

A Regular Meeting of the City Council

Austin Tex Sept 20, 1886.

Hon J. W. Robertson, mayor, presiding.

Roll Call - Present - Aldermen Brush, Caldwell, Campbell, DeGress, Groin, Gieson, Holman, Jones, Odell, Schneider, Schuber, Walker, Warren, Wertham. Total 14.

Roll Call. Absent - Aldermen Anderson, Crooker, Cummings, Metz, Pillow, Wellmer - 6.

Call of Council. A Call of the Council was moved and adopted and the marshal was directed to notify absentees.

Call Suspended. A motion to suspend the Call was made and Carried.

Minutes adopted. Minutes of the last two meetings of the Council were adopted as printed.

Petition to widen W. College and Sidewalks. Alderman Caldwell presented a petition from citizens asking that the sidewalks on West College avenue be made fifteen feet wide.

Referred to Committee on Streets, Alleys, etc.

Pat for Water trough Car 1678. Alderman Warren introduced a petition from citizens of fifth Ward requesting that a water trough be erected at southeast corner of Cherry and Guadalupe streets. Referred to water and gas Committee.

Alld Cummings & Crooker came in. Aldermen Cummings and Crooker came in.

Hose cart be placed at P. H. 563. Alderman Jones offered a petition from citizens of fifth and sixth wards, asking that a hose cart be placed at the quarters of Protection A. & L. Co. No. 3. Referred to fire Committee.

Chas Schaffer tax. Alderman Walker presented a memorial from Chas Schaffer, who states that improvements belonging to him on certain lots were assessed for city taxes, January 1, 1886, but were shortly afterwards destroyed by fire, and asks that a rebate to the amount of such tax be allowed him. Referred to Committee on fire department.

James Byrne fine. A petition from James Byrne, asking that he be released from imprisonment and further

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payment of fine assessed in recorder's Court, because of his having a protracted spell of sickness, etc. The mayor and recorder recommended his release and the Council consented thereto

A statement by the City Assessor and Collector, showing sales of property for 1885, was submitted and reads as follows:

List of Real Estate sold for Taxes of 1885, by Mr. Mass, Assessor & Collector, on the 7th of September, 1886.

Block	Division	Sub. Div.	Lots.	To Whom assessed	Tax.	Costs	amt sold for	To Whom Sold
			45x165 feet S.E. 1/4	Estate of M. M. Biers	10 00	5 75	15 75	Mrs J. J. Houston
43 E			No. 27	Mrs W. J. Durham	6 67	5 75	12 42	" " "
33 O			50x104 feet of Lots 13	Wm Gibbins	2 80	5 75	8 55	Chas Lundell
55 B			No. 5	A. B. Hancock	22 67	5 75	28 42	Mrs J. J. Houston
66			No. 5	J. V. Jones	5 33	5 75	11 08	" " " "
10			No. 2	D. Melville	5 33	5 75	11 08	" " " "
9			No. 8	A. W. McComas	39 60	5 75	45 35	Austin Lind & Co.
34 D			No. 2	Jacob Meyers	4 67	5 75	10 42	A. B. Kinney
23			No. 4	Owner Unknown	1 33	5 75	7 08	Mrs J. J. Houston
18 O 2			W 1/3 of No. 12	" "	16 00	5 75	21 75	" " " "
55			Improvements on No. 6	" "	10 00	5 75	15 75	City of Austin
83			1 acre S.W. Corner	" "	2 67	5 75	8 42	Mrs J. J. Houston
43			No. 10	" "	1 33	5 75	7 08	" " " "
3 A 1			No. 12	" "	1 67	5 75	7 42	A. Engstrand
4 A 1			No. 4	" "	2 00	5 75	7 75	Chas Lundell
3 O 7			No. 1	" "	4 00	5 75	9 75	E. H. Keen
51 D			No. 2	" "	3 33	5 75	9 08	" " " "
51 D			No. 3	" "	3 33	5 75	9 08	" " " "
51 D			No. 12	" "	13 33	5 75	19 08	Mrs J. J. Houston
63 D 1			No. 12	" "	1 33	5 75	7 08	" " " "
42 B 3			No. 1	" "	2 67	5 75	8 42	" " " "
2-3 B 5			No. 12	" "	2 67	5 75	8 42	Chas Lundell.
2-3 B 8			57x275 feet	Mrs S. C. Pitts.	5 33	5 75	11 08	" "
67 D			No. 8	Mellie J. Fickett.	2 67	5 75	8 42	Mrs J. J. Houston
63 D 1			No. 7	Jerry Plummer et. al.	3 33	5 75	9 08	" " " "
143			No. 1 + 2	Mrs M. A. Turnbull.	6 33	5 75	12 08	" " " "
42 B 3			135x161 feet N.E. Corner	" " "	2 67	5 75	8 42	" " " "
41 B			46x128 feet	E. Vogtsberger	5 80	5 75	11 55	" " " "
20 O			Lots No. 1 + 2	Ward, Barton & Buttes	13 33	5 75	19 08	" " " "
81			46x128 feet of No. 2 + 3	J. L. White.	26 67	5 75	32 42	" " " "
105			N 1/2 of No. 25	A. B. Williams	3 33	5 75	9 08	Chas Lundell
55 B			No. 7	Mrs M. A. C. Wilson	4 00	5 75	9 75	Mrs J. J. Houston
50 D			No. 2	E. of Caroline White	3 33	5 75	9 08	Chas Lundell
1 B 4			No. 4 + E half of No. 3	" " Mellie Wright	5 33	5 75	11 08	" "

