

A Regular Meeting of the City Council

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Austin Tex July 5, 1886.

Men J. W. Robertson, Mayor, presiding;
Roll Call. Present: Aldermen Brush, Crocker,
Cummings, DeBress, Siessen, Jones, Metz,
Odell, Pillow, Schuber, Walker, Warren, Wellmer,
Wertham, Total 14.

Absent: Aldermen Anderson, Caldwell, Campbell,
Helman, Schneider, Total 6.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Council were,
on motion, adopted as printed.

A petition from Dr J. Cummings, requesting
permission to erect public scales on the corner
of East Pecan and San Marcos streets
was granted.

A petition from citizens, asking that a blockade
of wagons be removed from the southeast and
southwest corners of Pecan and Brazos
street, was read and laid over.

A petition from L. Schlinger, requesting
the Council to indemnify him for loss
sustained by reason of Colorado horse cart
No. 2 colliding with a wagon and horse
belonging to him, was read and referred to
the Committee on fire department, and the
City attorney. Fifty two dollars is the amount asked
for by the petitioner.

A petition from citizens owning all of block
No. 52, in division D, was presented and
read and referred to the Committee on streets,
alleys, etc.

Petitioners desire the perpetual closing of alley
running through said block.

A petition from W. C. Denny, approved
by citizens of the 10th ward, for permission
to open a saloon in the Brunswick
Hotel building, corner of Congress avenue
and Pine street, was presented and
granted.

A communication from C. L. Nitschke,
City Sexton, asking the Council to fix the
price of one-half and one quarter lots in the

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Cemetery; also to state if he should sell lots to persons who evidently purchase them for speculative purposes. He also calls attention of the Council to the large number of lots belonging to Colored persons which bear no mark of identification; also, to the door at the south side of the Cemetery, which is not under his control and is at all times open.

The Communication was referred to the Cemetery Committee, with instructions to take such action on the matters named therein as they may deem proper and necessary.

Charges made by W. W. Leader against Policeman O. H. Gibson and Ed O'Donovan and Marshal James Luey, were presented and read and referred to the Committee on police for investigation and report.

Alderman DeGress introduced the following resolution, which was adopted: Resolved, That hereafter not more than three express wagons be permitted to stand on any block of any street in this city for the purpose of hire, provided that the three wagons first arriving on such block shall have the prior privilege of taking stand on such block; and provided further, that the city marshal is hereby charged with the execution and due observance of this resolution.

The report of the city treasurer for the month of June was presented and read, and referred to the Committee on finance and revenue. It shows-

Balance on hand May 31st.	\$ 25,573.96.
Received from Assessor & Collector on account-	
Ad valorem tax	\$ 6,958.75
License	631.20
General fund,	1,139.70
Paid up sale old Cemetery fence	36.61
	<u>\$ 34,310.22</u>

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Credits.		
Cemetery fund, paid Warrants		\$ 50.85
General " " "		10,308.72
Jan'y 1, 1886, 116 to 123 on 10 percent bonds		<u>200.00</u>
		\$ 10,559.57
Cash balances June 30 - Cemetery fund		475.05
Back debt "		172.73
General "		<u>17,902.87</u>
		\$ 18,550.65
Interest fund (in New York)		<u>5,200.00</u>
		\$ 34,310.22
Unappropriated balances - General fund		\$ 7,728.45

The report of the City Marshal of Costs, etc., imposed during June, by reason of Violations of the pound ordinance, was presented read, and referred to the Committee on police.

The amount so collected is placed at \$147.25; fees paid, \$111.50; balance \$35.75.

The City Marshal's report of fines assessed and collected during the month of June was introduced and read and referred to the Committee on police. The report fixes the total amount assessed at \$907.30; Cash Collected, \$403.85; worked out, \$271.50.

The City Physician's report for the month of June was submitted, and read and referred to the Committee on hospital. The report shows that there were twelve patients in the hospital June 1, and that fifteen were admitted during the month, eleven discharged, three died, and that thirteen remain. Also that the health of the City is good, for this season of the year.

Alderman Schneider Came in.

The report of the City Clerk on warrants issued during the month of June was submitted and referred to the Committee on finance and revenue. The amount issued is placed at \$9,963.90.

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The City Sexton's report for the month of June was introduced and referred to the Committee on Cemetery. Total deaths, 31; White, 17; Colored, 11, Mexican, 3; - male, 15; female, 16.

The Committee on fire department, and board of fire Commissioners, presented an adverse report on the petition from G. M. Brass, requesting permission to proceed with the erecting of a Shed.

A motion was made and adopted empowering the fire Commissioners to take such action regarding the matter as they may deem proper and necessary.

