Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council

Austin, Dec. 19, 1887.

Hon. Joseph Malle, Mayor, presiding.


Call. Absent—Aldermen Caldwell, Beddross, Graham, Metz, Pillow, Schneider, Townsend, Wortham—8.

Minutes. Alderman Phillips moved that the reading of the minutes of the last meeting be postponed until the next regular meeting. Adopted.

Alderman Alderman Pillow and Beddross entered and answered to their names.

Recess. On motion, the Council took a recess until 8 o'clock called to. Eight o'clock p.m.—The Mayor called the Council to order and directed that the roll be called again.

Which was done and showed the following: Present—Alderman Assmann, Beland, Brush, Caldwell, Campbell, Beddross, Fisher, Graham, Haiger, Jones, Linn, Odell, Pillow, Platt, Phillips, Townsend, Wilson, Wortham—18.

Absent—Aldermen Metz and Schneider—2.

The Mayor presented the official bonds of officers: Fred L. Deringer, assessors and collector, J. S. Myrick, treasurer; J. E. Loy, city marshal; A. M. Mathews, city engineer; J. R. Hamilton, recorder, and Milton Morris, city clerk, and read the names of their duties. On motion, they were referred to the city attorney and, if found correct, ordered approved.

Alderman Schneider came in. Alderman Brush introduced a resolution which was adopted: "That ex-major Robertson be asked to present to the city council a photograph of himself, as has been customary with all other ex-mayors, to be hung on the wall in the city hall."

The mayor announced the standing committee.

By request, Alderman Fisher was excused from serving on the cemetery committee.
Alderman Jones moved to proceed with the election of officers created by Ordinance. Adopted.

On motion of Alderman Platt, three tellers were appointed as follows: Alderman Lim, Brush, and Adell.

Alderman Metz entered and answered to his name.

The mayor then stated nominations for City Sexton were in order.

Alderman Adell nominated C. L. Kitscheke.

Alderman Pillow nominated D. C. Sandel.

There being no other nominations, the mayor directed that ballots be prepared, which was properly done and duly canvassed by the tellers, and the result announced by them as follows: C. L. Kitscheke, 10; D. C. Sandel, 10 votes.

The mayor then stated neither of the candidates having received a majority of all the votes cast, the ballots be prepared, which was done, and duly canvassed, resulting as follows: C. L. Kitscheke, 7; D. C. Sandel, 3 votes.

The mayor then said D. C. Sandel, having received a majority of all the votes cast, he declared him duly elected City Sexton for the ensuing term of two years.

The mayor stated the next election in order was that of Sergeant of Police. The marshal not being ready with his recommendations, and there being no objection, the election was postponed.

The mayor then said the next business in order was the election of a porter for the city hall.

The mayor was, at his request, and on motion of Alderman Oldwell, allowed to name the man for that position. He nominated George Washington, and, on motion of Alderman Pillow, the city clerk was instructed to cast the twenty votes of the Council for George Washington. The mayor announced that the next business in order was the
election of a resident physician of the hospital.

All the names were read, and the following nominations were made:

Allison, nominated Dr. Frank McLaughlin.
Allison, nominated Dr. H. B. Stiles.
Allison, Townsend nominated Dr. Justin Duffu.

There being no other nominations, the Mayor directed that ballots be prepared which was duly done, resulting as follows: Dr. Frank McLaughlin, 1; Dr. A. B. Stiles, 1; Dr. Justin Duffu, 2 Votes.

The mayor then said: "I, Frank McLaughlin, having received a majority of all the votes cast, I declare him duly elected resident physician of the hospital for the ensuing term of two years. The next business in order, as stated by the Mayor, being that of the election of motion of the hospital, Alderman Fisher moved that Mrs. Allie Wright be elected by acclamation. A motion was made to amend the motion made by Alderman Fisher by directing the City Clerk to cast the twenty votes of the Council for Mrs. Allie Wright. The amendment was accepted, and the motion, as amended, carried. The twenty votes were then cast for Mrs. Allie Wright. The Mayor stated the next business in order was the election of a sanitarian inspector.

Allison, nominated Dr. W. Johnson.

There being no other nominations, the Mayor directed that ballots be prepared, which was done, and duly canvassed, and resulted as follows: Dr. W. Johnson, 14; J. W. LaRue, 6.

The mayor then said: "I, W. Johnson, having received a majority of all the votes cast, do declare him elected sanitarian inspector." Alderman BeGrest introduced the following which was adopted:

"Resolved, That the Mayor appoint a committee of five, and the city attorney be requested to act with said Committee, to examine the ordinances of the city, and where they
are found to be in conflict with with the City Charter, present an ordinance
repealing the same; and further, to
present such other matters for the
consideration of the City Council as may
seem to them for the best interests
of the city.

Resolved, That this Committee make their
report at the next regular meeting of the
Council.

Alderman Fillaw offered an ordinance
creating the office of Street Commissioner of
the City of Austin, and prescribing the
salary and duties of that officer.
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:

Yea—Aldermen Assmann, Baland
Brush, Cardwell, DeGress, Graham,
Haigler, Jones, Odell, Pillow, Platt, Phillips,
Wilson and Northam—14.

Nays—Aldermen Campbell, Fisher, Linn,
Metz, Schneider, Townsend—6.
The ordinance was then read a second
time, after which a motion was made to
suspend the rules and place the ordinance
on its third reading, which was adopted
by the following vote:

Yea—Aldermen Assmann,
Baland, Brush, Cardwell, DeGress, Fisher,
Graham, Haigler, Jones, Linn, Metz,
Odell, Pillow, Platt, Phillips, Townsend,
Wilson, Northam—18.

Nays—Aldermen Campbell and Schneider—2
The ordinance was then read a third time
and, on motion, passed.
The Mayor then stated that nominations
for Street Commissioner were in order
and nominated Ed Creasy for that office.
Alderman Fisher nominated F. B. Jones.
The Mayor then declared the name of F. E. Jones withdrawn. Alderman Wartham, by authority, then nominated F. E. Jones. Alderman Caldwell explained that there was a misunderstanding which caused him to withdraw the name of F. E. Jones.

There being no other nominations, the Mayor requested that ballots be prepared, which was done, resulting as follows: Ed Creary 11; F. E. Jones 9 votes. The Mayor then announced that Ed Creary, having received a majority of all the votes cast, be declared him elected Street Commissioner for the ensuing term of two years.

In motion, the Council then adjourned.

Milton Morris
City Clerk.