

A Called meeting of the City Council

Austin Tex April 15, 1886.

Hon J. W. Robertson, Mayor, presiding.

Roll Call - Present Aldermen Schneider, Anderson, Brush, Schuber, Caldwell, Sissen, Warren, Wertham, DeGress, Cummings, Walker and Jones - 12.

Absent: Aldermen Metz, Picow, Campbell, Crooker, Odell, Corwin, Halman, and Erwin - 8.

Mayor Robertson stated the object of the meeting was to consider the report of the Special Committee on the Washington fire department matter; and, also, any other matters presented for consideration. Alderman DeGress, Chairman of the Special Committee appointed to locate quarters for Washington Fire Engine Company No. 1, presented a report which states that a sub-committee of the Special Committee of the City Council and of the Washington Fire Engine Company examined the following sites: A lot belonging to Mr Domsche, on East Hickory Street, containing 19×19 feet fronting immediately on East Hickory Street, thence 25×61 feet in extension of the 19×19 feet, at \$2,500; a lot belonging to Mr J. Burns, on West Ash Street, 46×60 feet, with a brick building on the same 19×46 , at \$4,000; a lot, 40×71 feet, belonging to Dr J. Cummings, situated on Brazos Street, between Bois d'Arc and East Pecan Street at \$2,500.

Also, that other sites were examined, but it was found that a deed could not be made to them.

That a proposition was made by Col J. S. Driskill to provide a room for the engine and hose cart; also, a meeting room for the above named company, but Col Driskill was unable at this time to state at what rental said rooms could be furnished by him.

Also that Col Driskill agreed to allow the company to occupy their present quarters for sixty days after the first of May next. The report further states that the Washington Fire

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engine Company will purchase the property owned by Dr Cummings and erect a suitable building thereon; provided the City will pay said Company a rental of \$50 per month as long as the Company remains a Volunteer fire Company.

The offer made by Col Doiskell, to allow the Company further time to provide quarters, was accepted and the thanks of the city tendered him for his generous offer. The proposition of Washington Fire Engine Company No. 1 was also accepted, and the mayor authorized to pay the Company \$3,500, this being the amount due the Company for the building at present occupied by them. Alderman Anderson moved that the mayor appoint a special Committee to consist of three aldermen, the Mayor and City Attorney for the purpose of entering into an agreement and Contract with the Company, in accordance with the report. Adopted.

Alderman Warren moved that the Committee report at the next meeting. Carried.

The following named aldermen were appointed on the Committee: Anderson, DeGress and Caldwell. Alderman DeGress introduced an ordinance appropriating \$3,500 to pay Washington Fire Engine Company No. 1 this amount being due said Company. The ordinance was read and laid over.

Alderman Caldwell introduced a resolution, which was adopted, authorizing the Chairman of the Cemetery Committee to sell the old fence now around the city Cemetery.

A resolution was adopted authorizing the City physician to suspend the small pox Camp whenever, in his opinion, it is safe to do so. All property exposed to infection to be destroyed.

Alderman Northam introduced an ordinance inhibiting the operating or maintaining Opium dens, Opium joints etc. Laid over.

The following named ordinances were passed:

An ordinance fixing the penalty for violating the Ordinances regulating the fire limits in the city of Austin.

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An Ordinance regulating the building, repairing and removal of wooden buildings in the City of Austin.
 An Ordinance regulating theatres, Circuses, public balls and public dance houses, etc.

Action on the following named Ordinances was postponed till next meeting:

An ordinance prohibiting the running at large of animals within the City of Austin, and providing for the sale of the same.

An Ordinance making an appropriation for the payment of the City Water Company for the year 1885.

Alderman Brush introduced an ordinance appointing a special Committee to be known as a public park Committee.

The Ordinance was read and referred to the Committee on Streets, Alleys, etc.

Alderman Giesen presented an ordinance appropriating \$450 for the erection of a stone Culvert on Congress Avenue. Read and referred to the Street Committee.

The resignation of Alderman Corwin, of the Seventh Ward, was tendered and accepted.

The reflection cast on Marshal Lucey and the police department, by an evening paper, was discussed, and the following motion made by Alderman DeBress: That this Council vote that they have confidence in Mr Lucey.

Alderman Cummings moved to postpone action on the motion. Tabled, and Alderman DeBress' motion adopted.

Alderman Anderson was temporarily appointed on the Cemetery Committee.

The Council adjourned
 Milton Morris
 City Clerk.