

A Regular Meeting of the City Council

Austin Tex Oct 4, 1886.

Hon J. W. Robertson, Mayor, presiding.

Roll Call Roll Call - present: Aldermen Anderson, Brush, Caldwell, Campbell, Crocker, DeGress, Erwin, Gissen, Halman, Jones, Odell, Pillow, Schneider, Schubert, Walker, Warren, Wellmer, Wartham. Total, 18.

Absent: Aldermen Cummings and Metz.

Minutes
Corrected

Minutes of the last meeting of the Council were corrected so as to show that the motion which Alderman DeGress made, to amend section 9, was: To amend section 9 by placing the third division in the place of the second division. The minutes were then adopted.

Court appeals
reports for
city atty.

A memorial from acting city attorney, concurred in by city recorder, requesting the Council to purchase certain volumes of Texas Court of Appeals reports, for the recorder's Court was read, and referred to Committee on Ordinances.

Officers Reports.

marshals
Sept report

City marshal's report for the month of September, was introduced and referred to Committee on Police. It shows that there was \$784.05 collected for fines and costs assessed during the month of September; \$7.45, account of back fines and costs for April; \$5.70, account of back fines for August; also 75 cents account of fees and sales of City pound. Total, \$797.95. Total number of arrests, 126.

City Physicians
reports Sept

City physician's report for the month of September, 1886, was submitted, read, and referred to the Committee on Hospital. The report shows that there were 14 patients in the hospital September 1st; that 15 were admitted during the month, 14 discharged, 3 died, and that 12 remain; that 125 visits were made and 192 prescriptions were written; that three cases of scarlet fever and one of diphtheria were reported, but no deaths occurred from either disease; that the health of the city continues exceptionally good.

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Sept. City Sextons report for the month of September was submitted and shows the following: Total deaths, 22; white, 16, Colored, 5; Mexican, 1; male 11; female, 11.

Sept. City Clerk's Statement of warrants issued during the month of September was submitted. The amount is fixed at \$7,052.63. Referred to the Committee on finance and revenue.

Sept. City Treasurers report for the month of September:

Balance on hand Aug 31,	\$6,753.10.
Received from Assessor & Collector	
On acct of ad valorem tax	\$2,005.37
" " " license	1,841.30
" " " general fund	465.05
" " " City Cemetery	170.50
	<u>4,482.22</u>
	\$11,235.32.

Credits.

City Cemetery paid warrants	\$ 118.35
General fund, " "	4,732.05
Interest " paid Coupon due July 1, on 10 percent bonds	<u>125.00</u>
Total.	\$4,975.40

Cash Balances Sept 30th

City Cemetery	\$ 673.60
Back debt fund	172.73
Interest "	450.00
General "	4,963.59
	<u>\$ 6,259.92</u>
	\$11,235.32

Unappropriated Balances.

General fund. \$3,298.63

Referred to Committee on finance and revenue.

Sept. The Committee on Streets, alleys, etc. reported adversely on the memorial of Chas. McAnally for Claim. \$637.81 for quarrying rock, gravel, etc. Report adopted.

Alderman Cummings. Alderman Cummings came in.

Sept. The same Committee reported favorably on a petition of Citizens to have sidewalks on West College avenue widened to a width of fifteen feet.

Sept. Alderman DeGress moved to postpone action on the report till the next meeting of the Council. Report adopted. Sept. Alderman Caldwell moved the adoption of the report. Carried.

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Chas Schaffer memorial The Committee on fire department reported favorably on a memorial from Chas. Schaffer, asking to be exempted from paying taxes of 1886, on improvements on South half of lots 5, 6 and 7, block 11, Outlet 2, because said improvements were destroyed by fire in January last. The report was adopted.

Pet. for hose Carriage The same Committee reported favorably on a petition of citizens of the fifth and sixth wards, requesting that a hose cart be placed at the quarters of Protection Hook and Ladder Company No. 3. No action was had on the report.

The Committee on finance and revenue reported favorably on an ordinance appropriating \$850 to purchase a hose cart for protection Hook and Ladder Company No. 3. Report was adopted.

Water trough The Committee on water and gas reported favorably on a petition of citizens of the fifth ward for a water trough to be located at the corner of sixteenth and Gaudalope streets. Adopted.

J. B. Cassidy On the recommendation of the mayor the Council remitted a fine which was assessed against J. B. Cassidy, for sleeping in a public place.

Alderman Metz

#350,000 Bond

came in
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 \$350,000, beyond and in addition to the present bonded debt of \$125,000, was taken up on its third reading and read.

