The Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council.

Adel, Wednesday, June 6, 1883.

Hon. J. K. Peake, Mayor, Presiding.


Abdul - Alderman Cummins, Metz and Schneider.

Minutes of the Past Two Meetings of the City Council were adopted as printed.

Alderman Wenzler presented a petition from Hugh Hylton, contractor, claiming $250.00 in specifications of the bridge which he is building for the City on North Avenue, of such a nature as to render further construction impracticable, and requesting that the matter be settled by arbitration. On motion, the petition was referred to the Street Committee and City Attorney, with instructions to report before adjournment of Council.

Alderman Schneider. Came in...

A petition from, C. J. Hill, agent, J. L. Short, estate, in regard to a fence encroaching upon Magnolia Avenue, so such an extent as to be an obstruction, was presented, and referred to the Street Committee.

Alderman Schneider presented a petition from Chas. Schaeffer, requesting to be relieved from paying taxes of 1883 on certain improvements that were burned shortly after the beginning of that year. Referred to the Finance Committee.

Report of City Treasurer for the Month of May 1883:

Balance on Hand April 30.

Receipt from Assessors and Collector.

Ad valorem tax

License

General fund

Cemetery

Debentures

Cemetery fund, paid Warrants

$1,743.39

10,047.53

553.87

25.13

31.50

1,927.42

$14,338.55
General fund, paid warrants, $774.35.

Interest fund paid, $25.00.

Cash on hand, May 31.

Cash Balance: May 31.

Cash on hand.

Unappropriated balances.

Total amount of fines and Costs assessed in Recorder's Court, $1219.70.

Cash Collected

$339.60

$80.10

$1219.70

Cash Marshal's Report.

Cash, fines, etc., Collected $18.50.

Total number of arrests made 84.

Referred to Committee on Police.

City Physician's report for May, 1887.

No. of patients in hospital, May 1, 12.

" " admitted during May, 10.

" " discharged " " " 8.

" " died " " " 1.

(Caused of death: Consumption.)

No. of patients remaining in hospital, June 1, 13.

No. of arrests made 144.

" prescriptions written 153.

Cases of Scarlet fever reported.

Diphtheria.

Health of City exceptionally good.

City Clerk's report for the month of May, 1887.

Total number of deaths.

White 18

Colored 10

Male 11

Female 17

Statement of Warrants issued by City Clerk, during May, 1887, fixed the amount of $5,189.97.
The City Engineer submitted a report stating that 235 of the cars on hire had died, or would be, and that an appropriation of $75,000 was required to purchase new ones.

No action was taken on the report.

Mayor Robinson submitted a report on a resolution directing him to make a temporary contract with the Meinhardt and Koel Company for lighting street lamps. The report states the contract is made, and is not to exceed five months at $450 per light per month, and can be terminated by the City Council at its pleasure.

Otto B. White. The Mayor also said the Council to consent to the remission of fine and costs assessed in Roosevelt County against Otto B. White, because he is sick, and his family needs his assistance. The Council consented in the remission.

Ill-Cumings. Alderman Cumings came in.

Cass Wood. The Street Committee reported favorably on a report of the City Engineer asking for appropriation to repair certain bridges on Congress Avenue.

City Salaries. The 10th biennial of the City Hall.

Alderman Schulte, of the Street Committee, reported adversely on a complaint from A. C. Olson in regard to condition of certain streets adjacent to his property. The report states that no cause for the complaint exists. No action was taken on the report.

Marshals' report. Alderman Schneider, for the Police Committee, reported that he had examined the Marshal's reports for the months of February and March, and found them correct.

Hugo Patrign. The Street Committee and City attorney reported on the petition of Hugo Patrign, which is above referred to, and recommended that the City take no further action on the petition. Report was adopted.

An Ordinance fixing and levying an ad valorem tax of one-third of one per centum on all property, real and personal, within the City of Austin, made taxable for State and County purposes for the year A.D. 1887, for the support
of the public free schools of said city, was taken up on its third reading, and read, and passed by the following vote:

Nays—Alderman Jones, Platt, Schneider and Toussaint—4.

An Ordinance prohibiting the use of hanging signs, and providing for the removal of the same, was taken up on its third reading and read. A motion was then made that the Ordinance do now pass. Alderman Andersen moved to indefinitely postpone, which was agreed to by the following vote: Yeas—Alderman Alexander, Andersen, Caldwell, Campbell, Cummings, Graham, Idell, Phillips, Schneider, Schuler, Toussaint, Northam—12. Nays—Alderman Brush, Fisher, Jones, Platt, Waeter, Warran and Wellman—7.

Alderman Campbell was excused.

An Ordinance, amending Section 3 of an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance granting right of way to the Austin and Northwestern Railroad Company," approved November 26, 1886, was taken up on its third reading, read and passed.

Hanging signs. Alderman Phillips moved to reconsider the vote by which an Ordinance prohibiting the use of hanging signs, and providing for the removal of the same, was indefinitely postponed.

Alderman Cummings moved to table the motion. Carried by a vote of 9 to 5.

An Ordinance appropriating $600 for improvement of streets in Eighth Ward was taken up on its third reading and read. After which Alderman Platt moved to lay the Ordinance on the table. Referred to 7th read and 5th nay.

A motion was then made that the Ordinance do now pass, which was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—Alderman Alexander, Andersen, Cummings, Graham, Phillips, Toussaint, Waeter, Wellman,
Wortham - total, 9.


Simon (Lost):

Alderman Fishen offered a resolution, which was adopted, requesting the Finance Committee to furnish the Council at its next regular meeting a detailed statement of the City's receipts and expenses in all departments, together with such recommendations in connection therewith, as they may seem proper.

Suttersan:

Alderman Fishen also introduced a resolution, which was adopted, instructing the City Engineer to make such repairs in the gutters of Congress Avenue as public necessity and health demands.

Wortham introduced an ordinance appropriating the sum of $2,536.98 for the purpose of paying approved accounts.

The Ordinance was read first time after which motions were made to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on its second and third reading, and that the Ordinance do now pass, all of which were adopted by the following vote: Yeas - Alderman Alexander, Anderson, Brush, Caldwell, Cummings, Fishen, Grahm, Jones, Odell, Platt, Phillips, Schneider, Schuler, Townsend, Walker, Warren, Wallner, Wortham - 18.

Alderman Graham introduced an Ordinance appropriating $2,500 for the purpose of changing the fire bell.

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:


The Ordinance was then read a second time, after which Alderman Jones moved to amend by adding an additional section, empowering the fire Committee of the City.
Council to make all necessary arrangements and to direct and superintend the hanging of said Co. The amendment was adopted and the Ordinance passed.

The Chair announced that he had appointed Aldermen (Campbell, Schubert, and Maslan, and Messrs. G. R. Grant and J. R. Kinkead) as a Board of Appraisement and Equalization, subject to confirmation by the City Council. On motion they were confirmed.

The Council then adjourned.

Milton Morris,
City Clerk