

The Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council

Austin Tex, September 3, 1888.

Hon. Joseph Valle, Mayor, presiding.

Roll

Roll Call. Present Aldermen:

Poland, Brush, Caldwell, Campbell, Asmann,
Fisher, Graham, Haigler, Jones, Linn, Metz,
Phillips, Pillow, Platt, Townsend, Wilson,
Wortham - 18.

Call.
Minutes.

Absent - Aldermen Odell and Schneider. Total - 2.

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

Mrs. M. A. C. K.

Alderman Wortham presented a petition from Mrs. M. A. C. K. Wilson, requesting that certain property, donated by her for Church purposes, be relieved from taxation.

Referred to the City attorney for his opinion, as to whether relief can be granted or not, and how.

Tr.

Report of City Treasurer from August 6, to Sept. 3, '88:

Balances August 6, \$8,246.86

Receipts 2,450.26
\$15,697.12

Disbursements

\$8,168.25

Balances September, 3:

7,528.87
\$15,697.12

Referred to Finance Committee.

Clerk.

Report of the City Clerk for the month of August, 1888:

Total amount of warrants issued \$8,422.17

Referred to Finance Committee.

Marshal.

Report of the City Marshal for the month of August, 1888:

Total amount of fines and costs assessed in the

Recorder's Court \$726.55

Cash Collected

\$280.45

Worked out

239.10

Escaped

85.70

Carried forward

121.30

\$726.55

Back fines Collected in Cash

\$24.60

Total number of arrests made - 67.

Referred to the Police Committee.

Sexton.

Report of the City Sexton for the month of

August, 1888:

Total number of deaths, 40; white 27;
Colored, 13.

City Phys.

Report of the City Physician for the month of
August, 1888:

Number of patients in hospital Aug. 1st-	9
" " " admitted to " in "	14
" " " discharged from " " "	12
" " deaths in " " "	4.
" " patients remaining in " On Sept. 1-	7
" " Cases of diphtheria reported in Aug.	2
" " " Scarlet fever " " "	1
" " Visits made -	249
" " Prescriptions Written	355

Referred to Hospital Committee.

Peter Smith

Alderman Phillips introduced a petition from Mr Peter Smith, requesting the Council to relieve him from paying taxes of 1887 on four acres of block 4, division 2, which was by error duplicated and twice assessed. On motion the assessor and Collector was authorized to give Mr Smith Credit for the taxes erroneously assessed.

Ald. Odell
Marshals,
report.

Alderman Odell entered and answered to his name. Alderman Graham, of the Police Committee, presented a report on the Marshals report for the month of July, 1888, stating the report was examined and found correct.

School funds

The Ordinance Committee presented a favorable report on an ordinance authorizing the City Assessor and Collector to pay to the treasurer of the board of School trustees all school taxes heretofore or hereafter collected by him. The report was read and laid over.

Com. J. B. Palm

The Special Committee appointed to consider the propositions of Mr. J. B. Palm to extend the City Cemetery, presented a favorable report on the proposition to give the City twenty four lots - the City to remove the fences.

The Committee also presented a resolution directing the Mayor and City attorney to obtain title to the said twenty four lots, and that the terms of the proposition be accepted and complied

with.

Alderman Campbell moved the adoption of the report and resolution.

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

Pres. Bd. A. Alderman De Gress, president of the board of Aldermen, took the chair.

Previous question Cemetery. Alderman Campbell moved the previous question, which was ordered.

The main question was then submitted, and adopted by the following vote:

Yeas - Aldermen:

Caldwell, Campbell, Graham, Haigler, Jones, Metz, Platt, Schneider, Wilson - 12.

Nays - Aldermen:

De Gress, Fisher, Linn, Odell, Phillips, Pillow, Townsend, Warham - 8.

Mayor in chair. Mayor Nalle took the chair.

Cemetery - point of order. Alderman Phillips made the point of order that the resolution had not been legally adopted, inasmuch as Rule VI. of the Rules of Order of the City Council requires that "all ordinances and resolutions of a general character, shall be read in Council on three several days, unless two-thirds of a full board shall vote a suspension of this rule", the resolution having been read but one time.

The chair decided sustaining the ruling of the president of the board, after which Alderman Phillips appealed from the decision of the chair, which resulted in sustaining the ruling of the chair.

Light. Alderman Odell moved that the special Committee appointed to consider the question of placing a light near the Swedish Church in the Seventh ward, be discharged, as an agreement can not be reached. Adopted.

Alderman De Gress then moved that the entire matter of the light above named be referred to the Mayor, with power to act. Carried.

