

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Nat. Council.

August 20, Saturday, 1899.

Mr. Lewis H. Brown, Mayor, presiding.

J. A. C. C. C.

Robert Williams, Henry, Thomas, John, Robert, Alexander, Henry, George,
James and Edward &

Taylor and Townsend of

Alfred Christian Böhm, Fischer, Hartmann, Kuhn, Lamm, S. Lion, Maddox, Miller, Nitzsche, Rühl, Seeger, Schneider und Töcher 10

Mr. J. H. Robertson moved a call of the Council, which was seconded.
Not called.

Not checked.

Present William Deary, Behr, Fischer, Haynes, Lewis, Hall, Bond, Robinson,
Shelley, Kumpf, Taylor and Townsend. 17

Sherry, Stamp, Taylor and Townsend. 17

Abner Eldredge, Harkness, Huber, Linn, Maddox, Miller, Nichols, Ridd, Rosengren,
Schmidt and Zilker 10

Beiträge und Zahlen 10

Mr. Sherman. Taylor moved to suspend the rule which motion prevailed.

On motion the minutes were adopted as printed without reading.

Alkermen Kuhn, Madder, Rosengren, Schneider and Zilner entered the Council chamber.

Admissions

Set of Number & Costley to put
in Wagon Sealed on Trinity St.
Oct. 6th & 7th St. Granted.

Dr. Udenmann Platt, Petition of Bunley & Co. asking permission to put in
-weigh scales on Trinity Street between Sixth and Seventh Streets.

Adamant Hall moved to grant the petition, the work to be done under the supervision of the City Engineer. Carried.

The reports of the City Officers for the month of January, 1897, were laid before the Council and on motion were referred to their respective committees without reading.

The following is a synopsis of the reports:

By the Assessor and Collector.

So Collections as follows:

From General Revenue Tax	\$ 2928.32
" Interest and Sinking Fund Water Light Bonds	2557.75
" Interest and Sinking Fund Old Bonds	220.06
" School Tax.	902.51
Total Collections	\$ 6,608.64

Total Collections -

Referred to Finance Committee.

By the City Clerk.

\$	Sub amount of Merchants drawn against the General Fund	3,646.91
"	" " " " " " " " " " " "	7,975.40

" " " " " " Carrington " 7975.40

" " " " " " " Water & Light

Interest & Dividing Fund for payment of Interest due Jan. 1st 1899. 22.58% 50

"Amount of Warrants drawn against the Interest Fund on

Bonds issued prior to May 1st 1890 1.575.00

Referred to Finance Committee

By the City Treasurer

Baltimore and Annapolis Ferry	\$67.29
" " " Baltimore and Old Point	148.50

" " " *Quercus chrysolepis* 14815

43-3.02

[illegible]

1. Submarine Telegraphs 21,840

City Marshal

Reported to the Finance Committee.

By the City Marshal

Total amount of fines assessed in Recorder's Court	\$ 312.00
Paid in Cash	48.00
Ordered out	173.00
Appeared	30.00
Escaped	4.00
Amount received	40.00
City did in back fines	6.00
Total number of arrests	40
Fines collected for the month	312.00

City Physician

Reported to the Police Committee.

By the City Physician

Number of Patients in Hospital January 1 st	74
" " " Admitted during "	20
" " " dismissed " "	18
" " " died " "	5
" " " remaining in Hospital Feb. 1 st	71
" " Visits to Paupers during January	108
" " Prescriptions " " "	197
No contagious diseases reported.	

City Sexton

Reported to the Hospital Committee.

By the City Sexton

Total number of Deaths during January	15
White	15
Colored	3
Male	13
Female	5
Interments	18

W. L. Supt's Report

Reported to the Sanitary Committee.

The report of Superintendent Patterson was read showing:

Total number of Water Takers Jan. 31 st	21461
" " " Electric Light Takers Jan. 31 st	934

The receipts for the month were as follows:

For Water	\$ 1273.38
" Electric Light	2387.08
" Electric Power	246.77
" Sundries	53.50
Total amount of bills approved for payment	\$ 4460.73

The report was ordered filed.

Ordinance 112, 113 and 114 were ordered the Council Chamber.

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Street Com's report on the
matter of flooring Colorado
River Bridge

for Electric current for the propulsion of its cars for a term of five years, and recommending that the Mayor be authorized and instructed to enter into contract on the terms mentioned. On motion the report of the Committee was adopted.
Videman Miller and Bidd entered the Council Chamber.

