Austin Tex Dec 13th 1884

Hon J W Robertson Mayor Presiding

Roll call

Roll call present Aldermen Schneider Metz Campbell Schneider, Haas Warren, Crooker, Odell Carrington, Hohmann, Hill, Plath, Brush & Brenner 14

Absent Aldermen Pillow Hancock, Wells Underhill, Driskill & Erwin 6

minutes Dec 6. 1884

Minutes of Dec 6th 1884 adopted

Petn of H. & L. Co No 1

A Petition was received from Austin H & L. No 1. signed by the Fire Commissioners. asking that the Council employ for said Company a fireman referred to the Fire Committee

Petn H & L Co No 3

Alderman Crooker presented a petition from Protection H & L. Co. No 3. asking that the Council provide for the erection of an addition to their truck house and employ a hostler for their hose carriage to arive the same referred to the Fire Committee

Petn Citizens 6 ward lamps

Alderman Crooker presented a petition from Citizens of the 6th wards requesting that the Council have a street lamp erected and lighted at the Corner of St Bancird & Maple St the motion to refer the petition to the Gas Committee was lost on motion the Petition was granted

Petn of Mrs A.H. Gobble

Alderman Plath presented a petition from Mrs A. K. Gobble. stating that hogs belonging to her had been impounded and sold by the City and asked that she be paid $15.00 loss sustained by her. The motion to refer to a special committee of three and the City attorney was carried

Com. on Pet of Mrs Gobble

His Hon appointed as the Committee Aldermen Plath Warren & Odell,

A communication was received from A Zilker

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Asst. Chief Austin Fire Department

Chief of the Austin Fire Department inclosing a report to him from Wm Brown Ass. Chief and F. E. Jones Foreman of Colorado Engine Co. complaining of insufficient water pressure at the Fire on Dec 5th 1884, referred to the Fire Committee

Pet. of Citizens 10th ward Boardwalk Tannery &c

A Petition was received from citizens of the 10th ward Boardwalk living near the Tannery on the river walk protesting against the Council extending the lease of that part of the river walk to the proprietors of the Tannery and asked that the lease now in force be cancelled. The petition was referred to a special committee of three and the City attorney The mayor appointed as the Committee Aldermen Crooker Mace & Brush

Bennett A. S. to remit fine

A Petition was received from A. F. Bennett asking that a fine imposed against him in the Recorders court be remitted Petition not granted

Petro Antonio remit fine

The Petition of Antonio Cella asking that a fine imposed against him in the recorders court be remitted was not granted.

Pleck Fred. resignation

The resignation of Fred Pleck as a Police Officer to take effect Dec 1st 1884 was read and accepted

Application of Wadsell for the Police

Application of Fred Pleck & J. A. Wadsell for the position of Spec. Police Officer was read and referred to the Police Committee

City attorney to draw up Ord. gambling on streets

On motion of Alderman Pleck the City attorney was instructed to draw up an ordinance prohibiting all lottery or gambling devices from being exhibited on the streets of the City

Pet for St lamps. San Jacinto and Mesquite sts

The Board of Trustees of the congregation of Beth Israel petitioned to have a street lamp erected at the Corner of San Jacinto & Mesquite Petition granted

St Lamp Post

On motion of Alderman Crooken the Street committee were instructed to locate a street lamp at or near church the Christian church

The Street Committee submitted the following report:

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St Comt on cost of Bridge

To the Honorable City Council of the City of Austin:

Gentlemen: I have examined the attached statement and

Invest by Com

Compress Company

original vouchers, showing the Compress Company have actually paid $648, 81 cash for erecting the bridge over Shoal Creek, and recommend that the original amount $500.00 appropriated for that purpose be paid, less 1 per cent off per month from this date until April 1st 1885

(signed) J Schuber

Chairman of Committee

Ord $450- For Compress Co

The motion to take up an ordinance appropriating $480 to pay the Compress Company for building a bridge over Shoal Creek was lost.

