

Minutes of a Called Meeting of the City Council.
Austin, Texas, January 14, 1897.

Hon. Lewis Hancock, Mayor, presiding.

Roll called

Present Aldermen Beatty, Haynes, Kuhn, Lawless, Linn, Maddox, Miller, Nitschke, Platt, Powell, P. O. Robertson, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpff, Taylor & Zilker.

Absent Aldermen Delvin Fischer, Horton, Rosenberger, and Townsend.

The following call of the Council was then read:

Mayor's Office;

Austin, Texas, January 14, 1897.

Called Meeting

A special meeting of the City Council is hereby called to meet in the Council Chamber at 8 o'clock p.m., this day, January 14, 1897, for the purpose of considering and acting upon the report of the special Committee on Charter Amendments.

Lewis Hancock, Mayor.

Austin, Texas, Jan. 14th 1897. 6 p.m.

Marshal's certificate of serving call.

I hereby certify that the following named Aldermen have been served with the above call by having it read to each of them in person viz: Beatty, Delvin, Fischer, Haynes, Kuhn, Lawless, Linn, Maddox, Miller, Nitschke, Platt, Powell, P. O. Robertson, Rosenberger, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpff, Taylor Townsend and Zilker, and that Alderman Horton was served by a true copy having been left at his place of business, he being out of the City.

James E. Lucy, City Marshal. M.

Alderman Fischer entered the Council Chamber.

Special Committee report on Charter Amendments

The Mayor laid before the Council the report of the special Committee on Charter Amendments.

Reconsideration of vote adopted in request to S. O. Board

Alderman Platt moved to reconsider the vote adopted by the Council making the number of Aldermen eight instead of twelve, as recommended by the Committee.

Alderman Townsend entered the Council Chamber.

The motion of Alderman Platt was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Fischer, ^{Haynes} Kuhn, Lawless, Linn, Maddox, Miller, Nitschke, Platt, Powell, P. O. Robertson, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpff, Townsend and Zilker 16. Nays Aldermen Beatty, Robertson and Taylor 3.

Alderman Platt then moved that the Board of Aldermen be composed of two Aldermen from each Ward; one of which is to be elected each year.

Charter Amendment Committee recommendations adopted.

Alderman Maddox offered as a substitute for the motion of Alderman Platt, that the recommendations of the Charter Amendment Committee be adopted, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Beatty, Fischer, Kuhn, Lawless, Maddox, Robertson, Shelley, Stumpff, Taylor and Zilker 10.

Nays Aldermen Haynes, Linn, Miller, Nitschke, Platt, Powell, P. O. Robertson and Townsend 8.

Resolutions introduced by Alderman Kuhn, to amend the Charter, to provide for the election of Aldermen, to be adopted by the Council.

Yeas Aldermen Beatty, Fischer, Kuhn, Lawless, Maddox, Miller, Nitschke, Platt, Powell, P. O. Robertson and Townsend 16. Nays Aldermen Haynes, Linn, Linn, Miller, Nitschke, Platt, Powell, P. O. Robertson and Townsend 8.

No. of Wards

Stays Aldermen Haynes, Linn, Miller, Platt, Powell, Redd, Schneider & Townsend 8.
Alderman Maddox moved to reconsider the vote, making the number of Wards eight instead of six, as recommended by the Committee, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Beatty, Fischer, Kuhn, Sawless, Maddox, Miller, Redd, Roberdeau, Shelley, Taylor and Zilker 11.

Nays Aldermen Haynes, Linn, Kitchner, Platt, Powell, Schneider, Stumpf and Townsend 8.

Alderman Maddox ^{moved} to adopt the report of the Committee as to Section 3 making the number of Wards six.

Alderman Redd moved to amend by making the number of Wards eleven, which motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Haynes, Linn, Miller, Kitchner, Platt, Powell, Redd, Schneider and Townsend 9.

Nays Aldermen Beatty, Fischer, Kuhn, Sawless, Maddox, Roberdeau, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor and Zilker 10.

No. of Wards amended

Alderman Kitchner moved to amend by making the number of Wards six; three to be on the east and three on the west side of Congress Avenue.

