Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council.

Austin, Tex., May 2, 1887.

Hon. J. W. Robertson, mayor, presiding.


Absent—All (Caldwell, Campbell, Cunningham, Reilley.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting of the City Council were adopted as printed.

Capital Judge Alderman Anderson introduced a communication from the Capital Gaslight Company, stating that the company could not furnish lights to the city as cheap as it had been doing. Referred to Water and Gas Committee.

Alderman Walker presented a petition from citizens of the Fifth Ward calling attention of the Council to the sanitary condition and requesting that steps be taken to improve the same. Referred to Committee on Sanitation & Sewers.

Report of City Officers for the month of April

Treasurer's Report.

Receipts:
Balance on hand March 31, $15,034.67.
Paid from Assessor & Collector:
Ad valorem tax, $9,119.53.
Licenses, $432.66.
General Fund, $499.30.
Cemetery Fund, $22,026.66.

Disbursements:
Cemetery Fund, paid Warrants, $42,357.30.
General Fund, $18,73.72.
Cash balances, April 1:
Cemetery Fund, $873.50.
Receipts: $172.73.
Interest on General Fund, $25.00.
Unappropriated balances:
Cemetery Fund, $20.32.
Reported to Committee on finance and revenue.

Assessor's Report for quarter ending April 30, 1887:

Amounts Collected, viz:

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Total: $40,713.98

License Taxes: 1,263.54

Support of Hospital: 500.00

Fines and Costs of Red Court: 1,318.10

Bond Fees and Sales: 7.00

Ground Rents: 84.00

Sale of Cemetery Lots: 98.00

Sale of Rev. Ordinances: 1.25

Total received, per treasurer's receipt No. 48,784, $40,713.98.

Report of School Taxes Collected and Deposited for quarter ending April 30, 1887:

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Total: 9,664.22

Clone's Report:

Total amount of warrants issued during April, 1887... $5,101.11

Marshall's Report:

Total amount of fines and costs assessed in recorder's court: $1,020.45

Collected in cash: 327.50

Warranted out: 692.95

Total number of arrests: 52

Referred to Committee on Police:

Physicians' Report:

Number of patients in hospital April 1:

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" " admitted to " during " 17

" " discharged from " " 8

" " died " " 4

" " remaining in " May 1 13

" " Visits made during April 147

" " prescriptions written " 157

" " cases of druggist's error reported in April 3

Report of city elections: Good.
Sexton's Report.

Deaths: 23

White: 25

Colored: 10

Male: 19

Female: 16.

J. Maddox: The Mayor asked the consent of the Council to the penalties of balance of fines and costs assessed in Recorder's Court against J. W. Maddox, Fred Reeves, and A. A. Anderson, the latter on condition that he repairs from further violations of law. The Council concurred in the penalties.

J. Cummings: Alderman Cummings came in.

J. O. Jones submitted a proposal or bid from J. O. Jones to keep the city clock in repair one year for $70, and moved that the contract be awarded to him. Adopted.

A. Anderson: Alderman Anderson, for Committee on Water & Gas, reported favorably on a resolution to locate gas lamp and water hydrant at the corner of 21st Street and Twenty-first streets. The report recommends that the street lamp at the corner of 21st and Colorado streets be discontinued, and a lamp instead be located as per the resolution, and that a new hydrant be purchased from the City Water Company and located at the point named in the resolution, the City Water Company having agreed to charge no rental for the same. The report was adopted.

A. Brush: Alderman Brush presented a request for assistance, which was had from Mrs. Lizzie Reeves. A motion was made and adopted, requiring the City Physician to immediately visit the family, and if she deems it necessary to send them to the hospital until well.

A. Metz: Alderman Metz came in.

The Sanitary Inspector presented a report in regard to the two additional scavenger cars, and requested that a small additional sum be appropriated for that purpose. Said over.

A. Cummings: Alderman Cummings introduced a resolution.
which was adopted, providing, per donating about
seven acres of land adjacent to Fairview Park,
and which is owned by the city, to the Typographical
Union of the United States, for the purpose
of erecting there on the proposed home for
indigent and disabled printers.

Alderman Marthan offered an ordinance fixing
the per centum of ad valorem tax on real
and personal property in the city of Austin for
general purposes, and providing for levying and
collecting same, for the year 1887.
The ordinance was first read, 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:

Yes—Ad Alexander, Anderson,

Marthan—14.

