

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council.

Hon. Geo. D. McCall, Mayor, presiding. Austin Texas, January 3rd 1898.

Roll called. Present: Aldermen: Selwin, Crocker, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Madden, McLenore, Miller, Morris, Stitscher, Blatt, Bowell, Redd, Robertson, Brown, Green, Stumpf, Taylor and Townsman. 19.
Absent: Aldermen Peaty, Shelley and Zicker.

Minutes approved as printed.

On motion, the minutes were approved as printed without reading.

Pet. of Ellis Monroe asking pay for two horses killed by order of the Sanitary Inspector.

The Mayor laid before the Council a petition of Ellis Monroe, asking pay for two horses killed by order of the Sanitary Inspector. Read and referred to the Committee on Claims and Accounts.

Pet. of Citizens of Fairview Park asking that bridge be repaired.

By Alderman Redd: Petition of Citizens of Fairview Park, asking that bridge be repaired. Referred to Street Committee and City Engineer, with instructions to furnish an estimate of cost of repairs, and report at the next meeting of the Council.

Ord. of Board of Trustees and Superintendent of the Blind Institute for street improvements.

Alderman Zicker, entered the Council Chamber. By Alderman Stitscher: Ordination of the Board of Trustees and Superintendent of the Blind Institute, asking certain street improvements. Read and referred to the Street Committee.

City Officers Reports.

The reports of the City Officers, for the month of December, were laid before the Council, and on motion, were referred to their respective Committees without reading, except the Treasurer's report which was read.

Assessor & Collector

The following is a synopsis of the reports: By the Assessor and Collector.

To collections as follows:

Account of General Revenue.	\$ 3205.65
" " Interest & Sinking Fund Water & Light Bonds.	2863.45
" " " " " " Old Bonds.	307.28
" " School Tax.	1309.76
Total Collections	\$ 7786.14

Referred to Finance Committee.

City Clerk.

By the City Clerk. Total amount of Warrants drawn against General Fund \$ 5414.76

Referred to Finance Committee.

City Treasurer.

By the City Treasurer.

Ex Amounts on hand December 31st 1897.	
General Fund	\$ 5142.54
Net Interest and Sinking Fund Old Bonds.	4037.31
Received from Assessor and Collector during the month.	
Net. Old Valorem Taxes	2403.16
" License	742.40
" Fines in Recorder's Court	90.51
" Miscellaneous	64.59
Net interest and sinking fund Old Bonds.	2000.00
Total	\$ 17700.51

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of January 1898.

Finance Comtee report on Bonds of City Officers

Purchasing Comtee report on award of bids for supplies at

Matron at City Hospital authorized to purchase in open market such supplies as are needed for immediate use and are not included in contract

Ordinance authorizing Fire Comtee to ask for bids for re-floor Protection Fire Hall and for repairs Bell Tower of same

Ord. Appropriating \$43.50 to pay Extra Street Laborers

Election of City Police

Names submitted by candidates

and Seventh Street, during the time he was repairing building, presented their report recommending that the petition be granted.
On motion the report of the Committee was adopted.
Alderman Morris for the Finance Committee to whom was referred the Bonds of the City Treasurer, Marshal, Assessor and Collector, Section Clerk, and Engineer, presented a report, stating they had carefully examined the same, and recommended that each of them be approved.
On motion the report of the Committee was adopted.
Alderman Selvin for the Purchasing Committee, presented a report stating that they had awarded bids for Feed for City Team, and stock at Hospital for Supplies at City Hospital, for Culvert Pipe, and for Coal at City Hall, and recommending that the Mayor be authorized to enter into bond with the parties as per their bids, and the award of the Committee.
On motion the report was adopted.

Alderman Fischer moved, that the Matron at the City Hospital be authorized to purchase in open market such supplies as are needed for immediate use, and are not included in the contract, which motion prevailed.

