Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council
Austin, Nov. 7, 1887
Hon. J.W. Robertson, Mayor, presiding.

Roll


Call

Absent: Aldermen Anderson, Brush, Caldwell, James, Townsend, Wellman - 6.

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Council were amended in the second column, thirty-first line, by inserting the words "repealing an Ordinance before the words "Providing."

They were then adopted.

Alderman Townsend Cameron.

Reports of City Officers.

Treasurer: Report of City Treasurer for the month ending Sept. 30, 1887.

Balance on hand October 1.

Received from Assessor-Collector:

Ad Valorem Tax

License"

Miscellaneous:

City Cemetery

Greenwood"

$4.637.38

Disbursements:

City Cemetery, paid warrants $57.12

General Fund " " 461.85 - 461.97.

Cash Balance: September 30:

City Cemetery $325.43

Greenwood Cemetery 1460.00

Back Debt Fund 172.73

Interest " 2.50

General 3265.10 = 57148.26

$ 9,790.23

Unappropriated Balance:

Greenwood Cemetery $1460.00

Referred to Finance Committee.
Clerk.

Report of warrants issued by City Clerk during the quarter ending October 31, 1887.
Amount issued $19,442.28.


Marshal's report for the month of Oct. 1887.
Total amount of fines and costs assessed in Recorder's Court $6,526.05.
Cash Collected $6,255.00.
Warrant out 186.65.
Carried over 91.35.
Escaped 49.25.
Turned over to David County $1,90 - $6,355.00.
Fines and Costs of City pounds and har
Fines collected in Cash $116.95.
Total number of arrests made during the month 71.
Referred to Police Committee.
Total number of deaths 10.

White 13.
Colored 3.
Male 10.
Female 5.

Physician.

Patients in hospital Oct. 1 7.
Patients admitted to hospital during Oct. 6.
Patients discharged from " 8.
Patients remaining in " Nov. 1, 1887. 7.
No deaths.
Visits made 105.
Prescriptions written 123.
No Case of Scarlet fever or diphtheria reported.
Deaths reported in the City during Oct. 20.
The health of the City still continues exceptionally good.

The committee on police submitted reports on the city.
Marshall's reports for the months of August and September, stating they had examined them and found them correct. No action was taken on the reports.

City Police.
The committee on hospital reported adversely.
On "An Ordinance repealing Article 239.
Chapter 9, title 5, of the Revised Civil
Ordinance of the City of Austin" and
Also on "An Ordinance amending article 10,
Chapter 6, title 5, of the Revised Civil Ordinances of the City of Austin. The former Ordinance seeks to abolish the office of resident physician of the city and county hospital on and after the first Monday in December, 1886, and the latter requires the City physician to see that all provisions of the Ordinances of the City, relative to public health, are strictly complied with; but these words are to be eliminated from the article: "and to this end he shall have power, concurrent with the city marshal, to see that the health inspectors and policemen perform their duty faithfully—by ascertaining and making complaint against the authors of all nuisances." The amendment also requires the City physician to superintend the City hospital and give necessary attention to all patients; The shall visit the City prisoners when sick, and take charge of all cases of disease or injury certified to him by the mayor as requiring his professional attention. The objections to the Ordinances raised by the hospital Committee are as follows: First, (Because the salary of the City physician, now limited by the charter to $600, cannot be increased, and the additional labor imposed on him by the repeal of Article 231, and the amending of Article 190, would be more, than could properly be performed by one man; "Your Committee find that the salary of the City physician in other Cities of Texas, as San Antonio, Houston and Dallas, is much higher than ours."

Second: The City has a yearly Contract with Travis County, based upon the present Ordinance (231) providing for a resident physician at the City and County hospital, that paying $2,000 for their half of the annual expenses. This contract does not terminate till May 1, 1888, and not then except by notification. 
The report and Ordinances were laid over to be taken up as unfinished business.

The City Clerk was granted leave of absence for one day during the present week.

Alderman Rush and Wellman Came in.

An Ordinance apportioning the sum of $300 for the purpose of fencing and putting up gates in the Peace Park, was taken up on its third reading and read and, by unanimous consent indefinitely postponed.

Alderman Caldwell Amended.

An Ordinance repealing an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance providing for the establishment of a new Cemetery, and providing for the purchase of land therefor and making an appropriation to carry the same into effect" approved July 1, 1886, and an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance amending Section 8 of said Ordinance approved April 23, 1889, was taken up on its third reading and read, and a motion was made that the Ordinance do now pass, which was lost by the following vote:


The Ordinances above referred to relative to the abolition of the office of Resident Physician of the City and County Hospital, and increasing and defining duties of the City Physician were taken up on their second readings and, on motion of Alderman Fisher, indefinitely postponed.

The Evening: Alderman Fisher offered a resolution, which was
Adopted, instructing the City Engineer to make plans for and an estimate of the cost of substituting stone crossings on Congress Avenue on both sides of each Cross Street from Pine to Mulberry, Twelfth Street inclusive and on Fourteenth Street on both sides of each Cross Street from Guadalupe to Red River Street inclusive. The plans and estimates to be presented to the Council at its next regular meeting.

Alderman Odell presented an Ordinance appropriating the sum of $1367.73 for the purpose of paying approved accounts.

It was then after which motions were made to suspend the rules and place it on its second and third readings and that it do pass all of which were adopted by the following Vote:


Alderman Alexander introduced an Ordinance amending Article 97, reducing salary of the City Attorney to not more than $1000 and fees, etc.

Alderman Platt, laid on the table.

Alderman Campbell introduced "An Ordinance to Compel the Attendance of Members at Meetings of the City Council." The Ordinance was read and referred to the Ordinance Committee.

The Council then adjourned.

Milton W. Morris
City Clerk.