

Regular meeting of the City Council

Austin, Tex. Feb. 1. 1886.

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

Roll Call. Roll Call. Present Aldermen Schneider, Anderson, Boush, Caldwell, Campbell, Givson, Warren, Warham, Croston, Corwin, Holman, and De Gress - 12.

Absent Aldermen Metz, Pillow, Schuber, Odell, Cummings, Edwin Walker, and Jones - 8.

Petition by Alderman Warham presented a petition by Barnes & F. to lease the market house lease shed shed.

Referred to market house Committee.

Petition Patrick Scott Alderman Metz introduced a petition by Patrick Scott, requesting the City to pay a bill of the City Water Company against himself, for repairing a water pipe which was broken by parties working on the streets.

Referred to the Street Committee.

Petition J. E. Mater for pay for time lost on account of sickness in September and October, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

J. E. Driess for possession A notice from J. L. Driesskill, requesting possession of the house occupied by Washington fire Company within ninety days, was read and referred to the fire Committee. Aldermen Pillow, Metz, Odell, Walker and Jones came in.

Petition S. M. Wilson & others Alderman Corwin presented a petition by S. M. Wilson, Joseph Kalle, and associates, as follows:

The undersigned again appear before your honorable body asking the right of way to construct and operate a street railway over the streets within the City of Austin.

We regret the necessity of informing you that we find it absolutely impossible to undertake the construction and operation of a line of street railway in this City under the severe provisions and requirements of the Ordinance passed by your honorable

body on the night of the 13th of January last. We have prepared an Ordinance which has been thoroughly examined by one of our best and most prominent lawyers, and whose opinion is that it safely guards the rights of the city, and to which we respectfully invite your attention, in the hope that it may meet your approbation. This Ordinance requires us to construct more road within twelve months than has been constructed in the City for the past fifteen years, and contains other requirements not to be found in any Ordinance heretofore passed by the City Council. The present Street railway Company, we find from the Charter originally granted them by the Twelfth Legislature, have no exclusive rights and privileges over the streets of Austin, and we ask none at your hands, nor do we ask a cent from the City in way of exemption from taxation or otherwise, but simply the right to inaugurate an enterprise that will, from its inception, be a revenue to the City, a general benefit to the ^{business} public and a blessing to many of our poor laboring people.

Believing that the necessity exists, we respectfully ask that your honorable body take such definite action tonight as to enable us to at once proceed with the work.

We are, respectfully,
 Your Obedt Servants,
 D. M. Wilson,
 Joseph Valle,
 And associates.

The petition was read.

Marshals
 report - Jan.

City Marshal's report for the month of
 January, 1886.
 Total number of arrests during the month of
 January 1886, 91
 Total fines and costs assessed in the recorder's
 Court for the month of January, 1886. \$862.15
 Total Cash Collected \$212.80
 " Worked out 319.05

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Total escaped	\$101.65
" Amount Carried over	75.00
" Jury	3.00
Remitted by the City Council	22.35
Appealed to County Court	20.60
New trial granted	<u>104.70</u>
Total	\$862.15

Back fines Collected in Cash	\$58.50
" " Worked Out	<u>139.15</u>
Total	\$197.65

Respectfully Submitted

John P Kirk
Acting City - marshal

Referred to police Committee.

Assess + Collectors
report - Jan.

City assessor and Collector's report
for the month of January, 1886 On Ad Valorem
taxes etc.

Amount Collected, Viz.:

Ad valorem taxes, 1877.	\$18.00
" " 1879.	11.70
" " 1880.	11.75
" " 1881.	8.10
" " 1882.	9.00
" " 1883.	11.75
" " 1884	9.00
Ad valorem	2573.68
License	1292.10
Fines rec'd in recorder's Court from 22d to 31st Dec, 1885	141.40
Cemetery fund	36.00
Miscellaneous	<u>14.70</u>
	\$4137.18.

Note Miscellaneous embraces the
following items

Interest on property redeemed sold for taxes	\$13.50
County Clerk fees for recording deed.	<u>1.20</u>
	\$14.70

Amounts deposited per Treasurers receipts No. 1-	\$800.70
" " " " " " 2.	858.98
" " " " " " 3.	1196.95
" " " " " " 4.	<u>1280.55</u>

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M. Maas
 assessor and Collector

(Referred to finance Committee.)