Bridge matter referred to a
Special Com. of 3 to confer
with the County Commissioners
Court

Videman Jinks, for the Street Committee, to whom was referred an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$12,000 to repair the Colorado River Bridge, presented their report stating that they had carefully examined said Bridge and find that delaying the flooring of same to be dangerous and recommending that bids should be advertised for and the work let by contract.

Videman Horton entered the Council Chamber.

Videman Bidd moved that the report of the Street Committee and the ordinance be recommitted to the Committee and the City Engineer.

Videman Maddox moved as a substitute that the matter be referred to a special committee, with instructions to confer with the County Commissioners Court and see if the County would assist in repairing the bridge.

The substitute was adopted and Videman Bidd, Maddox and Jinks were appointed as the Committee.

Street Com's report on resolution
regard to Culvert opposite East
St. South Long St.

Videman Jinks, for the Street Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Videman Bidd in regard to the Culvert opposite Cooks store, leading into Fairview Park, presented a report recommending that the same be placed in proper repair at once.

On motion the report was adopted and the Street Committee and City Engineer instructed to have the work done.

Police Com's report on Citizens
ask to have wagon stand on W.
5th St. removed.

Videman Powell, for the Police Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Citizens to have the wagon stand on West Fifth Street removed, presented their report recommending that the Marshal be instructed to allow the teams to stand between Colorado Street and the Alley west of Congress Avenue, and that the passage of the street must at all times be kept open. The report was adopted.

Police Com's report on pet of
W. B. Gains asking to have
Bound limits extended.

Videman Powell for the Police Committee, to whom was referred the petition of W. B. Gains, asking to have the Bound limits extended, presented a report stating that the complaint of the petitioner is well founded, but to grant the relief would cause the extension of the Bound limits to the City line, which they did not deem advisable at this time, therefore they recommended the petition be not granted. On motion the report of the Committee was adopted.

Ord. Com's Majority report
on Ord. respecting ordinance
creating office of Pound Master

Videman Shelley, for a majority of the committee on ordinances to whom was referred the ordinance repealing an ordinance creating the office of Pound Master, presented a report recommending the passage of the ordinance.

Ord. Com's Minority report
on above.

Videman Schneider, from the Ordinance Committee, presented a minority report on the same ordinance, recommending that the same do not pass, and giving the reasons therefor, and moved to adopt the minority report which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas, Videman, Blair, Fischer, Haines, Rubin, Maddox, Miller, Pratt, Powell, Bidd, Schneider, Stump, Townsend and Jinks 15.

Nays, Videman, Bidd, Horton, Jinks, Miller, Potvin, Schneider, Stump, and Jinks 4.

Ord. Com's report on Ord.
to amend Ord. 1500
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Videman Jinks, for the Ordinance Committee, to whom was referred the ordinance to amend Ord. 1500, presented a report recommending the passage of the ordinance. On motion the report of the Committee was adopted.

do pass.

On motion the report was laid over to come up with the ordinance.

Remains Com. present
Contract with Bethany Cemetery
to for burial of Colored Paupers

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Special Com. report on
Budget for Fiscal Year
ending Nov. 30 1897.

William. H. Schuch, for the Special Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Council to prepare an estimate of receipts and expenditures out of the General Fund for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1897, presented the following report:

Austin, Texas, February 14th 1897.

Hon. Lewis Hancock, and Gentlemen of the City Council:

Your Special Committee, appointed at the last meeting of the Council to prepare an estimate of the receipts and expenditures out of the General Fund for the fiscal year, beginning December 1st 1896, and ending November 30, 1897, have the honor to submit the accompanying report.

This task has been a most unpleasant and disagreeable one. We have not made our calculations upon a basis of what we would have liked, but upon the basis of what our actual receipts would be. If this report is adopted, it will be seen that our estimated receipts over expenditures will only be \$1011.74. The only new item added to the budget is \$2500.00 for repaving the bridge over the Colorado River and \$10.60 to pay the Old Water Company, as per order of Court. The depleted condition of the City's finances and the hard times generally demands upon our part, such retrenchment as will enable us to continue on a cash basis, and at the same time not impair the efficiency of any department of the City government.

