

Minutes of a regular meeting of the City Council.

Austin, Texas Dec. 3 1894.

Hon. John McDonald, Mayor, presiding.

Roll call.

Present - Aldermen Anderson, Asemann, Fischer, Glaf, Jackson, Linn, Nitschke, North, Platt, Powell, Raymond, Reed, Roberdeau, Schneider, Shelley, Taylor, Townsend, Warrmoth - 18.

Absent - Alderman Dawson, Hancock, Hume, Lawless - 4.

The minutes of the meeting of the Council, held on Nov. 19, 1894, were approved as printed.

Alderman Roberdeau moved that the City Clerk be granted a two weeks leave of absence from date. Carried.

- Petitions Memorials, etc. -

By Alderman North -

A petition from Guy A. Collett, receiver of the Lewis Mercer Construction Company and the City of Austin Sewerage Company, asking for an extension of time for 30 days for the completion of the western extension of the sewer line. The petition was granted.

By Alderman Lawless -

A petition from citizens asking that Navasota Street be extended from Sixth Street through to Fourth Street. Referred to Street Committee.

- Reports of City Officers -

for the month of November, 1894:

By the Sexton -

Total number of deaths, 15; white, 12; colored, 3; male 12; female 3. Referred to Cemetery Committee.

By Clerk -

Statement of warrants issued against the General fund:

Salaries of Officers	\$ 1,219.17
Salaries of Policemen	1,241.95
City Cemetery	22.90
Sanitary Department	476.25
Fire Department	623.25
Streets and Bridges	2,132.24
Meals for City prisoners	16.50
City and County hospital	381.27
Printing Stationery and postage	241.55
Charity	130.36
Feed for teams	104.15
Salary teamsters	392.30
Street Lamps	275.00
Salary Pound Officer	73.00
Salary Porter	40.00
Pay Aldermen	220.00
Miscellaneous	185.76
Total	\$ 7,775.66

Referred to Finance Committee.

By Clerk -

Lewis Mercer Con Co +
City of Austin Sewerage
Co

Navasota street

Statement of Warrants issued against the Water and Light Fund:

Engineering department	\$ 700.00
H. L. Brennan	6465.21
Ford Wayne Electric Co.	12507.23
Brown & Dabney	4903.80
Riter & Conley	482.40
Stidwell-Bierce & Smith Vaile Co.	576.15
Miscellaneous	1,146.58
Total	\$ 27,121.37

Referred to finance Committee.

By the Treasurer—

Dec. 3, balance acct. general fund	\$ 15,587.80
Dec. 3, balance acct. old bond interest fund	3,423.43
Dec. 3, balance acct. water-works interest fund	23,568.35
Dec. 3, balance acct. water-works sinking fund	5,000.00
Dec. 3, balance acct. water-works and electric light fund	71,582.21

Referred to finance Committee.

By the assessor and collector—

Collections:

Account general revenue	\$ 4,432.55
Account interest on old bonds	347.07
Account waterworks interest and sinking fund	3,500.47
Account school taxes	1,375.65

Referred to finance Committee.

By the City marshal—

Total amount of fines assessed in recorder's Court	\$ 345.00
Collected in cash	180.00
Worked out	113.00
Escaped	26.00
Carried forward	26.00
Total.	\$ 345.00

Total number of arrests made, 62.

Referred to police Committee.

By City physician—

Number of patients in hospital, Nov. 1, 1894	15
Number of patients admitted to hospital during the month of November, 1894	12
Number of patients discharged from hospital during November, 1894	10
Number of deaths in hospital during November, 1894	2
Number of patients remaining in hospital Dec. 1, 1894	15
Number of visits made paupers in City during November, 1894	93
Number of prescriptions written for paupers during November, 1894	156
Number of cases of diphtheria reported in City during November, 1894	9

Referred to hospital Committee.

By Joseph Hepler—

Austin, Texas, Dec. 3, 1894.

To the Board of Public Works,

Gentlemen— The following is report for the month of November. The work of removing the Coffey dam was finished on Nov. 3, and the

three 36-inch pipes at the west end of the dam were closed. Since that time the average rise in the lake is about six inches per day. The water is now within two inches of the crest of the dam. The river wall of the power house is now up to elevation 55.0. Riter & Wooley have in place about 1090 lineal feet of the 9-foot penstocks and are engaged in fitting up the branches, valves and connections to the dynamo turbines. The gearing for the head gates will be in position and finished within the next few days.

Referred to Water and Light Committee.

~ Committee Reports. ~

D. P. Kinney property.

Alderman Jackson, for the street committee, to whom was referred an ordinance appropriating \$1050 for the purpose of paying for a strip of land through the D. P. Kinney property, made report, recommending passage of the ordinance. It was laid over to come up with the ordinance under the head of unfinished business.

Alderman North moved that further time be granted the Claims and accounts committee in which to report on the claim of J. H. Wells. Carried.

~ Unfinished Business. ~

\$1050 Kinney property

An ordinance entitled, "An ordinance to appropriate the sum of one thousand and fifty dollars (\$1050) for the purpose of purchasing a strip of land 60 feet wide from West Fifth street through the D. P. Kinney property to Shoal Creek, at the Dummy line railroad bridge, to connect West Fifth street with West Fourth street," came up on its second hearing and was read.

Alderman Powell moved that the rules be suspended and the ordinance be placed on its third reading.