Appropriating $4765.43

The Finance Committee introduced an ordinance appropriating the sum of $4765.43 for the pay roll for December 1884 and approved accounts. the ordinance was read second and third time under suspension of the rules and passed by the following vote

Ayes: Aldermen Metz Schneider Cimpfel Schuber Maas Warren Crooker Odell Carrington Hill Holman Platt Brenner

The Hospital Committee submitted the following report which was adopted.

Hospital Com. on Pet of Dr Burt

To the Mayor and Council:

The Hospital Committee beg leave to report on the petition of Dr W J Burt City Physician dated Sept 15th asking additional pay for his services at the City and County Hospital said petition having been referred to the Hospital Trustees and by them referred back to us; That we find in Sec 6 Art 9 Sec 1 in the City Charter the paragraph; The salary of the City Physician shall not exceed $600 per annum and also, in addition to the duties as have been or may be prescribed by ordinance

We think therefore we are inhibited from giving any additional salary to the City Physician, and would recommend also that in place of a druggist now employed at the Hospital, some competent Physician be engaged to reside at the City and County Hospital and take charge of the same and its employees

(signed) L G Warren, Chairman
J Schuster
Wm Ervin

The following majority report was submitted by the Special Committee in regard to an increase in Street lamps

Hon J M Robertson Mayor

Dept of Pub. Improvements. Increase of St. Lamps

Your Committee appointed to confer with the Austin Gas Light and Coal Company, with reference to the question of procuring light for the streets of the City would respectfully report that they have had a conference with the officers of said Company and the best offer they have been able to obtain from said Company is a proposition to furnish lamp posts on its mains and to extend its mains to a limited extent beyond their present location and to furnish gas therefor and attendance upon the same at the rate of Two Dollars and fifty cents per month for each lamp South of Mesquite Street and Three dollars per month for each light North of said Street. Your Committee would further report that they are informed that said proposition is made upon the basis of a consumption of 1500 feet (cubic) of gas per month and that a proper extention of the lighting of the City would require an increase of lights to the number of 125 and that the same should be located by the said committee

Your committee are of the opinion that a contract for not exceeding one year ought to be made for one hundred and twenty five lights at the rate proposed

W. R. Brush
R. J. Hill

Alderman Schuster submitted the following minority report

To the Hon Mayor and Board of

minority Aldermen of the City of Austin

report Submitted Whereas your Special committee on gas appointed
on increase by your honor to confer with the Austin gaslight
& Coal Co. and Coal Company, have had a conference with
the officers of said Company, and the majority
report explained to that effect; but your committee
on the minority part has had the same under
due consideration and deem it wise and judicious
for this council to defer this matter for economy
sake, until this Council, and get the propo
sition of the Capitol Gas Co what they will do in
regard to lighting the streets of Austin, which I am
personally aware that they are ready to furnish
lights at the shortest notice

J. Schnebly

Res. to confer Electric light co to light st. Alderman Campbell offered a resolution directing the spec Com on Gas to confer with the Electric Light Co. in regard to lighting the streets The motion to adopt the resolution as a substitute for the report of the Com. was lost.

To table majority rept The motion to lay the majority report on the table was lost by the following vote
Yeas aldermen Schneider Campbell Schubert Warren Carrington Clark & Brenner 7.
Nays aldermen Metz Maas Crooker Odell Holman Hill & Brush 7 it being a tie vote the Mayor voted nay

The motion to postpon action on the reports of the Committees was lost. (same vote and yeas from nays)

The motion to refer the subject matter of an increase of gas lamps. to the water & Gas Committee was lost

adopt majority rept The majority report was adopted by the following vote yeas aldermen. Metz Maas Crooker Odell Holman Hill & Brush 7
Nays aldermen Schneider Campbell Schubert Warren Carrington Clark & Brenner 7 it being a tie vote the mayor voted yea.