Report of assessor and Collector on
 School tax for the month of January 1886.
 Amount of Collections of School taxes viz.:

For the year 1881.	\$ 1.80
" " " 1882.	1.80
" " " 1883	2.35
" " " 1884	3.35
" " " 1885	<u>857.50</u>
	\$ 868.89

Amounts deposited per
 Treasurer's receipts, No. 1

	\$ 204.01
" " " 2	165.19
" " " 3	215.13
" " " 4	<u>284.56</u>
	\$ 868.89

M. Maas
 Assessor and Collector

(Referred to finance Committee.)

Treasurer's report
 Jan-

Report of City treasurer for the month
 ending January 31, 1886.:

Balance on hand Jan 1.	\$ 25,328.52
Received from assessor and collector on account Ad valorem tax	\$ 1,185.28
License	702.05
Cemetery fund.	36.00
General	<u>1,413.15</u>
	\$ 28,665.00

Credits.

Cemetery fund paid warrants	\$ 45.85
General " " "	10,191.31
Interest fund paid Coupons due July 1, 1885; On 10 percent bond	25.00
Paid Coupon due July 1, 1886, on 10 per cent bond	<u>1,75.00</u>
	\$ 10,437.16

Cash balances, January 31st:

Cemetery fund	\$ 1,401.00
Market	1,365.00

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Back debt fund	\$ 172.73
General "	10239.02
Interest "	5050.00 - \$18227.84
	\$28.665.00
Unappropriated Balances:	
Cemetery fund	\$12.66.81
Market "	1365.00

J. W. Howard
City Treasurer.

Referred to Finance Committee

Monthly report. Report of City physician for the month of Jan'y, 1886.
City Physician Hon J. W. Robertson, Mayor, and the City Council:

Number of patients in City hospital January 1, 1886. 12
Discharged during month of January 6
Deaths 2
Patients remaining in the hospital Feby 1-1886. 8

I have made 107 visits to pauper patients during the month of January, 1886, and have written 78 prescriptions.

The health of the City is good. There are a few cases of measles, one case of diphtheria, and three mild cases of scarlet fever, so far as I have been able to learn.

Respectfully Submitted
R. S. Graves,
City Physician.

Referred to Hospital Committee.

Statement warrants issued - Jan
Statement of warrants issued during the month of January, 1886, by Milton Morris, City Clerk, was referred to finance committee without being read.

Estimated cost of Culvert W. Pecan
Report of J. K. McFall, City engineer, regarding the cost of a Culvert on West Pecan street, was referred to the finance committee.

Report of City engineer in relation to the condition of the ditch in the City Cemetery and the cost of repairing the same, was read and referred to the Cemetery Committee.

Sextons report
Report of City Sexton for the month of January, 1886:

Total deaths 17

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White	10
Colored	7
Male	8
Female	9
Premature birth	1
Remains brought here for interment	3

The report was read.

E. Van Boeckmann
printing

Petition of E. Van Boeckmann, relating to the awarding of the job printing of the City for the year 1886 to Messrs. Warner & Draughon at a figure \$50.25 higher than his, was read and referred to the printing Committee.

Petition C.B.
Cook-fine
remitted

Petition of Chas B. Cook, asking that a fine of \$50, assessed against him in the recorder's Court for disturbing public worship, was read and his honor remitted \$25 of the fine, and asked the approval of the same by the City Council. The approval was made.

G.W. Church
fine remitted

A petition by G.W. Church, asking his honor, Mayor Robertson, to remit a fine of \$5 and costs, was read, and at the request of Mayor Robertson, the Council remitted the same.

Assignment to
Committee's.

His Honor Mayor Robertson read the following:

Gentlemen of the City Council:
Alderman C.B. Caldwell is assigned to the Committees on Cemetery and Charity in place of Alderman Underhill, resigned.

Alderman A. Giesen is assigned to the Committees on printing and Sanitation and Sewerage, in place of Alderman Maas, resigned.

Alderman F.C. Jones is assigned to the Committee on fire department in place of W. J. Brennan, resigned.

The Committees will otherwise remain as appointed on December 21st, 1885.

Very Respectfully
J.W. Robertson
Mayor.

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C. A. Shurr Alderman Crocker presented a bill of \$176.50 in favor of C. A. Shurr, for extra work done on the new engine house.

The fire department Committee, Aldermen Crocker, Jones, and Schneider, recommended the payment of the bill, as it was necessary to have the work performed in order to make the building complete.

