The Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council

Austin, Tex., October 1, 1888.

Hon. Joseph Nalle, Mayor, presiding.

Roll Call. Roll Call. Present, Aldermen:
Assmann, Boland, Brush, Caldwell, Campbell, Fisher, Graham, Haigler, Jones, Linn, Metz, Phillips, Platt, Townsend, Wilson, Wortham — 16.

Absent Aldermen:
DeGress, Odell, Pillow, Schneider.
Total, 4.

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

Sidewalks. Alderman Caldwell introduced a petition from the occupants and the owners of the Raymond House and Pease buildings on Congress Avenue requesting permission to raise the sidewalks about said property.

Alm. Schneider. Alderman Schneider entered and answered to his name.

Sidewalks. The petition was then referred to the Mayor and Street Committee with authority to act concerning the same as they may deem proper.

Watering trough. Alderman Boland presented a petition from citizens, asking that a watering trough be placed at the northwest corner of the intersection of East Pecan and Canal Streets. Referred to the Committee on water and gas.

River Walk — Lone Star Ice Co. Alderman Fisher offered a memorial from the Lone Star Ice Company, setting forth that certain property on the River Walk, known as the "Old Mill Place," was conditionally leased to Jones & Glass on the 4th of July, 1879, and that some time since December 12, 1885, the conditions of the lease were violated by the original lessees. The memorial, in view of this and other facts, requests the transfer of the original lease to the ice Company.

On motion the memorial was referred to the City Attorney for report at the next meeting of the Council, as to whether or not in his opinion the City Can abrogate the present lease.

Dr Taylor & fire Comm. A Communication was received from the recorder of the fire department in regard to the petition of Dr M. A. Taylor, for permission to put a fire proof roof on the building next to firemen's hall on market hill. It states that the board of fire Commissioners refused to grant the permission.

Mrs Wilson. The City attorney presented his opinion on a petition from Mrs M. A. C. Wilson, requesting that a certain lot donated by her for church purposes be released from liability to taxation. The opinion states in substance that the City Council cannot legally exempt it from taxation. The opinion was adopted.

Culvert. The City engineer submitted a report, again calling attention of the City Council to the bad Condition of the Culvert on West Pecan or Sixth Street. Laid aside without action.

Officers reports for the month of Sept. 1888:

Sexton. City Sexton's - Total number of deaths, 21; white, 12; Colored, 7; Mexicans, 2. Referred to Cemitery Committee.

Clerk. City Clerk's - Total amount of warrants issued - $4549.20. Referred to finance Committee.

Marshal. City Marshals - Amount of fines and Costs assessed, $555.95.

Collected in Cash	281.65
Worked out	165.15
Escaped	24.30
Appealed	15.75
Carried forward	69.10
	$555.95

Back fines and Costs Collected $69.10

Number of arrests 63.

Referred to the police Committee.

Phys. City Physician's - Patients in Hospital Sept. 1, 1888. 7

Patients admitted to	" in "	12
" Discharged from	" " "	9
Deaths in	"	1

" Patients remaining in hospital Oct. 1, 1888. 9
Cases diptheria reported 3
Cases Scarlet fever reported 2
Visits made 170
Prescriptions written 176
Health of the city remarkably good for this season of the year.
Referred to hospital Committee.

Treasr. Report of the City Treasurer from Sept 3, to Oct. 1, 1888:

Balance on hand Sept. 3		$7.528.87
Receipts		7.337.07
		$14.865.94
Disbursements	$1,806.07	
Balances October 1:		
a/c Genl fund	6.443.54	
" City Cemetery	575.23	
" Back Debt	170.23	
" Interest	25.00	
" City Schools	5.905.87	
	$14.865.94	

Referred to finance Committee.

Tax Sale. The assessor and Collector presented an itemized statement of property sold for taxes by him on September 4, 1888. Referred to finance Committee.

Chf. F. Dept. - Fire alarm. Alderman Jones presented a report from the Chief of the fire department, stating that he had tested the fire alarm system and found it unsatisfactory, and had waited several months to hear what the Company proposed to do about the matter. Having heard nothing from it or its agent, he asks the Council to take some action in the premises.
Alderman Fisher moved that the city Clerk be instructed to notify the Company that it must put the system into successful operation within thirty days, or the Contract will, by the city Council, be declared abrogated.
Alderman Linn moved, as a substitute, that the matter be immediately referred to the city attorney, with instructions to report

an Ordinance tonight repealing the Ordinance authorizing the mayor to enter into a contract with the Union Fire Alarm Company. Alderman Jones moved to lay the Substitute on the table. Lost.

Yeas- Aldermen: Brush, Fisher, Graham, Jones, Phillips, Townsend, 6.

Nays- Aldermen: Assmann, Boland, Caldwell, Campbell, Haigler, Linn, Metz, Platt, Schneider, Wilson, Wortham- 11.

On motion, the Substitute was then adopted.

Ald. Phillips. Alderman Phillips was excused.

Marshal's rept. The police Committee presented a report on the Marshal's report for the month of Aug. 1888, stating the report had been examined and found correct.

Hospital-Drugs Alderman Linn presented "a resolution authorizing the hospital Committee to purchase drugs for the use of the city". Adopted.

Fire alarm. Alderman Linn introduced an Ordinance repealing an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance repealing an Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and fire Commissioners to enter into a Contract with the Union Fire Alarm Company, of New York, for the rent of a fire alarm to be used in the city of Austin for a period of one year," passed January 16, 1888, and annulling the Contract made under and by virtue of said Ordinance. It was read first time, after which a motion was made to suspend the rules and place it on it's second reading which was lost,

Yeas- Ald. Assmann, Boland, Caldwell, Campbell, Graham, Haigler, Linn, Metz, Schneider, Wilson, Wortham -11.

Nays- Ald. Brush, Fisher, Jones, Platt, Townsend- 5.

Act. Salaries Alderman Wortham introduced an Ordinance appropriating $3,100 for the purpose of

paying officers and regular employes of the city for the month of October, 1888. It was read first time, 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:

Yeas—Aldermen: Assmann, Beland, Brush, Caldwell, Campbell, Fisher, Graham, Haigler, Jones, Linn, Metz, Platt, Schneider, Townsend, Wilson, Wortham—16.

On motion, the Council then adjourned.

Milton Morris,
City Clerk.