Now Business

Alderman Roberdeau presented the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Be it resolved, by the City Council of the City of Austin, That the Finance Committee be and are hereby instructed to ask for bids for re-flooring Protection Fire hall, and for repairing the bell tower on top of same.
By Alderman Kitchner. An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$80. to pay salaries of two drivers of Street Teams.

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

Ayes: Aldermen Selvin, Crocker, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Mc Lemore, Miller, Kitchner, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker 13
Nays: Aldermen Maddox, Morris, Platt, Powell, Redd, Roberdeau and Rosengren 7

By Alderman Kitchner. An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$43.50 to pay extra street laborers for the month of December 1897.

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

Ayes: Aldermen Selvin, Crocker, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Maddox, Mc Lemore, Miller, Morris, Kitchner, Platt, Powell, Redd, Roberdeau, Rosengren, Stumpf, Taylor and Townsend. 19
Nays: None

Alderman Powell, moved that the Council now proceed to the election of Policemen for the ensuing year, which motion prevailed, and the Mayor appointed Aldermen Zilker, Roberdeau and Haynes as tellers.

The Marshal submitted the following names for position as Policemen, viz:
Miss McFarlin, J. E. Kennedy, E. L. Smith, J. R. Platt, O. H. Gibson, J. J. Lamb, B. D. Bell, H. A. Lott, J. R. Platt, O. S. Crocker, H. Maddox, J. E. Crocker, J. B. Wilson, H. H. Taylor, O. S. Crocker, John P. Crocker, B. L. Hoke, O. S. Crocker, E. Crocker, and B. L. Hoke.
Alderman Kitchner, recommended O. Crocker and J. B. H. Crocker.

Names submitted by Aldermen

Alderman Dubreuil nominated L. Mahorne
 Alderman Horton nominated Joe Isherwood
 Alderman Fischer nominated L. W. Cobb
 Alderman Crocker nominated M. H. McShinley
 Alderman Townsend nominated Jack Smith
 Alderman Maddox nominated J. B. Caulfield and J. Stampen

Nominations were then read, and the tellers announced the following as the result of the first ballot:

McShinley, 19 votes; Hammerly, 7 votes; Tollwell, 9 votes; J. D. Platt, 17 votes;
 O. H. Gibson, 19 votes; Campbell, 14 votes; Bell, 16 votes; Cato, 8 votes; Sam Platt, 7 votes;
 Corwin, 18 votes; Maddox, 19 votes; Griggard, 10 votes; Scott Wilson, 15 votes;
 McShinley, 16 votes; Chapman, 10 votes; Rhumerville, 16 votes; Hopkins, 1 vote; Brown, 3 votes;
 Larrington, 1 vote; Lane, 11 votes; Brown, 1 vote; Isherwood, 11 votes; Mahorne, 10 votes;
 Platt, 1 vote; McShinley, 3 votes; Frost, 2 votes; Caulfield, 1 vote; Stampen, 2 votes; Blunt, 2 votes.

James D. Policeman elected on
 1st ballot

Members: McShinley, J. D. Platt, J. B. Campbell, R. D. Bell, A. S. Corwin, H. Maddox,
 Scott Wilson, H. McShinley, John Rhumerville, J. B. Lane, Joe Isherwood and O. H.
 Gibson having received a majority of all the votes cast, were declared elected
 to serve as Policemen for the ensuing term.

There being two more to elect, another ballot was ordered, and the tellers
 the following as the result of the second ballot:

Hammerly, 6 votes; Tollwell, 3 votes; Cato, 1 vote; Sam Platt, 2 votes; Griggard,
 9 votes; Chapman, 8 votes; Farrell, 1 vote; Larrington, 1 vote; Mahorne, 8 votes.
 No one having received a majority, a new ballot was ordered, which
 resulted as follows:

Hammerly, 9 votes; Tollwell, 5 votes; Cato, 1 vote; Sam Platt, 1 vote; Griggard,
 6 votes; Chapman, 8 votes; Larrington, 1 vote; Mahorne, 8 votes.

