Minutes of a Called Meeting of the City Council

Austin, Tex., May 18, 1887.

Hon. J.W. Robertson, Mayor, presiding.

Roll


The following was read:

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Hon. J.W. Robertson, Mayor of the City of Austin:

Sir- The undersigned members of the City Council respectfully request you to Call a special meeting of the City Council to Consider the question of bidding for the establishment of the Printer's Lodge of the Typographical Union in the City of Austin, tonight, and such other business as you may see proper to bring before said meeting. J. Cummings, J. Graham, W. B. Wortham, F. E. Jones Gentlemen of the City Council:

Pursuant to the above request, I hereby Call a special meeting of the City Council for 8:30 p.m. May 18, 1887.

J.W. Robertson; Mayor.

Aldermen Brush and Anderson were excused.

Pending the main subject, Alderman Wortham introduced a resolution, which was adopted, providing for the appointment of a Special Committee of five Aldermen to Visit 10-Mile at their own expense for the purpose of examining the Jenny System of Electric Street Lighting, said to be unsuccessful operation there.

Alderman Townsend came in.

Alderman Jones called up a resolution providing for purchase of hose cart for use of Colorado No. 2. The resolution was read, and on motion adopted.

Alderman Platt came in.

All Plat: An Ordinance amending Section 3 of an
right of way. Ordinance) entitled "An Ordinance granting right of way to the Austin & Northwestern Railroad Company," approved November 26, 1881, was then taken up for its second reading, together with a favorable committee report on the same.

The report and ordinance were read, after which a motion was made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its third reading, which was rejected by the following vote: Yeas—Aldermen Alexander, Caldwell, Campbell, Cummings, Graham, Jones, Phillips, Schneider, Schenck, Townsend, Walker, Wuthnow-12; Nays—Alderman Platt and Warren.

Alderman Fischer was excused from voting. On the question, being in the employ of the road, The ordinance seeks to repeal that portion of the ordinance granting the right of way, which includes San Marcos street for the distance of one hundred feet north from Cedar street.

Alderman Phillips introduced the following resolution: Be it resolved, etc., "That the resolution providing for donating land for Printer's Row, be amended by adding to Section 2 the following words: Provided, nevertheless that this resolution shall be null and void unless permanent improvements shall be commenced within two years from its passage." The resolution was adopted.

The mayor asked for a week's leave of absence, from May 31 next. Granted.

A motion was made to adjourn, but was defeated—yeas, 7; Nays, 8. Alderman Metz came in.

Alderman Alexander called up an ordinance appropriating $650 for improvement of streets in the Eighth Ward.

The ordinance was read a second time, after which Alderman Platt moved to lay the ordinance on the table. The vote on the motion stood 5 to 5, and the chair
Voted no, thereby rejecting the motion.

A motion was then made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its third reading, which was defeated by the following vote: Yeas - Alderman Alexander, Cummings, Graham, Jones, Phillips, Townsend, Walker, Warren. Nays - Alderman Caldwell, Campbell, Metz, Platt, Schaefer, Schuber and Warren - 8.

The motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its third reading, which was adopted by the following vote:


In motion the ordinance passed.

On motion, the Council then adjourned.

Melton Morris

City Clerk.