Call was, on motion, suspended.

Ald. Wellmer.

Alderman Wellmer came in.

Minutes.

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

A. H. & L. Co. #1

Alderman Graham presented a memorial from
A. Ziller, Foreman Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1
approved by members of the board of fire Commissioners
requesting permission of the City Council to allow the
Company to appoint a tillerman to be placed
on the roll of fire department employes, and with the
same amount of pay. Referred to Committee on
Fire Department.

Petition for policeman

Alderman Phillips presented a petition from
Citizens of the eighth ward asking that a policeman
be detailed for duty, from 3 o'clock p.m. to 3 o'clock
a.m. in that ward for general protection. Referred to
Committee on Police.

Ald. Cummings.

Alderman Cummings came in.

A. Krane.

The Mayor stated that he had remitted fine and
costs assessed against Arch Krane, for disturbing
the peace on the 20th of January, subject to the
approval of the Council. The Council agreed to
the remission.

W. Y. Leader.

The Mayor also stated to the Council that he had
remitted the fine and costs assessed against W.
Y. Leader for a disturbance of the peace, subject to
the consent of the Council. The Council concurred
in the action of the Mayor. These fines were
remitted because the disturbances were of a trivial

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nature.

Capital Rifle
Club

Alderman Brush presented a petition of from the officers of the Capital Club requesting that the Club be permitted to use their present range for rifle practice for a period of five or six months longer, and requested that Dr. Morse, president of the Club, be permitted to read the petition of the Council. No objection being raised, Dr. Morse came forward and read the petition. It recites, among other matters, that, to compel the Club to change its quarters at once, would necessitate much loss to the Club, and would prevent their practicing for the Contest which is soon to take place between the clubs of the State; that their targets will, if permission be extended, be so located that no danger will arise from the shooting; that their targets cannot be transferred to other grounds without totally destroying them, that they will need several months time in which to secure and fit up another range.

Treasurer's
Report.

The petition was referred to the Committee on police.

Report of City Treasurer for the month ending
January 31, 1887.

Balance on hand December 31	\$5498.99.
Received from Assessor and Collector on account of ad valorem tax	2502.52
On " " License "	925.00
" " " General fund	462.05
" " " Cemetery "	85.00
Received from State of Texas, third installment of school fund for fiscal year ending August 31, 1887	4113.50
	\$13587.06

Credits.

Cemetery fund, paid warrants	\$102.10.
General " " "	4782.38.
School fund paid Walter Tipton, Treasurer of School fund	4113.50.
	\$8997.98

Cash Balances January 31.

Cemetery fund	913.35
Back debt "	172.73
General "	3503.00
	\$13587.06

Unappropriated Balances.

Cemetery fund	\$27.37
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A. C.
Report

Referred to Committee on Finance and Revenue
Report of Assessor and Collector for
the quarter ending January 31, 1887.

Amount Collected, Viz:				
Ad Valorem taxes of 1886.				\$3,591.72
" " " " 1885.				317.76
" " " " 1883.				20.00
" " " " 1882				20.00
" " " " 1881				18.00
" " " " 1880				18.30
License taxes				2,394.50
Support of hospital				500.00
Fines of recorder's Court				1,575.00
Pound fees and Sales				56.50
Sale of Cemetery lots				387.50
Ground rents				107.00
Sale of City real estate				3,000.00
Sale of Revised Ordinances				1.25
Interest and Costs on redemptions				8.81
				<u>12,016.94</u>

Referred to Committee on Finance and Revenue.
Report of Assessor and Collector of
School taxes for the quarter ending January 31, 1887.

Amount Collected, Viz:				
Taxes of 1886				\$897.67
" " 1885				102.37
" " 1883				4.00
" " 1882				4.00
" " 1881				4.00
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City Marshal's
Report

The report of the City Marshal for the month ending
January 31, 1887, was presented and read, and
referred to the Committee on Police.

It shows that during the month named, fines and
Costs were assessed in the recorder's Court amounting
to \$1,473.80 and that \$505.95 was collected in Cash, the
remainder being accounted for by being worked out,
appealed and escaped.

Clerk's report

The City Clerk's Statement of warrants issued during the
month of January, 1887, was submitted. The amount
issued is fixed at \$3,367.89. Referred to Committee

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On finance and revenue.

City Physician's report The City Physician's report for the month of January was submitted and read and referred to the Committee on Hospital.

It shows:

Number of patients in hospital January 1,	11
" " " admitted during "	10
" " " discharged " "	7
" " " died " "	3
" " " remaining in Hospital Feb 1	11
" " prescriptions written during January	190
" " Visits made during "	145

One Case of Scarlet fever reported. The health of the City has been remarkably good.

Sexton's report. The City Sexton's report for the month of January was presented and read, and referred to the Committee on Cemetery. The report exhibits:

Total deaths	20
White	12
Colored	8
Male	12
Female	8

Driskill St. The City engineer reported on a petition of citizens of the Tenth Ward, asking that Driskill Street, from Red River Street to East Avenue, be opened. His report states that all property owners along the street that is desired opened, have agreed to remove their fences back to the proper line. No action was taken on the report.

E. Pecan St. gutters. The City engineer submitted a report on a resolution which was recently adopted by the Council to reconstruct the gutters on both sides of East Pecan Street, at the crossings of Brazos, San Jacinto and Trinity streets, which states that he has made an estimate of the cost of the work, placing the amount at about \$160, and that as there was no money appropriated to pay for the repairs, they have not been ordered made. No action was taken on the report.

Ald. Schneider Alderman Schneider came in.