School fund. An Ordinance authorizing the City assessor and Collector to pay to the treasurer of the board

of School trustees all school taxes heretofore or hereafter collected by him, was taken upon on its second reading, and on motion of Alderman Platt, laid upon the table by the following vote: Yeas- Aldermen Assmann, Boland, Brush, Caldwell, DeGress, Haigler, Jones, Metz, Odell, Platt, Wilson-11.

Nays- Aldermen: Campbell, Fisher, Graham, Linn, Phillips, Pillow, Schneider, Townsend, Wartham-9.

Came- J. B. Palm

The Mayor introduced a supplemental proposition from Mr J. B. Palm, proposing in addition to his first proposal to enlarge the City Cemetery, to give the City sixty full lots and twenty half lots along the drain and all the ground on the north side of the street and all ground on the east side of the walk along the fence, provided the City will enclose and plat the eight acre tract adjoining the Cemetery.

Alderman Linn moved to lay it on the table. Rejected: Yeas- Aldermen: DeGress, Fisher, Graham, Linn, Odell, Phillips, Pillow, Townsend, Wartham-9.

Nays- Aldermen:

Assmann, Boland, Brush, Caldwell, Campbell, Haigler, Jones, Metz, Platt, Schneider, Wilson-11.

The Mayor then introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to contract with J. B. Palm for enclosing land adjoining the City Cemetery- namely the land embraced in the last proposition. Alderman Jones then moved to adopt it. Carried.

Yeas- Aldermen:

Assmann, Boland, Brush, Caldwell, Campbell, Haigler, Jones, Metz, Platt, Schneider, Wilson-11.

Nays- Aldermen: DeGress, Fisher, Graham, Linn, Odell, Phillips, Pillow, Townsend, Wartham-9.

Alderman Graham then gave notice that he would move a reconsideration of the vote by which the first resolution accepting Mr Palm's

" Proposition was adopted, at the next meeting of the City Council.

" Alderman Campbell moved to reconsider the vote by which the first resolution was adopted, and to lay that motion on the table.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas- Aldermen:

Boland, Brush, Caldwell, Campbell, Haigler, Jones, Metz, Platt, Schneider, Wilson - 10.

Nays- Aldermen:

Assmann, DeGress, Fisher, Graham, Linn, Odell, Phillips, Pillow, Townsend, Wortham - 10.

Mayor votes "aye"

The Mayor then voted "aye," making 11 votes in the affirmative.

Cemetery:

Alderman Campbell then moved to reconsider the vote by which the second resolution accepting Mr Palm's offer was adopted and to lay that motion on the table. The motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas- Aldermen Boland, Brush, Caldwell, Campbell, Haigler, Jones, Metz, Platt, Wilson - 9.

Nays- Aldermen:

Assmann, DeGress, Fisher, Graham, Linn, Odell, Phillips, Pillow, Schneider, Townsend, Wortham - 11.

Hospital.

Alderman Wilson presented a resolution authorizing the hospital Committee to advertise for bids for fifty cords of wood for the use of the hospital. Carried.

Greenwood Cemetery

Alderman Wortham offered an Ordinance authorizing burials in Greenwood Cemetery. It was read first time, after which Alderman Boland moved to lay it on the table, which was done by the following vote: Yeas Aldermen:

Assmann, Boland, Brush, Caldwell, Campbell, DeGress, Haigler, Jones, Metz, Phillips, Platt, Schneider, Wilson - 13.

Nays- Aldermen:

Fisher, Graham, Linn, Odell, Pillow, Townsend, Wortham - 7.

approp'd accts.

Alderman DeGress then presented an Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1,457.60 for the purpose

of paying approved accounts. 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, Boland, Brush, Caldwell, Campbell, DeGress, Fisher, Graham, Haigler, Jones, Linn, Metz, Odell, Phillips, Pillow, Platt, Schneider, Townsend, Wilson, Wortham - 20.

3,100 \$ Sept.
Salaries.

Alderman DeGress then introduced an Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$3,100 for the purpose of paying officers and regular employees of the City for the month of September, 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, Boland, Brush, Caldwell, Campbell, DeGress, Fisher, Graham, Haigler, Jones, Linn, Metz, Odell, Phillips, Pillow, Platt, Schneider, Townsend, Wilson, Wortham - 20.

Veto.

The Mayor's Veto of an Ordinance appropriating \$800 for the purpose of purchasing a horse Carriage for East Austin Horse Co. No. 4, which was on the table subject to Call, was called up. The Mayor then asked unanimous consent of the Council to the withdrawal of the same, which was given.

The Council then adjourned.

Milton Morris,
City Clerk.