Alderman Brush moved that the matter of numbering the streets in the City be withdrawn from the Committee on Streets, Alleys etc; and referred to a Special Committee of three aldermen. The motion was adopted.

Alderman Giesen introduced a resolution which was adopted, directing the City engineer and Committee on Streets, Alleys, etc; to have the approaches to the engine house on Market hill put in proper shape.

Alderman Crocker presented a communication from the president of Washington Steam Fire Engine Company No. 11 to the Council, calling attention to the bad condition of the engine of said Company.

Alderman Brush moved that the engineer of the fire department be directed to make an estimate of the cost of repairing and placing of said engine in a safe and serviceable condition, and that he report the probable cost to the Council. Adopted.

The Committee on police reported that they have examined the City marshals report for the month of May, and found it correct. No action was taken on the report.

+ Alderman De Gress, moved that the Council go into a Committee of the whole, with the Chairman of the Special Committee on Cemetery in

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the Chair, to Consider the report of the said Special Committee. The motion was adopted, and Alderman Wortham took the Chair and laid before the Committee a report favorable to the purchase of outlets to the 29 & 30 division D.

Alderman Crocker moved to postpone action on the report, that the Aldermen may visit and inspect the proposed land, and that the mayor call the Council together on next Monday night to take further action on the report.

Alderman DeGress moved that further consideration of the report be postponed till July 13, that the Committee may procure information from Houston, Texas, and other points, about private Cemeteries.

The motion was rejected by a rising vote of 7 to 8. Alderman Crocker then renewed the motion to postpone made by himself, and it carried.

Alderman Brush moved that the time for visiting the proposed location be fixed at 3^{o'clock} p.m. Sunday next. Adopted.

Alderman Crocker moved to go into regular session. Adopted.

Mayor Robertson in the Chair.

The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole reported the action taken by the Committee of the Whole as stated above.

On motion the report was received.

Alderman Cummings moved to amend that portion of the report relative to visiting land offered for Cemetery purposes, by adding "and any other tracts of land offered for said purpose". Adopted.

Alderman Wortham introduced a resolution, which was adopted, permanently establishing the survey of the boundary line of Rio Grande street, formerly called San Bernard street, from Orange street to northern boundary of the city, as shown by the Land Office map of 1872, and as resurveyed and confirmed by the City Engineer.

Alderman Wellmer introduced an Ordinance appropriating \$300 to pay balance due on

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house of Hesse Cart Company No. 4.

A motion was made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second reading, which was adopted by the following vote: Yeas - Aldermen Brush, Crocker, Cummings, DeGress, Giesen, Jones, Odell, Pileow, Schneider, Schuber, Walker, Warren, Wellmer, Wartham, 14.

Nays - Alderman Metz.

Alderman Crocker moved to amend the caption by adding \$50. to put a new floor in the building occupied by Protection Hook & Ladder Company No. 3. Adopted.

A motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its third reading was defeated by the following vote: Yeas - Aldermen Brush, Crocker, Cummings, DeGress, Giesen, Jones, Odell, Pileow, Schuber, Walker, Warren, Wellmer and Wartham. Total, 13.

Nays - Aldermen Metz and Schneider.

Alderman Odell introduced an ordinance appropriating \$742.81 to pay approved accounts.

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

Yeas - Aldermen Brush, Crocker, Cummings, DeGress, Giesen, Jones, Metz, Odell, Pileow, Schneider, Schuber, Walker, Warren, Wellmer Wartham, 15.

Alderman Cummings was Excused.

Alderman Jones moved to amend the ordinance by adding \$6.99 to pay W. H. Fiebaugh for expenses incurred by reason of street gang interfering with water pipe leading to his premises.

Alderman Brush moved to amend the motion made by Alderman Jones, so as to exclude the payment of such bills in the future.

The amendments were rejected by a vote of 6 to 7.

Alderman Brush moved to amend by adding \$52, to be voluntarily paid to L. Schlinger.

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The amendment was adopted by a rising vote of 10 to 3.

Alderman Pillow moved to amend by adding \$3 to pay W. H. Firebaugh for cost of replacing water pipe. Adopted.

A motion to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on its third reading was defeated by the following vote:

Yeas - Aldermen Brush, Crocker, DeGress, Giesen, Jones, Metz, Odell, Pillow, Walker, Wellmer, Wartham. Total, 11.

Nays - Aldermen Schneider, Schuber and Warren. Total, 3.

Alderman Odell introduced an Ordinance amending Section 1 of an Ordinance entitled "an Ordinance prohibiting the running at large of animals within the City of Austin, and providing for the sale of the same," passed April 19, 1886, and approved April 20, 1886. Referred to the Committee on Streets, Alleys, etc.

On motion the Council adjourned
Milton Morris
City Clerk