Mrs L. J. Browne. The Committee on finance and revenue reported favorably on a petition from Mrs L. J. Browne, asking to be relieved from paying the taxes of 1886 on certain improvements on lot 7, block, division E, because

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Said improvements were destroyed by fire during the month of June last.

Alderman Platt moved to table the report, but was not seconded, and no further action on the report was had.

Marshal's
reports.

Alderman Schneider, for the Committee on police, submitted a report on the city Marshal's reports for the months of November and December, which states that the reports have been examined and found correct.

Lease 100 acres

Greenwood Cemetery

An Ordinance authorizing the mayor to lease 100 acres of the Greenwood Cemetery was taken up on its second reading and read. A motion was then made to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on its third reading which was lost by the following vote:

Yeas - Aldermen Caldwell, Cummings, Fisher, Graham, Odell, Phillips, Schneider, Townsends, Walker, Warren, Wellmer, Wartham - 12.

Platt - 3.

Nays - Aldermen Brush, Jones,

Order Creating Office

Sanitary Inspector

An Ordinance Creating the office of Sanitary Inspector of the City of Austin and prescribing the salary and duties of that officer, was taken up on its second reading and read, after which a motion that was made to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on its third reading, was rejected by the following vote:

Yeas - Aldermen Brush, Fisher, Graham, Odell, Phillips, Schneider, Townsends, Wellmer, Wartham - 9. Nays - Aldermen Caldwell, Cummings, Jones, Platt, Walker, Warren - 6.

Union Depot

Alderman Caldwell presented a resolution, which was unanimously adopted, granting to the Missouri Pacific and Houston & Texas Central railway Companies the use and occupation of Cypress, on Third Street, west of Congress Avenue, and between Congress Avenue and Colorado Street, or so much thereof as may be necessary, and requesting said Companies to erect a union passenger depot there, of such dimensions and such architectural design and construction as will

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supply the wants and comforts of the people of this City, and of the traveling public who come and go on said lines of railway.

The resolution provides that a copy of the same to be sent to S. H. Clark, Esq. general manager Missouri Pacific railroad, and to Messrs. Nelson S. Eaton, Charles Dillingham and James Rintoul, joint receivers of the Houston & Texas Central railroad Company.

Rifle Club. Alderman Brush moved to reconsider the vote by which a resolution was adopted, at the last meeting of the Council, revoking the permission heretofore granted by the City Council to the Capital Rifle Club to operate a shooting gallery or engage in target practice with rifles, within the corporate limits.

Alderman Graham moved to table the motion. Lost. Yeas, 6; nays, 9.

The question having recurred on the motion to reconsider the vote, it was put and carried by the following vote:

Yeas - Aldermen Brush, Caldwell, Cummings, Jones, Plath, Phillips, Schneider, Wellmer - 8.

Nays - Aldermen Fisher, Graham, Odell, Townsend, Walker, Warren, Wartham - 7.

Alderman Brush then offered a resolution as a substitute for the one revoking the Club's right to use the range, which grants the Club the privilege of continuing their practice at their range until the first day of May, 1887.

adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made and lost.

Rifle Club. Alderman Wartham then moved to amend the substitute offered by Alderman Brush by striking out "May" and inserting "April".

Alderman Brush moved to table the amendment. Lost. The question of adopting the amendment was then put, and carried by a vote of 8 to 6, and the resolution as amended was adopted.

St. Lamp. Alderman Jones introduced a resolution directing the Street Committee to place a street lamp on the west side of the bridge over Waller Creek at the Cypress Street Crossing. Adopted.

Sabine St. Alderman Phillips introduced a resolution

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providing that the City Marshal shall cause the fences, houses and all other obstructions on Sabine Street between 5th & 7th Streets, to be removed within ten days from the passage of this resolution.

Alderman Cummings moved to amend the resolution by adding "unless the persons owning or controlling the obstructions in said Street shall lease from the City of Austin that portion of said Street obstructed by them".

The amendment was accepted and the resolution as amended, was referred to the Committee on Streets, Alleys, bridges, etc.

Police badges. Alderman Phillips introduced a resolution directing the City Marshal to require all policemen, while on duty, to wear their uniforms, and to have police badges placed upon the left breast of their outside Coats; also to require them, while off duty, to remove said badges or wear them only upon the inside of their Coats or Vests. Adopted.

City Engineer. Alderman Platt offered a resolution removing the City Engineer from office for alleged neglect of duty, and for refusing to comply with instructions given him by the Council.

The resolution was referred to a Special Committee of three aldermen, with instructions to thoroughly investigate the charges contained therein, and to report the result of the investigation to the next regular meeting of the City Council. The Chair appointed Aldermen Fisher, Wartham, and Walker as such Committee.

Ald. Schneider. Alderman Schneider was excused.

Driskill alley. Alderman Fisher introduced an Ordinance appropriating \$25 for the purpose of repairing the alley between Congress Avenue and Brazos St. at its intersection with the north side of Beam Street. Referred to Committee on streets, alleys, etc.

Foot Ball. Alderman Brush presented an Ordinance prohibiting the playing of foot ball on the public streets of the City of Austin. Referred to Committee on streets, alleys, etc.

Bridge. Alderman Brush also offered an Ordinance appropriating three hundred and forty-four dollars to build an arch bridge over Little Shoal Creek,

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at the Crossings of West 11th street. Also referred to Committee on streets, alleys, etc.

J. H. Raymond

Alderman Fisher moved to refer the Complaint made by J. H. Raymond, regarding the manner of working West Pecan street, adjacent to his property, to the Committee on streets, alleys, etc.

The motion was adopted. No written Complaint was filed.

On motion, the Council adjourned.

Milton Morris,
City Clerk.