We trust the Council will give this report their earnest consideration and support, that the results sought by every member of the Council may be attained. Your Committee recommends the passage of the necessary ordinances and resolutions accompanying the report. We also recommend that the Council request the City Attorney, by resolution, to dispense with his Assistant, which would be a further saving of \$16.68. While your Committee recognize fully, and duly appreciate the efficiency and usefulness of our City Assessor and Collector we are constrained to say, that in our opinion, many delinquent tax payers could be induced to pay their taxes, by a more rigid enforcement of the tax ordinances, particularly in cases of assessment of both real and personal property, the Collector having the right to seize and levy upon and sell so much personal property, belonging to the delinquent, as may be sufficient to pay all taxes due by him, without institution of suit.

Statement:

Expenditures last year		\$ 49,907.04
Expenditures this year's budget		\$ 46,154.45
Amount of reduction over last year		\$ 3,752.59
Less amount of bridge	\$ 2,500.	
Old Water Company	10.68	
		<u>\$ 3,061.87</u>
Estimated receipts for year		\$ 49,907.04
		\$ 46,845.17

Special Com report on
Budget for Fiscal Year
ending Nov. 30 1897.

Expenditures last year
Less Not Out
New Budget
Estimated excess of receipts over expenditures this year

\$ 79,942.94
~~10,775.04~~
69,167.90

\$ 1011.71

Respectfully submitted,
J. R. Nichols,
J. L. Lewis,
W. H. Johnson,
J. M. Smith,
J. C. Johnson, Committee.

Estimated Expenditures

Estimated expenditures out of General Fund, City of Austin for fiscal year
beginning December 1st 1896, and ending November 30th 1897:

Salaries of Officers	12,525.00
Salaries of Police	13,750.50
City Cemetery Department	783.07
Sanitary Department	3,564.53
Fire Department	6,605.50
Streets, Bridges & Cillars	9,670.55
Meals City Prisoners	470.50
City & County Hospital	4,277.54
Printing, Stationery & Postage	1,700.00
Charity	1,053.51
Salary Pound Master, Dec. 1896 & Jan. 1897	146.00
Salary City Auditor, Dec. 1896 & Jan. 1897	33.34
Salary of Aldermen Dec. 1896	770.00
Salary Porter City Hall	460.00
Pay Old Water Com'rs	10,760.00
Reflooring Bridge over Colorado River	7,300.00
Total	\$ 66,835.24

In motion the report of the Committee was adopted by the following vote:
Yeas Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Lawless, Maddox,
Miller, Nichols, Reed, Robertson, Crenshaw, Schneider, Shiley, Taylor, Town-
send and Zicker 18

Nays Aldermen Platt, Powell and Stumpff 3.

Alderman Shiley moved to suspend the regular order of business and allow the
ordinance Committee to make a report. Carried.

Alderman Shiley, for the ordinance Committee, to whom was referred "An
ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1175. to pay one-half the cost of construc-
tion of the Bull Creek road", presented a report recommending that the ordinance
be referred to the special Committee appointed to order with the Commission-
ers Court in respect to reflooring the bridge across the Colorado River.

The report of the Committee was adopted and the ordinance so referred.

Alderman Schneider gave notice that at the next meeting of the Council he
would move a resolution to recommend the vote adopting the report of the Budget
Committee.

Adjourned.

Ord. Com report on Ord.
Appropriating \$1175 to pay
1/2 cost of constructing Bull Creek

W. H. Schneider gave notice of
moving for a reconsideration of
the vote adopting the report of the Budget

Ord. Com report on Ord. Appropriating \$1175 to pay 1/2 cost of constructing Bull Creek road. The Council on the 11th inst. adopted the report of the Budget Committee.

The ordinance was read a third time and passed by the following vote:
Deas, Aldermen Belvin, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Maddox, Miller, Platt, Redd, Schneider,
Stumpff and Townsend 11

Stays, Aldermen Beatty, Fischer, Horton, Lawless, Kitchener, Roberson, Rosengren,
Schneider, Shelley, Taylor and Zilker 10.

Alderman Kitchener moved to reconsider the vote by which the Council adopted
the report of the Budget Committee, and to lay that motion on the table, which
motion was lost by the following vote:

Deas, Aldermen Beatty, Fischer, Horton, Lawless, Kitchener, Roberson, Rosengren,
Shelley, Taylor and Zilker 10

Stays, Aldermen Belvin, Haynes, Kuhn, Maddox, Miller, Platt, Powell, Redd,
Schneider, Stumpff and Townsend 11

An Ord. to amend Article 38 of Revised Civil Ordinances of the City of Austin. The Mayor laid before the Council "An ordinance to amend Article 38 of the
38 of Revised Civil Ordinances of the City of Austin", with the report of the ordinance
Committee recommending its passage. The ordinance was read a second time
and on motion the rules were suspended and the ordinance placed upon its
third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Deas, Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Lawless, Maddox,
Miller, Kitchener, Platt, Powell, Redd, Roberson, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley,
Stumpff, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker 21.