Alderman Marthan also presented an ordinance
fixing and levying an ad valorem tax of one third
of one per centum, real and personal, within the city
of Austin, made taxable for State and County purposes
for the year A.D. 1887, for the support of the
public schools of said City. 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 rejected by the

following vote:

Yes—Ad Alexander, Anderson,
Brush, Cummings, Graham, Jones, Metz, Platt, Phillips, Townsend, Walker, Warren; Marthan—

May—Ad Platt and Schuler—2.
The Ordinance was then referred to the
Committee on Finance and Revenue.
The special Committee on Sanitation submitted
reports in substance as follows:

That the sanitary inspector
be directed to employ Worthington and at once
repair the gutters on both sides of Congress.
April 15th

One motion was made that the County Judge favor changing the current of the river as proposed, and will endeavor to secure the cooperation of the County Commissioners in making the improvements and pending the action of the Commissioners, the Committee asked further time. Further time was allowed.

Cemeteries

The Committee also requested further time in which to collect information regarding the establishment of a Cemeteries to dispose of animals dying in the City. Further time was granted.

Reward

The Committee also submitted an unfavorable report on a resolution offering a reward of $10 for the arrest and conviction of any person depositing the carcass of a dead animal or offensive matter above the surface of the ground or in the bed of the river. The report was adopted.

Month of Sewers

The Committee reported in regard to the condition of the month of the sewers, and stated that they had been upon the ground and had made a careful and thorough examination of the river at that point, and found nothing offensive or liable to become so, and was convinced that the contemplated extension of the sewers into the rapid current was impracticable and unnecessary.

A motion was made to postpone action on the report until the next meeting of the Council. The vote on the question stood 7 to 1, and the chair voted yes, thereby adopting the motion to postpone.

Hanging signs

Alderman Warthan moved a reconsideration of the vote, by which "An Ordinance prohibiting the use of hanging signs, and providing for a removal of the same," was passed at the last meeting of the Council. Alderman Brush moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table. Lost: Ald. Brush, Jane, Metz, Pelt, Townsend, Walker, Warren.


The motion to reconsider then prevailed - Year: Ald. Alexander, Anderson, Cummings, Graham, Phillips, Schuber and Warthan - 7. May - Ald. Brush, Jane...
Mtgj. Platt, Townsend, Walker, and Warren- 7. the chair
Voting Yea.

Alderman Wortham then moved to refer the
Ordinance to a special committee of five Aldermen.
Alderman Brush moved to lay the motion to refer
on the table. Carried. Refes. 6, May 7.

Rhodes Fisher Action on the report from the Committee
in regard to Rhodes Fisher being permitted to run
water from his premises, either into Colorado Street
gutter or Little Shade Creek, was postponed.

Aldermen Phillips and Graham of the street Committee,
submitted a report on "an Ordinance amending
Article 1, Section 1 of an Ordinance making
appropriations out of the general fund for public
improvements", and recommended that the Ordinance
be substituted by "an Ordinance appropriating $650 for
improvement of streets in the Eighth Ward"

Alderman Seawell moved to lay the report and
substitute on the table. Lost. Yea, 7; Nays, 7, the
Chair Voting Nay.

The motion to adopt the substitute and report then
prevailed. Yea, 7; Nays, 7, the Chair Voting Yea.

Alderman Wortham introduced an Ordinance appropriating
the sum $650.35 for the purpose of paying approved accounts.
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 a unanimous vote of the 14 aldermen
present.

Alderman Wortham moved to amend Section One
by adding $50 to finish paving for the two additional
streetcar lots and change, etc., for the same. Adopted.
Alderman Warren then moved to amend Section One
by adding $660 for the purpose of paving a gate
and interest due to Mr. Frank Hamilton, June 7, 1878.
for a part of block 37, in Division 6, which was
purchased for the use of the fire department. Carried.
The caption of the Ordinance was then changed
do as to conform to the amendments, after
which motions were made to suspend the
rules and place the Ordinance on its third reading.
and that the ordinances do now pass, both of which were adopted by the following vote: Yeas—Ald. Alexander, Anderson, Brush, Cummings, Graham, Jones, Metz, Platt, Phillips, Schuler, Townsend, Walker, Warren, Wortham-14.

Walter Warren introduced an ordinance amending “An ordinance ordering the city Water Company, to extend mains and locate hydrants therein,” passed March 16, 1886. The ordinance was read first time, after which a motion was made to suspend rules and place the ordinance on its second reading, which was rejected by the following vote: Yeas—Ald. Alexander, Anderson, Cummings, Graham, Jones, Metz, Platt, Phillips, Schuler, Townsend, Walker, Warren, Wortham-12. Nays—Alderman Bush.

Alderman Platt was excused.

Alderman Anderson also offered a resolution, which was adopted, authorizing the committee on water to correspond with different electric light companies with a view to lighting the city with electric lights.

Alderman Bush introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, That the City Attorney be and he is hereby instructed, to report to the Council at the next regular meeting, the condition of suits for the recovery of unpaid taxes.

Alderman Anderson presented a resolution, which was tabled, providing for a special committee of three to investigate the charges made against the city, marshaled for allowing merchants to keep goods on the sidewalks contrary to the ordinances of the city.

On motion, the Council then adjourned.

Milton Morris
City Clerk.