Alderman Odell submitted the following report:

To the Honorable Mayor and the City Council:

Claim of A. M.
C. Nixon

Your Committee, to whom was referred the account of A. M. C. Nixon, architect, for plans, specifications and estimates for improvements on City hall beg leave to state that they have agreed to compromise the matter, the City to pay \$175 and costs, \$8.05; total \$183.05, and we recommend the amount be allowed.

Respectfully

J. M. Odell

W. B. Northam

W. B. Walker,

Finance Committee.

On motion, the report was adopted.

The following report was read and adopted:

Hon J. W. Robertson, Mayor;

Your Committee on police to

whom was referred the within memorial of Mr O. F. Zink, recommend that the same be referred to the board of fire Commissioners as it contains suggestions beneficial to the fire department.

The memorial was referred to the fire department Committee.

O. F. Zink's
alarm for crime
of fire

The printing Committee reported as follows:

To the Mayor and board of Aldermen: Gentlemen - your Committee

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On printing have examined the various bids on printing, and ask the Contract for printing blanks for use of the City, and furnishing Stationery, be awarded to Messrs. Warner & Draughon

Very Respectfully,

W. B. Walker

B. S. Pillow

Printing Committee.

A motion to adopt the report was made and Carried.

"Stand ord.

Alderman DeGress called up his ordinance entitled "an ordinance designating a 'stand' for the vending of wood, hay, and poultry, brought to this City on wagons," which was on its second reading.

amendment Alderman Schneider offered the following amendment to section first after block 59, "and the public squares."

Adopted.

Passed.

Motions to further suspend the rules, and place the ordinance on its third reading, and that it now pass, were adopted by the following vote: Yeas Aldermen Schneider, Metz, Pillow, Brush, Caldwell, Giesen, Warren, Wartham, Crooker, Odell, Corwin, Halman, DeGress, Walker and Jones - 15.

Nays: Aldermen Anderson, and Campbell - 2. Alderman DeGress offered the following named Ordinance:

Repeal right of way.

An ordinance repealing "An Ordinance granting the right-of-way over certain streets of the City of Austin to D. M. Wilson, Joseph Kalle, and their associates, for the purpose of constructing and operating a line of street railway in said City".

Motions to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second and third reading were made and adopted by the following vote: Yeas Aldermen Schneider, Metz, Pillow, Anderson, Brush, Campbell, Caldwell, Giesen, Warren, Wartham, Crooker, Odell, Corwin,

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Helman, DeGress, Walker and Jones.-17.
 On motion the Ordinance was passed.
 Alderman Cummings Came in.
 Alderman Wertham presented the following named Ordinance:

Ord. to fix ditch

An ordinance making an appropriation for repairing the ditch running through the City Cemetery.

A motion to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on its second reading, was adopted by the following vote: Yeas Aldermen Schneider, Metz, Pillow, Anderson, Brush, Campbell, Caldwell, Giesen, Warren, Wertham, Odell, Crocker, Corwin, Helman, DeGress, Cummings, Walker and Jones-18.

Passed

Motions to further suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on its third reading, and that it now pass, were adopted by the following vote: Yeas Aldermen Metz, Pillow, Anderson, Brush, Campbell, Caldwell, Giesen, Warren, Wertham, Crocker, Odell, Corwin, Helman, DeGress, Cummings, Walker and Jones-17.

\$3000. for bridge

Alderman Jones offered an ordinance appropriating three thousand dollars for the purpose of building an iron bridge over Waller Creek. Referred to the Street Committee.

Referred.

Ord. to build bridge

Alderman Caldwell offered an ordinance providing for building an arched bridge on College Avenue and across streets.

Referred to the Street Committee.

Alderman Crocker presented the following named Ordinance:

\$176.50 to pay Chas R. Shurr

An ordinance appropriating the sum of one hundred and seventy six dollars and fifty cents to pay Charles R. Shurr for extra work on engine house.

Passed

Motions to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on its second and third reading, and that the Ordinance now pass, were adopted by the following vote: Yeas Aldermen Schneider, Metz, Pillow, Anderson,

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Ord. regulating
Construction

Brush, Campbell, Caldwell, Giesen, Warren, Wortham, Crooker, Odell Corwin, Holman, DeGress, Cummings, Walker and Jones - 18.

Alderman Odell offered an ordinance regulating the construction and operation of horse-railways in the City of Austin, and providing the penalty for violation of same.

Referred to the Street Committee.

Alderman Brush introduced the following named Ordinance:

Ord. right of
way.

