A Regular Meeting of the City Council

Austin Tex., April 4, 1887.

Hon. J.D. Robertson, Mayor, presiding.


Minutes. The minutes of the last meeting of the City Council were on motion, adopted as printed.

Report of City Officers for the Month of March.

Treasurer's Report:

Receipts:

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<td>Balance on hand July 25</td>
<td>$13,740.68</td>
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<td>Received from Assessor and Collector</td>
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<td>Ape Advance Tax</td>
<td>$15,573.09</td>
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<td>&quot; License&quot;</td>
<td>329.85</td>
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<td>&quot; General Fund&quot;</td>
<td>453.10</td>
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<td>$19,456.65</td>
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Disbursements:

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<td>Cemetery fund, paid warrants</td>
<td>$55.35</td>
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<td>General</td>
<td>14.89</td>
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<td>Interest &quot; Paid coupons due Jan 1, 1887, Exempt bonds&quot;</td>
<td>125.00</td>
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<td>$150.81</td>
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Cash balance, March 31:

- Cemetery fund: 906.65
- Back debt: 172.73
- Interest: 25.00
- General: 13,930.29
- Total: $30,116.65

Unappropriated balance: $20.67.

Reported to Committee on Finance and revenue.

Marshal's Report.

Total amount of fines and costs assessed in Recorder's Court: $1,200.45
Collected in cash: 368.35
Marked out: 825.58
Back fines collected in cash: 18.95
Receipts from City Pound: 7.00
Total number of arrests: 89

Reported to Committee on Police.
Physicians' Report.

Number of patients in hospital March 1
" 11
" " Admitted during "
" 11
" " Discharged "
" 4
" " Remaining in hospital April 1
" 11
" " Died during March
" 5
" " Visits Made "
" 178
" " Prescriptions Written
" 205
" " Cases of Scarlet fever reported (no deaths)
" 11

Health of city moderately good

Departments

Deaths 22.
White 13.
Colored 9.
Mexican 1.
Male 14.
Female 8.

Clerk's Report.

Total amount of warrants issued $17,634.42
A communication from William Atwood, in regard to
opening river west for public use, was read and referred

to the street committee.

W. H. Smith A petition from W. H. Smith, requesting the Council to have
the street in front of his house so placed that the
mouth of water now there will be drained, was read
and on motion the City Engineer was directed to make
the required change on April 5, 1887.

Thomas Alderman Platt introduced a petition from citizens
of Austin, protesting against the use of $1000 for
the purpose of opening East San Marcos street,
and requesting that the same be used to improve

streets in the Ninth Ward. Referred to the

Street Committee.

Alderman Graham introduced a resolution from
the board of fire commissioners, which was adopted
by them, calling attention of the Council to

violations of the ordinances regulating the
erection of wooden buildings in the fire limits,
without first obtaining a permit to do so, and

stating that they would not grant another permit for.
Such buildings to remain.

Alderman Graham also offered a communication from the recorder of Austin fire department, stating that the board of fire commissioners had by a unanimous vote, granted permission to A. Van Patten to erect a frame building in block 61. Also, permission was granted to Lewis Hanceck to erect a cistern-house on lot 10, block 70.

Alderman Fisher came in. A. Van Patten and Lewis Hanceck, for consent of the council, to the erection of the buildings named, was read and on motion to grant permission, the same was denied. Yes, 13; No, 2.

Alderman Graham also presented a resolution, fire alarm from the board of fire commissioners, which was adopted by them, requesting the city council to provide a system of electric fire alarm at the earliest practicable moment, and to at once purchase fire alarm bell, said over.

The resignation of Alderman DeGress was tendered and accepted.

Alderman Phillips offered a resolution, which was adopted providing for an election on the fifteenth day of April to fill the vacancy.

Alderman Cummings of the sanitary committee presented a favorable report on the petition of Rhodes Fisher, for permission to lay a pipe to the Colorado street gutter, provided no water liable to be some offensive is allowed to pass through the same.

Alderman Fisher, of the same committee, adverse on the petition, and opposed the emptying of bath and kitchen slop water in the gutter on Colorado street, on an about Creek. On motion, consideration of the report was postponed until the next meeting of the council.

The committee on sanitation and sewers also reported on "An Ordinance to appropriate $500 for the purpose of putting a dam in the Colorado river," and recommended for immediate
relief that the sewers now emptying into the river on the north side be required to be extended into the current not less distance than the center of the same. The subject was referred to a Special Committee of five Aldermen.

An Ordinance prohibiting the use of hanging signs and providing for the removal of the same was taken up on its second reading and read.

Alderman Bruch moved to amend Section 1 by inserting "and to these signs which are hanging lengthwise and parallel with the street." No objection being made, the amendment was inserted. The effect of the amendment will be to exempt the signs named from disturbance.

Alderman Anderson presented a numerously signed protest from business men on Congress Avenue and East Ocean street against the passage of the Ordinance.

Alderman Witheram moved to amend the Ordinance by striking out the caption. The motion was lost by the following vote:


Alderman Anderson moved a call of the Ameid Council.

The motion was made to adjourn. Lost: Yes—

Alderman Schneider moved to suspend the call. Adopted. Alderman Cummings moved to adjourn-closed. Alderman Anderson made the point of Order that a two-thirds vote of the Council was necessary to suspend the call of the Ameid Council. Alderman Phillips made the point of Order that a majority vote of the Council was sufficient to suspend the call—sustained.

Alderman Witheram moved to amend the
the ordinance by adding a provision that signs now hanging shall be removed until condemned as unsafe by the City Marshal.

Alderman Brush moved to table the amendment. Carried.


Nays—Alderman Andersen, Campbell, Cumming, Graham, Schneider, Schuler, Washam, 7.

Alderman Fisher was excused.

Alderman Walker introduced an ordinance appropriating $1,478.72 for the purpose of paying approved accounts. The ordinance was read first time, after which motions were made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second and third readings, and that it do now pass, all of which were adopted by the following vote: Yeas—Alderman Andersen, Brush, Campbell, Cumming, Graham, Jones, Metz, Platt, Phillips, Schneider, Schuler, Walker, Wilmot, Warthen, 14.

Mrs. J. W. Alderman Cumming presented a resolution, which was adopted, instructing the finance Committee and assessment collector to investigate an alleged mistake made by Mrs. J. W. Bacest, in rendering her property for taxation.

Alderman Graham presented an ordinance appropriating the sum of $100 for the purpose of purchase of a bell for the use of the firemen. The ordinance was read first time, after which a motion was made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second reading, which was adopted by the following vote: Yeas—Alderman Andersen, Brush, Campbell, Cumming, Graham, Jones, Metz, Platt, Phillips, Schneider, Schuler, Walker, Wilmot, Warthen, 14.

The ordinance was read a second time after which Alderman Campbell, after which Alderman Campbell, moved to amend by providing that the money be appropriated out of the 1000 recently appropriated to open East Dan Marcus Street.

Alderman Schuler moved to table the amendment. Adopted. Motions were then made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its third reading; and that it do now pass, both of which was adopted by the following vote: Yeas—Alderman Andersen, Brush, Campbell, Cumming,
April 5, 1887.


Alderman Graham presented a resolution providing for the erection of a gas lamp and hydrant at the corner of 25th and Rio Islands Street. Referred to Committee on Water and Gas.

Adjourned. On motion, the Council adjourned.

Milton Morris
City Clerk.