Jas W. Smith

R. M. Castleman

Alderman DeGress moved to amend Section 10, by substituting the name of Jas. W. Smith, of the Eighth Ward, to be a member of the board of supervision, in lieu of R. M. Castleman, it being discovered that Mr. Castleman resides in the Ninth Ward.

Passed.

On motion the ordinance passed by the following vote: Yeas - Aldermen Anderson, Caldwell, Campbell, Crocker, DeGress, Ervin,

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Giesen, Holman, Jones, Odell, Pillow,
Schneider, Schuber, Walker, Warren, Wellmer,
Wartham. Total, 17.

Reconsider Vote
tated. Says- Alderman Brush, Cummings & Metz- 3.
Alderman Campbell then moved to reconsider
the vote by which the Ordinance was passed, and
to lay that motion on the table. Carried.

Ald. DeBress
reasons. Alderman DeBress gave his reasons for voting
in the affirmative on the final passage
of the Ordinance, which are as follows:
"I vote aye for the passage of this Ordinance,
because I believe some of the citizens of
the Eighth Ward desire to have this question
submitted to them. I, however, as a citizen,
claim the right to act in regard to this
Ordinance, when it is submitted to the people,
as I deem for their best interests."

Ald. Cummings.
reasons. Alderman Cummings submitted his reasons
for voting in the negative on the final
passage of the Ordinance. They are as follows:
"I vote no on the question because, in the first place,
a majority of the tax-payers did not petition the City
Council in favor of the measure, and because it is
my opinion that it is an unnecessary expense,
as it will be defeated by a vote of the people."

Chief fire dept.
buy horse carriage Alderman Odell introduced a resolution to empower
and authorize the Chief of fire department to purchase
on time, a four wheel horse Carriage for Protection
Hook and Ladder Company, No. 3. Adopted.

Erect lamps at Alderman Ervin presented a resolution
authorizing and requiring the Committee on
Streets, Alleys, etc., to erect a lamp at the bridge
over Waller Creek, on Pine street.
Alderman Walker moved to amend by inserting
"gas" before "lamp". Carried.

Alderman DeBress moved to amend by inserting
one lamp to be placed at Masonic Temple
Accepted.

The resolution was then passed as
amended. It authorizes the Committee to make
the necessary contract to carry the provisions

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into effect.

Refund money to
wards.

Alderman Anderson presented a resolution to refund the sum of \$480.90 to the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Eighth, Ninth, and Tenth Wards, that sum having been expended by the Committee on Streets, Alleys, etc, and the City engineer, on Congress, avenue, out of the appropriations made to work the streets of said Wards.

Ald. Odell.

Alderman Odell was excused.

Suspend rules
lost.

A motion to suspend the rules and place the resolution on its second reading was lost by the following vote: Yeas - Aldermen Anderson, Brush, Campbell, Crocker, Cummings, DeGress, Ervin, Holman, Metz, Pillow, Schneider, Walker, and Wartham. Total, 13.

Nays - Aldermen Caldwell, Giesen, Jones, Schuber, Warren, and Wellmer. Total, 6.

\$888.16 approved
acct's.

Alderman Wartham introduced an ^{Ordinance} appropriating the sum of \$888.16 to pay approved Claims.

placed on
2nd reading:

A motion to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on its second reading was made and adopted by the following vote: Yeas - Aldermen Anderson, Brush, Caldwell, Campbell, Crocker, Cummings, DeGress, Ervin, Giesen, Holman, Jones, Metz, Pillow, Schneider, Schuber, Walker, Warren, Wellmer and Wartham. Total, 19.

amended

Alderman Ervin moved to amend Section, by adding \$30 to put a railing along the embankment at the bridge over Waller Creek, on Pine Street. Also \$20 for repairing bottom of drain in the City Cemetery. Carried.

Passed

The caption of the Ordinance was then changed to read \$938.16, and motions were made to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on its third reading, and that it now pass, both of which were adopted by the following vote: Yeas - Aldermen Anderson, Brush, Caldwell, Campbell, Crocker, Cummings, DeGress, Ervin, Giesen, Holman, Jones, Metz, Pillow, Schneider, Schuber, Walker, Warren,

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Wellmer and Northam. Total, 19.

Ald. Holman. Alderman Holman was excused.

Ord. Widen W. Alderman Caldwell introduced an ordinance

College ave. side- fixing the width of the sidewalks on West
Walks. College Avenue. Read first time.

On motion the Council adjourned.

Milton Morris,
City Clerk.