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City atty. report about River St. A report from City Attorney, stating that he had complied with instructions of Council in regard to establishing River Street further south, was read. No action was taken on the report.

Pet J. F. McKinley The Committee on Streets, Alleys, etc., reported adversely on a petition from J. F. McKinley for \$50 as damages to his buggy and harness; such damage having been occasioned by reason of a collision with a team belonging to the City.

The report states that according to the statement of City Attorney, petitioner is not entitled to damages; suit having been instituted against the City of Austin, tried and decided in favor of the defendant. Report was adopted.

Marshal's report for July. Alderman Schneider, for the Committee on Police, reported that the marshal's report for the month of July had been examined, and found to be correct. No action.

Report of Committee to confer with water Co. relative to sale of works. Alderman Cummings introduced the following:
To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Austin:
Gentlemen:- Your Special Committee appointed for the purpose of conferring with the City Water Company, to ascertain whether the City could purchase their works, and if so, their cost, beg leave to report that the Chairman called on Capt M. D. Mather for the facts in the matter, and was told by him that the City Water works were not for sale. Not deeming it necessary, no further action was taken in the matter.

J. Cummings, Chairman.

C. E. Anderson,

S. Warren,

W. B. Walker.

On motion the report was adopted and the Committee discharged.

amending art. 351a. An Ordinance amending article 351a, Chapter One, title XVI, of the Revised Civil Ordinances of the City of Austin, was taken up on its third reading, read, and on motion passed.

\$150.00 to An Ordinance appropriating \$150 for the purpose

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Whitewash etc of whitewashing the fence around the City Cemetery and Cemetery fence putting two strips thereon, was taken up on its second reading.

Read 3d time: A motion was made to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on its third reading, which was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas - Aldermen Caldwell, Crooker, Cummings, DeGress, Erwin, Giesen, Halman, Jones, Odell, Schneider, Schuber, Walker, Warren, Wertham. Total, 14.

Passed: Nays - Alderman Campbell. On motion the Ordinance was passed.

\$858.17 to pay Claims - tabled: An Ordinance appropriating \$858.17 to pay approved Claims, was taken up on its second reading and on motion of Alderman Odell was tabled.

\$2,445.90 to pay claims: By unanimous consent of the Council, Alderman Odell introduced an Ordinance appropriating \$2,445.90 to pay approved accounts.

Read 2d time: 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, Caldwell, Campbell, Crooker, Cummings, DeGress, Erwin, Giesen, Halman, Jones, Odell, Schneider, Schuber, Walker, Warren, Wertham - 16.

Amend by adding 3.14 for Wm A. Burke: Alderman Wertham moved to amend section one by adding \$3.14 to pay Wm A. Burke for repairing water pipe which was broken by street gang. Defeated.

Amend by adding \$9.00 for Erie T & S. Co.: Alderman Odell moved to amend section one by adding \$9.00 to pay Erie Telegraph and Telephone Company for rent of telephone located at City Marshal's residence. Adopted.

Carried: The Caption of the Ordinance was then changed to read \$2,454.90.