Resolution $30.00 extra for City Physician

Alderman Odell offered a resolution allowing the City physician $30.00 per month for extra services in connection with the City & County Hospital

The resolution was laid over

Ord. $500. for sprinkling stone

Alderman Platt introduced an ordinance appropriating the sum of $500. for the purpose of laying sprinkling stones on Congress avenue and Pecan street. Read first time and referred to the street Committee

Ord. $3,000 for bridge Pine st. Water Creek

Alderman Platt introduced an ordinance appropriating $3,000 to build a bridge over water creek at the crossing of Pine street Read first time and referred to the street committee

Ord. to print minutes in Statesman

Alderman Brush introduced an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to contract with the Daily Statesman for the publication of the proceedings of the City Councils Read first time and referred to the printing Committee

Alderman Hill offered the following resolution which was adopted and referred to the printing Committee

Resolution entering minutes at P.O. as 2 class matter

Resolved. 1st That the printing Committee be requested to make arrangements, if possible, for having the publication containing the proceeding of the City Council entered at the Austin Post Office as second class matter for distribution among the citizens.

2nd That arrangements be made by the committee, giving each member of the council an opportunity to designate a fair proportion of the persons to whom said proceeding shall be mailed, and the mailing done by the printer or City Clerk.

Liquor tax for 1885

Alderman Schneider introduced an ordinance levying a license tax for the year 1885 on keepers of livery and feed stables and on the

owners and proprietors of vehicles not connected with a livery or feed stable. The ordinance was read first time The motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second reading was lost referred to the Finance committee

Alderman Schuhan offered the following resolution which was adopted

Resolution I & G. N. R R to build culverts on Cypress st.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, That the City Engineer be authorized to notify the International rail road Company to have the culverts on each side of the Street crossings on west Cypress Street from congress Avenue to shoal creek to be put down and opened; Viz West Cypress and Colorado Street West Cypress and Lavaca West Cypress and Guadalupe, West Cypress & San Antonio, West Cypress & Nueces, which Streets now only have one culvert thereby causing that portion of the City to overflow to the detriment of its citizens and tax payers

Ord. $1000. for park academy Block

Alderman Mabe introduced an ordinance to establish a public park in the 4th ward on the Academy Block. and appropriating $1000. for improvement of the same. The motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second reading was lost.

Alderman Schuhan offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolution for iron foot bridges

Whereas it has become an imperative necessity to replace the foot bridges that were destroyed at the late Jollification,

Therefore be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, that the City engineer and Street committee be instructed and authorized to contract for twelve additional foot bridges in place of wooden ones destroyed.

appointing Standing Committees for 1885

The following message of the Mayor, in regard to the the standing committees was read.

Mayor's Office.

Austin Texas Dec 15th 1884

Gentlemen of the City Council:

It becomes necessary since the installment of aldermen elected December 1, 1884, that the standing committees be reorganized. I have no reason to make any changes in the Committees as organized and shall assign the new aldermen to the places occupied by their predecessors,

Committee on Streets: Schuber, Driskill & Holman.
" " Fire department: Crooker, Brush & Metz.
" " Finance: Odell, Hancock & Maas.
" " Markets: Campbell, Lewis & Brush.
" " Police: Schneider, Hill, & Brennan.
" " Printing: Maas, Plath, & Green.
" " Cemetery: Ervin, Underhill & Odell.
" " Ordinances: Hill, Crooker, & Metz.
" " Sewers: Underhill, Warren, & Wells.
" " Hospital: Warren, Schubert & Wells.
" " Water & Gas: Hancock, Driskill & Plath.
" " Charity: Wells, Holman & Carrington.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Robertson,

Mayor.

Committee on amendments to Charter

The Mayor appointed as the Committee of Aldermen on amendments to the City Charter, A J Hill, Lewis Hancock, G. Warren.

On motion the Council adjourned

P. L. Purnell,

City Clerk.