Alderman Linn offered as a substitute to the motion of Alderman Kitchner that the number of Wards be fixed at seven, and that South Austin be one of the seven, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Beatty, Fischer, Haynes, Kuhn, Sawless, Linn, Maddox, Miller, Kitchner, Platt, Powell, Redd, Roberdeau, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Townsend and Zilker 18

Stays Alderman Taylor 1

Committee report as to Sec. 3 adopted.

On motion of Alderman Kitchner the report of the Committee as to section 3, as amended, was then adopted.

Vote reconsidered adopting Sections 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8.

Alderman Kitchner then moved to reconsider the vote adopting the report of the Committee as to sections 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 which motion prevailed.

Alderman Kitchner then moved to amend the report of the Committee by making it read, one Alderman from each of the Wards of the City, and five Aldermen from the City at large.

Alderman Linn moved as a substitute for the motion of Alderman Kitchner that there be elected one Alderman from each Ward, and five at large, the ones receiving the highest vote to be declared elected. Carried by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Beatty, Fischer, Haynes, Sawless, Linn, Miller, Kitchner, Platt, Powell, Redd, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker 13.

Nays Aldermen Kuhn, Maddox, Roberdeau, Schneider, Shelley and Stumpf 6.

Alderman Kitchner moved to adopt the section as amended, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Beatty, Fischer, Haynes, Kuhn, Sawless, Linn, Miller, Kitchner, Platt, Powell, Redd, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker 14.

Stays Aldermen Maddox, Roberdeau, Schneider, Shelley and Stumpf 5.

Alderman Haynes offered the following amendment to the report of the Committee:

Section 3, Art. 12, should be amended to read as follows:

There shall be, in addition to the City at large, one Alderman from each of the Wards of the City, and five at large, the ones receiving the highest vote to be declared elected.

Amendment to be adopted

Vote

Amendment to Sec. 54 Oct 13.

of prostitution or assignation, and keepers and inmates thereof, and to provide a system of inspection thereof for the preservation of the public health. Alderman Taylor moved to lay the amendment on the table.

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Fischer and Taylor. 2.

Nays Aldermen Bealy, Haynes, Kuhn, Sawless, Simm, Maddox, Miller, Kitchner, Platt, Powell, Redd, Robertreau, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Townsend and Zilker. 17.

Amendment to Sec. 54 Oct 13 adopted.

Alderman Kitchner moved to adopt the amendment of Alderman Haynes which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Haynes, Sawless, Simm, Maddox, Miller, Kitchner, Platt, Powell, Redd, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Townsend and Zilker 14.

Nays Aldermen Bealy, Fischer, Kuhn, Robertreau and Taylor 5.

Amendment to Sec. 56 that all Charter Officers be elected by a vote of the people.

Alderman Zilker offered as an amendment to the amendment proposed by the committee to section 56, the following: That the Charter Officers of the City be elected by a vote of the people.

Alderman Robertreau moved to amend by excepting the City Marshal and City Clerk.

Alderman Sawless moved to amend the amendment of Alderman Robertreau by adding, "and the City Attorney".

Alderman Bealy moved to lay the amendment on the table. Lost by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Bealy, Fischer, Simm, Miller, Robertreau, and Townsend 6.

Nays Aldermen Haynes, Kuhn, Sawless, Maddox, Kitchner, Platt, Powell, Redd, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor and Zilker 13.

Alderman Taylor moved to adjourn. Lost by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Bealy, Fischer, Kitchner, Robertreau, Taylor and Townsend 6.

Nays Aldermen Haynes, Kuhn, Sawless, Simm, Maddox, Miller, Platt, Powell, Redd, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf and Zilker 13.

Alderman Maddox moved the previous question on all the amendments, which was seconded.

The vote was first taken on the amendment of Alderman Sawless, to except the City Attorney, and the same was lost by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Sawless, Simm, Maddox, Platt, Shelley and Townsend 6.

Nays Aldermen Bealy, Fischer, Haynes, Kuhn, Miller, Kitchner, Powell, Redd, Robertreau, Schneider, Stumpf, Taylor and Zilker 13.

The vote was then taken on Alderman Robertreau's motion to except the City Marshal and City Clerk, and the motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Simm, Maddox, Miller, Platt, Redd, Robertreau, Shelley, Taylor and Townsend 9.