Stays None.

Ord. Linn excused

The ordinance was then read a third time and passed.

On motion Alderman Linn was excused from attendance at this session
of the Council.

Ord. authorizing Mayor
to enter into contract with
Bethany Cemetery Co.

The Mayor then laid before the Council "An ordinance authorizing and
directing the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Bethany Cemetery Company
for the burial of the dead bodies of colored paupers of the City of Austin."

The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:

Deas, Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Lawless, Maddox, Miller,
Kitchener, Platt, Powell, Redd, Roberson, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpff,
Taylor, Townsend and Zilker 21.

Stays, None.

An Ordinance repealing an
Ord. creating Office of City
Auditor.

By Alderman Kitchener, "An ordinance repealing an ordinance creating the
office of City Auditor." The ordinance was read first time.

Alderman Schneider moved to refer to the Finance Committee. Lost.

It was then moved to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its
second reading, which was lost by the following vote:

Deas, Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Fischer, Horton, Kuhn, Lawless, Maddox, Miller,
Kitchener, Platt, Roberson and Shelley 17.

Stays, Aldermen Haynes, Platt, Powell, Rosengren, Schneider, Stumpff, Taylor,
Townsend and Zilker 9.

An Ord. repealing an Ord.
creating position of Bridge
Keeper.

By Alderman Kitchener, "An ordinance repealing an ordinance creating
the position of Bridge Keeper. Read first time and a motion made to
suspend the rules and place it on its second reading, which was lost by the
following vote:

Deas, Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Fischer, Horton, Kuhn, Lawless, Maddox, Miller,
Kitchener, Platt, Roberson, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpff, Taylor,
Townsend and Zilker 17.

Resolution authorizing Mayor to assign certain judgments for taxes against Tellman Christian to J. H. Kemper.
 of Mrs. M. Christian to H. Kemper

Ord. Appropriating \$25 to repair fence & clean up at San

Resolution abolishing the offices of Asst City Clerk & Asst. Assessor & Collector.

An Ord. Amending Art. 40 Chapter 3, Title 4 of Revised Civil Ordinances

By Alderman Maddox, Resolution authorizing the Mayor to assign certain judgments for taxes against Tellman Christian in the District Court of Travis County to J. H. Kemper, Trustee, which assignments shall not create any liability against the City. The resolution was adopted. Also a resolution authorizing the Mayor to assign certain judgments for taxes against Mrs. M. Christian in the District Court of Travis County to H. Kemper which assignment shall not create any liability against the City of Austin. The resolution was adopted.

By Alderman Schneider, An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$25 out of the City's Fund to repair fence and clean up the place at the Polson House.

The ordinance was read first time and was on motion referred to Finance Committee.

By Alderman Kitchin, Resolution to abolish the positions of Assistant City Clerk and second Assistant Clerk, in Assessor and Collector's office. The resolution was lost by the following vote:

Ayes, Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Haynes, Horton, Sawless, Kitchin, Robertson, Rosenberg, Shelley and Taylor 10

Nays, Aldermen Fischer, Kuhn, Maddox, Miller, Platt, Powell, Reed, Schneider, Stumpf, Townsend and Zilker 11.

By Alderman Kitchin, An ordinance amending Article 40, Chapter 3, Title 4 of the revised Civil Ordinances of the City of Austin. The ordinance provides for a regular meeting of the City Council on the first Monday night in each month, no notices, which shall be necessary.

The ordinance was read first time and a motion made to suspend the rule and place the ordinance on its second reading, which motion was lost by the following vote:

Ayes, Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Fischer, Horton, Kuhn, Sawless, Maddox, Kitchin, Reed, Robertson, Shelley, Taylor and Zilker 13,

Nays, Aldermen Haynes, Miller, Platt, Powell, Rosenberg, Schneider, Stumpf and Townsend 8.

On motion of Alderman Fischer the Council adjourned.

J. G. Johnson
 City Clerk.