No one having received a majority, a new ballot was ordered, and the
 following announced as the result of the fourth ballot:

Hammerly, 7 votes; Tollwell, 5 votes; Cato, 2 votes; Sam Platt, 2 votes; Griggard,
 6 votes; Chapman, 8 votes; Larrington, 1 vote; Mahorne, 7 votes.

No one having received a majority, another ballot was ordered, and the follow-
 ing announced as the result of the fifth ballot:

Hammerly, 7 votes; Tollwell, 3 votes; Cato, 1 vote; Sam Platt, 5 votes; Griggard, 9
 votes; Chapman, 8 votes; and Mahorne, 6 votes.

No one having received a majority, another ballot was ordered, and the follow-
 ing announced as the result of the sixth ballot:

Hammerly, 9 votes; Tollwell, 2 votes; Cato, 2 votes; Sam Platt, 3 votes; Griggard, 8
 votes; Chapman, 9 votes; and Mahorne, 6 votes.

No one having received a majority, another ballot was ordered, and the follow-
 ing announced as the result of the seventh ballot:

Hammerly, 11 votes; Tollwell, 1 vote; Cato, 3 votes; Sam Platt, 4 votes; Griggard,
 9 votes; Chapman, 2 votes; and Mahorne, 6 votes.

(J. C. Hammerly having received a majority of all the ballots cast, was
 declared elected to serve as Policeman for the ensuing term.)

No one having received a majority, another ballot was ordered, and the follow-
 ing announced as the result of the eighth ballot:

Sam Platt, 11 votes; Griggard, 10 votes; Chapman, 9 votes; Mahorne, 7 votes.

To one having received a majority, another ballot was ordered, and the following announced as the result of the ninth ballot.

Fellwell, 1 vote; Sam Platt, 2 votes; Griggard, 8 votes; Chapman 5 votes; and Mahornes 6 votes.

To one having received a majority, a new ballot was ordered and the following announced as the result of the tenth ballot.

Fellwell, 1 vote; Sam Platt, 1 vote; Griggard, 10 votes; Chapman, 2 votes; Mahornes 6 votes.

To one having received a majority, another ballot was ordered, and the following announced as the result of the eleventh ballot.

Fellwell, 1 vote; Sam Platt, 1 vote; Griggard, 12 votes; Chapman, 2 votes; Mahornes 2 votes; Stamper 1 vote; Sennell 1 vote.

(Griggard having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared elected to serve as Policeman for the ensuing term.)

By Alderman Crook. An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$6000. for street work during the year, the same to be apportioned the several wards of the City, and to be expended under the supervision of the Aldermen of each. On motion the ordinance was referred to the Street Committee.

Alderman Robertson offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The sad announcement of the death of Governor L. S. Ross has been made to the City Council of the City of Austin, while in open session, Therefore, be it

Resolved, That as Citizens of the Capital of the State, with whom he resided during the four years of his distinguished service as governor, we deem it a duty to declare the high esteem in which Governor Ross was held by the people of our City, in common with the people of the State, as one of its ablest and most distinguished sons, whose virtues and talents in peace, as in war, reflected honor upon himself and upon our State. Second. That to his bereaved family we extend the sincere sympathy of our people, and of this body.

On motion the resolutions were unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$50. for the purpose of refunding to S. J. Munn and R. L. Ballard this amount paid out by them as occupation taxes to the City of Austin, when, under the ruling of the Attorney General of the State of Texas, the occupation pursued by them could not be lawfully taxed by the City.

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

Yeas Aldermen: Quinn, Crook, Platt, Bird, Robertson, Rosengren, Taylor, Townsend and 7 others.

Nays Aldermen: Bishop, Haynes, Horton, Quinn, Maddox, Mc Lennan,

Miller, Morris, Kitchner, Powell and Stump. 11.

On motion the Council adjourned.

J. A. Johnson
City Clerk.

Griggard elected on 11th ballot

Ord. Appropriating \$6000 for Street work.

Resolutions on death of Ex. Governor L. S. Ross.

Ord. Appropriating \$50 to pay S. J. Munn & R. L. Ballard for Occupation taxes paid by them