Alderman North moved, as a substitute, that further consideration of the ordinance be postponed until the incoming Council are seated.

The substitute carried.

Water & Light Ordinance. (Cin.)

Alderman Taylor moved that an ordinance entitled, "An ordinance providing for the management and operation of the waterworks, electric light and power plants of the City of Austin, and establishing rules and regulations for the government thereof and fixing rates for service, be postponed until the next regular meeting of the Council. Carried.

Election returns

Alderman North moved that the Chair appoint a committee of three to canvass the returns of today's City election and announced the result of same.

Alderman Linn moved, as a substitute, that consideration of the matter be postponed.

The substitute prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas - Alderman Fischer, Glass, Hume, Jackson, Lawless, Linn, Nitschke, Platt, Redd, Roberdeau, Schneider, Townsend, Warmoth - 13.

Nays - Alderman Speman, North, Powell, Raymond, Shelley, Taylor - 6.

Mayor veto to \$575 Bridge over Little Shoal.

The Mayor presented the following:

Austin, Texas, Nov. 21, 1894.

To the Board of Alderman of the City of Austin:

Gentlemen: I deem it my duty to return to your honorable body without my approval an ordinance which was passed at the last meeting of the City Council entitled "An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$575 for the purpose of constructing an arch bridge over Little Shoal Creek at the intersection of Venice and West Eleventh streets", for the following reasons:

First - The bridge now at the point named is in good condition for travel, therefore I can see no reason for removing the same.

Second - Should the proposed Culvert be constructed, some 975 yards of soil, which would cost about \$700 to handle, would be required to make the necessary fill and approaches.

Third - The estimate of expenditures for the present fiscal year, adopted by your honorable body, is now exhausted.

I, therefore, return herewith the ordinance under consideration and respectfully recommend that you reconsider the vote by which the same was passed.

Respectfully,

John W. Donald - Mayor.

Alderman Linn moved that the vote by which the ordinance named in the veto was passed be reconsidered and the motion prevailed.

The pending question, "Shall the ordinance now pass, notwithstanding the veto of the mayor?" was put and decided in the negative by the following vote:

Yeas - Alderman Asoman, Fischer, Glass, Jackson, Lawley, Mitschke, Platt, Raymond, Redd, Robertson, Schneider, Shelley, Townsend, Warmoth - 14

Nays - Alderman Hume, Linn, North, Powell, Taylor - 5.

- New Business. -

By Alderman Linn -

An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$175 for the purpose of paying rent of rooms, judges and clerks of election.

It was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:

Yeas - Alderman Asmann, Fischer, Glass, Hume, Jackson, Lawley, Linn, Mitschke, North, Platt, Powell, Raymond, Redd, Robertson, Schneider, Shelley, Taylor, Townsend, Warmoth - 19.

By Alderman Linn -

An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1578.76 for the purpose of paying approved accounts. It was passed under suspension of rules by the following vote:

Yeas - Alderman Asmann, Fischer, Glass, Hume, Jackson, Lawley, Linn, Mitschke, North, Platt, Powell, Raymond, Redd, Robertson, Schneider, Shelley, Taylor, Townsend, Warmoth - 19.

On motion, Alderman Raymond was excused from further attendance upon the session of the Council.

By Alderman Anderson -

An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$8736.05 for the purpose of paying H. L. Brenemann for extra brick work and material furnished during the month of November, 1894, account of powerhouse.

\$175. Election officers

\$1578⁷⁶ Approved
accounts

\$8736⁰⁵ H. L.

Brenemann

It was passed under suspension of rules by the following vote:
Yeas - Aldermen Afmann, Fischer, Glaf, Hume, Jackson, Lawley, Linn,
Nitschke, North, Platt, Powell, Redd, Robertseau, Schneider, Shelley,
Taylor, Townsend, Warmoth - 18.

By Alderman Jackson -

An ordinance entitled "An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1,000 for the purpose of paying street and sanitary laborers for the City of Austin". It was read for the first time, after which the rules were suspended by a two-thirds vote of the Council and it was read a second time.

Alderman North then moved to amend the caption and section 1 of the ordinance by striking \$1,000 and inserting \$500. The motion was lost.

The rules were further suspended, the ordinance was read a third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas - Alderman Afmann, Fischer, Glaf, Hume, Jackson, Lawley, Linn,
Nitschke, Platt, Powell, Redd, Robertseau, Schneider, Shelley, Taylor,
Townsend, Warmoth - 17.

Nay - Alderman North - 1.

The following was read:

Austin, Tex., Nov. 16, 1894.

On this day it is ordered by the Court that the County Clerk notify the City Council of the City of Austin that the County of Travis several months ago let the contract for building a road around backwater in Bull Creek to Warren & Fagan for the sum of \$3,375, the City having agreed to pay one-half said expense, and as the said work is now over one-half completed, therefore the City Council is requested to authorize the City Clerk to draw his warrant in favor of Travis County road and bridge fund in the sum of \$1,687.50, being the City's part, one-half of said contract price. It is further ordered that the County Clerk notify said City Council in time for its next meeting, to-wit Nov. 19 1894.

By order of the Commissioners Court, Travis County, Tex.

Frank Brown,

County Clerk F. C. J.

On motion of Alderman Nitschke the communication was referred to the street committee.

The Council then adjourned.

Milton Morris,
City Clerk

\$1000 Street
Laborers.

Bull Creek
road. Order of
Co. Ct. as to.