An Ordinance granting the right of-way over the streets of the City of Austin, to J. M. Wilson, J. Valle, and their associates, for the purpose of constructing and operating a line, or lines of street railway in said City. The ordinance was read, and a motion was made to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on its second reading.

Adopted by the following Vote: Yeas Aldermen Schneider, Metz, Pillow, Anderson, Brush, Campbell, Caldwell, Giesen, Warren, Wortham, Crooker, Odell, Corwin, Holman, DeGress, Cummings, Walker and Jones - 18.

Amendment

Alderman Anderson offered an amendment to section first, after "City of Austin", as follows: Not already occupied by another street railway.

Alderman Cummings moved to amend the amendment offered by Alderman Anderson, to read, "except west Pecan street"

The amendment was accepted by Alderman Anderson, and a motion to adopt the amendment was made and the following vote was the result:

Yeas - Aldermen Anderson, Campbell, Caldwell, Giesen, Warren, Wortham, Crooker, Odell and Cummings - 9.

Nays - Alderman Schneider, Metz, Pillow, Brush, Corwin, Holman, DeGress, Walker and Jones - 9.

Tie Vote

The Council having cast a tie vote, Mayor Robertson voted yea, making yeas 10, nays - 9.

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The amendment was adopted.

Amendment

Alderman Odell moved to strike out "whenever required", in section 2.

Adopted.

" Alderman Odell moved to amend Section 3 by inserting "City engineer and" after "supervision of the" etc.

Adopted.

" Alderman Odell moved to amend Section 4 by striking out "fire limits of the" after "within the," etc., and inserting "Pecan street and Congress Avenue".

" Alderman Pillow moved to amend section 4 by striking out that portion relating to fire limits, altogether.

Withdrawn.

Alderman Brush requested permission of the City Council to withdraw the Ordinance. There being no objection made, the Ordinance was withdrawn.

Ord. to repair
Culvert on W
Pecan St.

Alderman Pillow presented an Ordinance making an appropriation to repair the Culvert on West Pecan Street, between Crockett and Blanco streets.

Referred to the Street Committee.

Alderman Odell introduced the following named Ordinance:

\$183.05 to Claim
of A.M.C. Nixen

An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$183.05 to pay the Claim of A.M.C. Nixen for plans and specifications furnished the City of Austin.

Passed

Motions were made to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on its second reading, and that the Ordinance now pass, and were adopted by the following vote:
Yeas Aldermen Schneider, Metz, Pillow, Anderson, Brush, Campbell, Caldwell, Gieser, Warren, Wortham, Crocker, Odell, Corwin, Helman, DeGress, Cummings, Walker and Jones - 18.

Report of Special Committee:

Hon Mayor and Board of Aldermen of

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The City of Austin:

Extension
water & gas

Gentlemen:- Your Special Committee appointed at last meeting on gas and water extension, beg leave to submit the following Ordinance in regard to the location of additional fire hydrants in the City of Austin, and recommend to your honorable body that the same do pass, and that further time be granted in regard to the extension of the Streets lights of the City

Respectfully Submitted

J. Cummings Ch'mn.

W.B. Northam,

C.G. Caldwell,

W.B. Walker,

C. E. Anderson.

The following named Ordinance is the one submitted with the report:

Ord: Extending
water mains

An Ordinance extending the water mains of the City of Austin, and the additional location of thirty eight fire hydrants thereon.

A motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second reading was made, and adopted by the following vote:

Yeas - Aldermen Schneider, Metz, Pillow, Anderson, Brush, Campbell, Caldwell, Giesen, Warren, Northam, Crocker, Odell, Corwin, Helman, SeGress, Cummings, Walker and Jones - 18.

Amendment

Alderman Pillow moved to amend Section 1 by striking out 2600 feet and inserting 3168 feet. Adopted.

No objection being made, the caption of the Ordinance was changed to read 39 instead of 38 fire hydrants.

Passed.

Motions to further suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its third reading, and that the ordinance now pass, were adopted by the following vote: Yeas Aldermen Schneider, Metz, Pillow, Anderson, Brush, Campbell, Caldwell, Giesen, Northam, Crocker, Odell, Corwin,

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Holman, DeGress, Cummings, Walker and Jones 18.

Lights at

R.R. Crossings

Alderman Erwin introduced an ordinance requiring persons owning, controlling or operating Steam Car railways on certain avenues in the city of Austin to provide suitable lights at certain street crossings, and to provide a penalty for failing to do so.

Referred to Street Committee.

On motion the Council adjourned

Milton Morris

City Clerk