

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council.

Austin, Nov. 7, 1887.

Hon. J. W. Robertson, Mayor presiding.

Roll

Roll Call: Present Aldermen Alexander, Campbell, Cummings, Fisher, Graham, Metz, Odell, Platt, Phillips, Schneider, Schuber, Walker, Warren, Warrham - 14.

Call

Absent - Aldermen Anderson, Brush, Caldwell, Jones, Townsend, Wellmer - 6.

Minutes -

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Council were amended in the second Column, thirtieth line by inserting the words "repealing an Ordinance" before the words "providing". They were then adopted.

Ald. Townsend

Alderman Townsend Came in.

Treas.

Reports of City Officers.

Report of City Treasurer for the month ending Sept. 30-87.

Balance on hand October 1.

\$4,637.38

Received from Assessor & Collector:

Ad Valorem Tax

\$1,449.56

License "

1,847.84

Miscellaneous

670.45

City Cemetery

5.00

Greenwood "

1,180.00 - 5,152.85

9,790.23

Disbursements

City Cemetery, paid Warrants \$530.12

General Fund

" "

4,091.85 - 4,611.97.

Cash Balances September 30:

City Cemetery

\$225.43

Greenwood Cemetery

1,460.00

Back debt Fund

172.73

Interest "

25.00

General "

3,265.10

5,148.26
\$ 9,790.23

Unappropriated Balance:

Greenwood Cemetery

\$1,460.00

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

Marshals Report for the month of Oct 1887.
Total amount of fines and costs assessed in recorder's Court \$636.05

Cash Collected \$285.00

Worked out 186.65

Carried over 92.35

Escaped 49.25

Turned over to Travis County 21.90 - \$635.00

Fees and Sales of City pound and back
fines collected in Cash \$116.75

Total number of arrests made during the month 71.

Referred to Police Committee

Report of City Sexton for month of Oct 1887.

Total number of deaths 15.

White 12.

Colored 3.

Male 10.

Female 5.

Physician.

Report of City Physician for month of Oct. 1887.

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.

Police Committee.

The Committee on Police submitted reports on the City Marshal'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.

Hospital Committee.

The Committee on hospital reported adversely on "An Ordinance repealing Article 237, Chapter 9, title 5, of the Revised Civil Ordinances of the City of Austin" and also on "An Ordinance amending Article 190,

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 second 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 in 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; He 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, they 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.

(Signed)

J. Warren,
 J. J. Campbell,
 J. Schubert,
 Hospital Committee.

The report and Ordinances were laid over to be taken up as unfinished business.

Clerk.

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

Ald. Brush & Wellmer

Aldermen Brush and Wellmer came in.

Please Park.

An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$200 for the purpose of fencing and putting in gates in the Please Park, was taken up on its third reading and read and, by a unanimous consent indefinitely postponed.

Ald. Caldwell

Alderman Caldwell came in.

Greenwood Cemetery.

An Ordinance repealing an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance providing for the establishment of a new Cemetery, and providing for and purchase of land therefor and making an appropriation to carry the same into effect," approved July 27, 1886, and an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance amending Section 8 of said Ordinance," approved April 22, 1887, 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:

Yeas - Alderman Alexander, Brush, Campbell, Fisher, Metz, Platt, Phillips, Schneider, Townsend - 9.

Nays - Aldermen Caldwell, Cummings, Graham, Odell, Schubert, Walker, Warren, Wellmer, Northam, Mayor - 10.

Res. Phys.

City Phys.

The Ordinances above referred to relative to the abolishment 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 reading, and, on motion of Alderman Fisher, indefinitely postponed.

Street Crossings.

Alderman Fisher offered a resolution which was

Adopted, instructing the City Engineer to make plans for and an estimate of the cost of Substantial Stone Crossings on Congress Avenue on both sides of each Cross Street from Pine to Mulberry or Eleventh Street, inclusive and on Swan 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.

Approved
Accts.

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

It was read, 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:

Ayes - Aldermen Alexander, Brush, Campbell, Cummings, Fisher, Graham, Metz, Odell, Platt, Phillips, Schubert, Townsend, Walker, Warren, Wellmer, Wortham - 16.

City Atty.

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

Aldermen

The Ordinance was read, and a motion of 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 Morris
City Clerk.