Nays Aldermen Bealy, Fischer, Haynes, Kuhn, Sawless, Kitchner, Powell, Schneider, Stumpf and Zilker 10.

The vote was then taken on the amendment offered by Alderman Zilker that all the Charter Officers be elected by the people, and the same was lost by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Bealy, Fischer, Haynes, Kuhn, Sawless, Kitchner, Platt, Powell, Redd, Robertreau, Schneider, Stumpf and Zilker 10.

Nays Aldermen Simm, Maddox, Miller, Platt, Redd, Robertreau, Shelley, Taylor and Townsend 9.

Amendment to Sec. 56 that all Charter Officers be elected by a vote of the people.

Shelley, Taylor and Townsend. 10.

Amendment to Sec. 58 as to
Salary of Mayor

Alderman Haynes offered the following amendment to the report of the Committee: Section 58 should be amended so as to allow the Mayor a salary of \$1000.00 per annum and that he shall receive no other fees.

Alderman Taylor moved to table the amendment, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Fischer, Kuhn, Sawless, Sinn, Miller, Redd, Robendean, Schneider, Taylor and Townsend. 10

Nays Aldermen Beatty, Haynes, Maddox, Kitchner, Platt, Powell, Shelley, Stumpf and Zilker. 9.

Reconsideration of vote had on
Sec. 7.

Alderman Sinn moved to reconsider the vote by which the report of the Committee to section 7 was adopted. Carried.

Memorial from Citizens from
South Austin presented.

Alderman Sinn then presented a memorial from the Citizens of South Austin asking that they be left out of the City.

Alderman Sinn moved that the memorial be received and filed, and that the recommendations of the Committee as to the boundaries be adopted.

Colorado River South bound-
ary line of City.

Alderman Redd offered as a substitute that the north bank of the Colorado River be the south boundary line of the City.

The substitute of Alderman Redd was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Haynes, Miller, Kitchner, Platt, Powell, Redd, Schneider, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker. 10.

Nays Aldermen Beatty, Fischer, Kuhn, Sawless, Sinn, Maddox, Robendean, Shelley and Stumpf. 9.

Sec. 7 adopted as amended

Alderman Redd moved the adoption of Section 7 as amended. Carried by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Haynes, Kuhn, Miller, Kitchner, Platt, Powell, Redd, Schneider, Taylor and Zilker. 10.

Nays Aldermen Beatty, Fischer, Sawless, Sinn, Maddox, Robendean, Shelley, Stumpf and Townsend. 9.

Alderman Taylor moved that the special committee be directed to conform with the amendments adopted by the Council, which motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Haynes, Kuhn, Miller, Kitchner, Redd, Taylor & Zilker. 7.

Nays Aldermen Beatty, Fischer, Sawless, Sinn, Maddox, Platt, Powell, Robendean, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf and Townsend. 17.

Alderman Kitchner moved to table the report of the special committee on Charter Amendments. Lost by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Sinn, Kitchner, Platt, Powell, Schneider and Stumpf. 6.

Nays Aldermen Beatty, Fischer, Haynes, Kuhn, Sawless, Maddox, Miller, Redd, Robendean, Shelley, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker. 13.

Council adjourned to
Friday, Jan'y 15, 1891.

Alderman Robendean moved that the Council adjourn until 8 o'clock p.m., Friday, January 15, 1891, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Beatty, Fischer, Sawless, Sinn, Miller, Kitchner, Robendean, Stumpf, Townsend and Zilker. 10

Nays Aldermen Haynes, Kuhn, Maddox, Platt, Powell, Redd, Schneider, Shelley and Stumpf. 9.

W. B. Johnson
Clerk

Minutes of an Adjourned Called Meeting of the City Council:
Austin Texas, January 15th 1897.

Hon. Lewis Hancock, Mayor, presiding.

Roll called.

Adjourned called meeting

Present, Aldermen Beatty, Haynes, Kuhn, Linn, Maddox, Stitscher, Platt, Powell, Robendean, Rosengren, Schneider and Stumpf 17.

Absent, Aldermen Belvin, Fischer, Horton, Lawless, Miller, Redd, Shelley, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker 10.

Alderman Shelley excused

Alderman Maddox moved that Alderman Shelley be excused which motion prevailed.

Alderman Stitscher moved a call of the Council, which was ordered.