Passed: Motions were made to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on its third reading, and that the Ordinance now pass, both of which were adopted by the following Vote: Yeas - Aldermen Brush, Caldwell, Campbell, Crooker, Cummings, DeGress, Erwin,

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Giesen, Halman, Jones, Odell, Schneider, Schuber, Walker, Warren, Wortham 16.

\$3.107.00
pay rolls.

Unanimous Consent of the Council was given and Alderman Odell introduced an Ordinance appropriating \$3.107.00 for the purpose of paying officers and regular employees of the City, and the City and County hospital, each for the month of September

Passed

Motions were made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second and third reading. and that the ordinance now pass, all of which were adopted by the following vote: Yeas- Aldermen Brush, Caldwell, Campbell, Crocker, Cummings, DeGross, Ervin, Giesen, Halman, Jones, Odell, Schneider, Schuber, Walker, Warren, Wortham - 16.

The following named Ordinance was taken up on its second reading and read by sections:

\$350.000
bond ord.
on 2nd
reading

An Ordinance Ordering an election by the tax-paying citizens, of the City of Austin, for the purpose of procuring their consent to an extension of the bonded debt of the City of Austin, in the sum of three hundred and fifty thousand dollars, beyond and in addition to the present bonded debt of one hundred and twenty five thousand dollars.

Date of election.

Alderman Warren moved to amend section one by inserting December 6th, 1886, as date of election by citizens. Adopted.

Judge of election

Aug. Sundberg

Stricken out +

Augustus Bassett

inserted

Alderman Odell moved to amend section four by striking out the name of Aug. Sundberg, whose name appeared as judge of election for Seventh Ward, and insert Augustus Bassett in lieu thereof. Carried.

B. J. Goldbeck as

Judge of election

Stricken out +

W. Zeller put

in.

Alderman Caldwell moved to amend the same section by striking out the name of B. J. Goldbeck, who was designated as judge of election of Fourth Ward, and inserting in lieu thereof W. Zeller. Adopted.

"Hoffheintz Store"

as election place.

Alderman Jones moved to amend section four by adding "Hoffheintz Store", as place

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- for holding election in Tenth Ward. Carried.
- Rate of interest. 5 per cent. Alderman Warren offered an amendment to Section Seven, striking out "six" and inserting "five" percent as the maximum rate of interest the bonds may bear. Carried.
- Bonds sold by Alderman DeGress moved to amend Section eight, which relates to the sale of bonds, by adding after the words "said bonds shall be sold by the mayor and finance Committee of the City Council", the words "or such agents or agencies as the mayor and finance Committee may select". Adopted.
- agents to give bond. Alderman Cummings moved to amend the same section by adding "provided that a good and sufficient bond is given by the agent, and the City fully protected." Adopted.
- sell all bonds at one time. Alderman DeGress moved to amend Section eight by striking out that portion relative to sale of bonds at different periods of time, so that the entire amount of bonds shall be sold at one time. Adopted by a vote of three to ten.
- sale thro. City Council. Alderman Campbell moved to strike out all of that portion of Section eight, which takes the sale of bonds away from the City Council. Adopted.
- Council to sell. Alderman Cummings moved to strike out of Section eight the words "finance Committee", wherever the same occurs. Carried.
- "Provide" in lieu of "Construct". Alderman DeGress moved to amend Section nine by striking out the first division of the section and substituting the second therefor. Lost.
- appropriate money before do work. Alderman Odell offered as an amendment to Section nine, division third, that the word "Construct" be stricken out and "provide" inserted instead. Adopted.
- Alderman DeGress moved to amend Section eleven by adding the following: "Provided further, no contract shall be made for any of this work unless money therefor shall be in the City treasury and appropriated by the

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City Council. Defeated.

Alderman Cummings introduced the following which was defeated:

City atty.
advise if

City Can legally

purchase water

Co's. works

East.

Aldermen:

Honorable Mayor and Board of

Gentlemen:- Resolved, That the City attorney as soon as convenient for him to do so, report to the City Council whether or not the City will be free to act on her own account in erecting water works for the purpose of supplying the public with water, without entangling herself with the City Water Company, so far as relates to Contract.

Respectfully,

J. Cummings
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adjourned

On motion, the Council adjourned
Milton Morris,
City Clerk.