Minutes of a regular meeting of the City Council, Austin, Tex., Aug. 15, 1887.

Hon. J. W. Robertson, Mayor, presiding.


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

J. H. Holloway: Alderman Schneider presented a petition from J. H. Holloway, president of the Texas Telephone and Telegraph Company, requesting right of way over the streets of the city for the purpose of erecting poles. No action was taken on the petition.

Wallace St.: Alderman Walker presented a communication from the foreman of East Austin Hose Company, calling attention to the bad condition of the railroad crossings on Walker Street. By motion the City Engineer was directed to notify the railroad companies to repair their crossings at the place named.

All Schneider: Alderman Schneider came in.

Sunday Law: The City Attorney reported to the Council that the County Judge had decided that the Ordinances known as the "Sunday law," and also providing for punishment for the offense of Vagrancy, were invalid, because, he says, they are in conflict with the State laws on the same subject.

A motion was made to refer the report to the Ordinance Committee and City Attorney, with instructions to consider the Ordinances therein mentioned and other Ordinances in a similar condition. The motion was adopted.

Chief: A report from the board of appraisal and assessment equalization of the City, stating that they had finished the work laid before them, was submitted and read.

Ways:

Several reports (consisting of amendments) of "An Ordinance granting to the Austin Water, Light, and Power Company, their associates, successors and assigns, the right to erect poles and wires, for the purpose of constructing and operating a system of electric light and motive power, in the City of Austin," and also of "An Ordinance providing for a supply of water, gas, and electricity to the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas and authorizing Sylvester Walls and his assigns to construct, maintain, and operate water, gas and electric works." The reports were read and laid over.

Mrs. Bayou: The Finance Committee submitted a favorable report on a resolution increasing the city assessment to 50% from the sum of 375, the remainder being taxes erroneously assessed on property belonging to Mrs. F. H. Bayou. No action was taken on the report.

Mr. Jones: Mr. de Leon's amendment moved.

The following Ordinance was taken up on its second reading and read, together with the amendment submitted by the Street Committee, which follows:

"An Ordinance granting to the Austin Water, Light and Power Company, their associates, successors and assigns, the right to erect poles and wires, for the purpose of constructing and operating a system of electric light and motive power, in the City of Austin.

The amendment recommended by the Committee: Add the following, Section 3, to Section 3, and change Section 3 to Section 4:

"Section 3. That the right of way, and other privileges hereby granted to Said Company, are granted upon the express condition and agreement, and upon the consideration that Said Company, its successors and assigns, so long as they shall operate said franchise, and occupy said streets and alleys of the City, shall furnish and supply the City of Austin with lights from the following sources, free of all charges and compensation, to wit:
First. All lights necessary for use at the City hall and in the several offices and
rooms of said building.

Second. All lights necessary at the quarters
and in the buildings of the several fire
companies in the city.

Third. All lights necessary for the city
hospital.

The amendment was adopted, after which
Admiral C.P. had moved to postpone action on
the ordinance until the first meeting of the
Council, and that the same be printed in
full in the proceedings of the minutes of the
meeting. Adopted.

Watts to the following ordinance were then taken up:
Right of Way on the present reading and read, and action
was taken and ad the Committee report
which followed it, was on motion, postponed
until the next meeting of the Council, and
printed in the proceedings of the minutes of
the meeting:

"An ordinance providing for a
supply of water, gas and electricity in the City of
Austin, Travis County, Texas, and authorizing
Sylvester Watts and his assigns to construct
mains and operate water, gas and electric works."
The Board of Commissioners report on the above
Ordinance:

To the Mayor and City Council:

Your Committee on
Streets recommend the passage of said Ordinance
with the following amendments:

Add the following

Section 1. As section 1:

Section 1. That the right of way and other
privileges hereby granted to said Sylvester Watts
and his assigns, successors and assigns, are
hereby granted upon the express condition and agreement
and subject to the consideration that said Company,
its successors, and assigns, so long as they
shall operate said franchises and use the
streets and alleys of the said City for the
purposes mentioned in this Ordinance. Shall furnish and provide the city of Austin with lights and water for the following purposes, free of all charge and Compensation, namely:

First—All lights and water for use at the City Hall and in the several offices and rooms of said building.

Second—All lights and water necessary at the quarters and in the buildings of the several fire companies in the city.

Third—All lights and water necessary for the city hospital provided, said Pylwater Watts and his associates, successors, and assigns shall not be required to lay a claim to simply with this contract.

Fourth—All water necessary for sprinkling the streets of the city.

Fifth—That all poles shall be erected under the direction of the City Engineer and placed Committee of the City of Austin."

Mrs. Bayes: A resolution authorizing the City Assessor and Collector to take field for the sum of $200 for taxes erroneously assessed on Lots 5 and 6, Section 5, Subdivision A, Subdivision block 4, by Mrs. P. H. Bayes, was brought up on its second reading and read, after which a motion was made to suspend the rules and place the resolution on its third reading, which was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—

The resolution was then read a third time, and, on motion, adopted.

Texas Telephone Co. Alderman, Schuer introduced a resolution granting right of way over the streets and alleys of the City of Austin to the Texas Telegraph and Telephone Company. The resolution was read, after which a call of the Council was made, duly recorded and adopted, and the Marshal sent after absences.
The Call was then made. Afterward, an motion
was made and a motion was made to suspend
the rules and place the resolution on its
second reading, which was adopted by a
fellow vote:

Alderman Alexander,
Campbell, Courington, Graham, James,
Odell, Platt, Phillips, Schneider, Schuler,
The resolution was read a second time, after
which Alderman Walker offered the following
amendment:

Add to Section 1, "Provided, that
said telegraph and telephone line shall
not be located on Cedar (or South) Street."
Alderman Metz came in.
Alderman Worthing moved to table the
amendment. Carried.
A motion was then made to suspend the
rules and place the resolution on its
third reading, which was adopted by the
following vote: Yea's- Ald. Alexander,
Campbell, Courington, Graham, James,
Metz, Odell, Platt, Phillips, Schneider,
Nay- Alderman Walker.

By roll, the resolution then passed:
Alderman Odell offered an ordinance
appropriating $5390, to pay the officers
and regular employees of the City and City
and County hospital, each for the month of
August, 1884.

The Ordinance was read first time, after
which motions were made to suspend the
rules and place the Ordinance on its
second and third readings, and that it do
pass, all of which were adopted by the
following vote: Yea's- Ald. Alexander,
Campbell, Courington, Graham, James,
Metz, Odell, Platt, Phillips, Schneider,
approved. Alderman Odell also presented an ordinance appropriating the sum of $2092.01 to pay approved accounts.

The Ordinance was read the first time, after which, motions were made to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on its second reading, which was adopted by the following vote:

(Yea-Ald. Alexander, Campbell, Cummings, Graham, James, Metz, Odell, Platt, Phillips, Schneider, Schubert, Townsend, Walker, Wellmer, Norham-15.)

The Ordinance was then read a second time, after which, motions were made to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on its third reading, and that it do pass both of which were adopted by the following vote:

(Yea-Ald. Alexander, Campbell, Cummings, Graham, James, Metz, Odell, Phillips, Schneider, Schubert, Townsend, Walker, Wellmer, Norham-15.)

(Nay-Alderman Platt).

Repealing: Alderman Platt introduced an ordinance repealing certain ordinances.

Making an appropriation for a topographical survey, and other purposes; passed March 21, 1884, and also an ordinance appropriating $1000 for work on Ocean Street, both of which were referred to the Street Committee.

On motion, the Council then adjourned.

Milton Morris,

City Clerk.