Roll called

Present Aldermen Beatty, Haynes, Kuhn, Linn, Maddox, Stitscher, Platt, Powell, Robendean, Rosengren, Schneider and Stumpf 17.

Absent, ^{Alderman} Belvin, Fischer, Horton, Lawless, Miller, Redd, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker 9.

Absent: Excused, Alderman Shelley 1.

Aldermen Belvin, Miller, Redd and Taylor entered the Chamber and answered to their names.

Special Committee on Charter Amendments.

Alderman Platt moved to suspend the call, which motion prevailed. The Mayor then laid before the Council the report of the special committee on Charter Amendments.

The amendment to section 70 was then read and adopted.

Section 71 was read and adopted by the following vote:

Yeas, Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Kuhn, Linn, Maddox, Miller, Platt, Redd, Robendean, Rosengren, Schneider and Taylor 17.

Nays, Aldermen Haynes, Stitscher, Powell and Stumpf 4.

Alderman Linn moved that the report of the special committee be laid upon the table.

Alderman Maddox moved a call of the Council which was ordered.

Alderman Taylor moved to adjourn. Lost by the following vote:

Yeas, Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Maddox, Rosengren, Stumpf and Taylor 6.

Nays Aldermen Haynes, Kuhn, Linn, Miller, Stitscher, Platt, Powell, Redd, Robendean and Schneider 10.

The vote was then taken on the motion of Alderman Linn to table the report of the committee. Lost by the following vote:

Yeas, Aldermen Haynes, Kuhn, Linn, Stitscher, Platt, Powell, Rosengren and Schneider 8

Nays, Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Maddox, Miller, Redd, Robendean, Stumpf, Taylor and the Mayor 9.

Alderman Powell moved to reconsider the vote adopting amendments to section 7 which motion prevailed.

Alderman Powell moved to strike out the amendments to section 7.

Alderman Redd moved to lay the amendments on the table. Lost by the following vote:

Yeas, Aldermen Beatty, Fischer, Miller, Redd, Stumpf and Taylor 6

Nays, Aldermen Rosengren, Stitscher, Kuhn, Linn, Maddox, Stitscher, Platt, Powell, Rosengren, and Robendean 11.

Recommendation of Mayor and resolution adopted

Alderman Fischer entered the Council Chamber.

The vote was then taken on the amendment of Alderman Powell, which was lost by the following vote:

Yeas, Aldermen Fischer, Haynes, Kuhn, Linn, Kitchner, Powell, Roberdeau and Schneider 8

Nays, Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Maddox, Miller, Platt, Redd, Rosengren, Stumpf and Taylor 9.

Alderman Redd moved to adopt the report of the committee as amended on boundaries.

Alderman Maddox offered as a substitute for the motion of Alderman Redd that the report of the special committee on Charter Amendments as originally presented be adopted.

Alderman Belvin moved that further consideration of the special committee's report be indefinitely postponed, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas, Aldermen Belvin, Fischer, Haynes, Kuhn, Linn, Maddox, Kitchner, Platt, Powell, Roberdeau, Schneider and Stumpf 12.

Nays, Aldermen Beatty, Miller, Redd, Rosengren and Taylor 5.

Alderman Linn moved to reconsider the vote just taken and to lay that motion on the table. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas, Aldermen Belvin, Fischer, ^{Haynes} Kuhn, Linn, Miller, Kitchner, Platt, Powell and Schneider 10.

Nays, Aldermen Beatty, Maddox, Redd, Roberdeau, Rosengren, Stumpf and Taylor 7.

Alderman Taylor moved that a committee of four Aldermen and four Citizens be appointed by the Mayor, who shall be authorized to propose certain amendments to the City Charter, and to present them to the State Legislature now in session.

Alderman Linn moved to table the resolution of Alderman Taylor, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas, Aldermen Belvin, Fischer, Haynes, Kuhn, Linn, Miller, Kitchner, Platt, Powell, Schneider and Stumpf 11.

Nays, Aldermen Beatty, Maddox, Redd, Roberdeau, Rosengren and Taylor 6.

On motion of Alderman Belvin the Council adjourned.

Jas. A. Johnson
City Clerk.

Further Consideration of Special
Committee's report on Charter Amend-
ments, indefinitely postponed.