

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council.  
Austin, Texas, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> 1897.

Hon. Geo. D. McCall, Mayor, presiding.

Roll called.

Present Aldermen Bealy, Crooner, Haynes, Horton, Maddox, Miller, Morris, Platt, Powell, Reed, Robertson, Cosengrath, Shelley, Taylor and Townsend 15

Absent Aldermen Belvin, Fischer, Kuhn, McLenore, Nitschke, Stumpf and 2 others.

Minutes approved as presented

Upon motion of Alderman Morris, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as recorded

Alderman Nitschke and 2 others entered the Council Chamber.

Petitions, etc.

Ord. of Austin Gas Light & Coal Co. for franchise to build N. W. bridge

By Alderman Morris. Petition of Austin Gas Light & Coal Company, Holders of franchise to build N. W. bridge and Lone Star Ice Company, for franchise to build a switch or spur of railroad track connecting with, and beginning on the line of the International & Great Northern Railroad, on West Third Street, between Colorado and Lavaca Streets, and extending east along West Third Street to Colorado Street, thence south on Colorado Street to and over West First Street, to the river walk.

Referred to the Ordinance Committee.

Communication from Joseph A. Mower, Post J. to S. A. P. of Austin, asking the co-operation of the Mayor and City Council in making arrangements for the State encampment of the S. A. P. to be held in this City, April 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> 1898.

A communication from Joseph A. Mower, Post J. to S. A. P. of Austin, asking the co-operation of the Mayor and City Council in making arrangements for the State encampment of the S. A. P. to be held in this City, April 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> 1898.

The communication was laid over to come up under the head of new business

Communication from Geo. W. Hill, Secretary of the Commercial Club, asking the Mayor and City Council to invite the Texas Gas & Electric Light Assn. & Texas Street Railway Assn. to hold annual meeting in Austin in 1899.

A communication from Geo. W. Hill, Secretary of the Commercial Club, asking the Mayor and City Council to unite with the Commercial Club in extending an invitation to the Texas Gas & Electric Light Association and the Texas Street Railway Association, to hold their Annual meeting in this City in 1899. Upon motion the Mayor was authorized to extend the invitation as requested.

Aldermen Belvin and Stumpf entered the Council Chamber.

Communication from Good Government Club, asking Council to have stock pens south side Colorado river removed

By Alderman Bealy. A communication from the South Side Good Government Club, by E. J. Lyons, Secretary, asking the City Council to have the stock pens, located between the two approaches leading to the Colorado river bridge, on south side of the river, removed.

Upon motion the communication was referred to the Street Committee and the City Engineer, and the City Clerk was directed to furnish a copy of same to the County Judge.

Ord. of Geo. W. Mason, asking that an Ord. be passed authorizing redemption of trade certificates issued for the bridge over Colorado river with the division of the bridge into two sections.

By Alderman Bealy. Petition of Amy A. and Mary D. Maddox, asking that an ordinance be passed authorizing the redemption of property heretofore sold for taxes, and stating that petitioners were ready to pay the City \$100.00 upon the passage of such an ordinance.

Petitioners also requested to donate ground for a bridge from James K. Stimpert Street

Upon motion the communication was referred to the Street Committee

Act. of McW. Lawrence, asking for the removal of dog pen on East 8th St.

By Alderman Stumpf. Petition of Neal and Annie Mc. Lawrin and others, asking for the removal of a dog pen at 1013 East Eighth Street. Referred to the Police Committee.

Act. of Citizens of 6th Ward asking to be supplied with Water & Light.

By Alderman Maddox. Petition of Citizens of the Sixth Ward, asking to be supplied with Water and Light.

Upon motion the petition was referred to the Water and Light Committee. Alderman Mc. Lemore entered the Council Chamber.

Act. of J. S. Drisen asking for remission of Pound fees paid by him.

By Alderman Crooker. Petition of J. S. Drisen for remission of pound fees paid by him. Referred to the Mayor.

Police Committee's report on City Marshal's reports for Jan'y 1898.

Alderman Powell for the Police Committee, to whom was referred the reports of the City Marshal for the month of January 1898, reported having examined same and found correct. Report adopted and ordered filed.

Claims & Accts. Comt's report on communication of City Atty.

Alderman Platt, for the Claims and Accounts Committee, to whom was referred the communication of Hon. S. D. Cochran, City Attorney, advising compromise of suit of the City against J. L. Hamilton for taxes levied upon property brought within the City limits in May, 1897. for said year, reported, recommending that the suit be dismissed upon the payment of all costs that have accrued, by said Hamilton.

advising compromise of suit of City vs J. L. Hamilton for taxes.

Upon motion the report was adopted.

Claims & Accts. Comt's report on Pet. of Scottish American Mortgage Co. limited, asking relief from Bd. of Equalization's valuation.

Alderman Platt, for the Claims and Accounts Committee, to whom was referred the petition of the Scottish American Mortgage Company, limited, asking relief from the action of the Board of Equalization, in raising the value of certain property from \$10,600 to \$26,040, reported, recommending that the relief therein sought, be not granted.

Upon motion, the petition, with the report of the Claims and Accounts Committee, was referred to the City Attorney, by the following vote: Yeas, Aldermen Beaky, Quinn, Maddox, Morris, Kitchner, Powell, Robertson, Orengron, Shelby, Stumpf, Taylor and Zilver 12. Nays Aldermen Crooker, Hughes, Horton, Kuhn, Mc. Lemore, Miller, Platt and Townsend. 8

Special Comt's report on Pet. of Ollie Monroe, asking pay for 2 horses killed.

The following report of the special Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Ollie Monroe, asking pay for two horses killed by the Officers of the City, was read and upon motion the report was adopted, and the Committee discharged:

Hon. John D. McCall, Mayor, and the City Council of the City of Austin: Gentlemen: - Your special Committee to whom was referred the petition of Ollie Monroe, asking the City to indemnify him for the loss sustained in the killing of two horses by the officers of the City, beg leave to report: That after a partial investigation of the matter, we found that some of the facts alleged were true, but inasmuch as a compromise had been effected between the said Monroe and the City Officers and a receipt produced showing that full satisfaction had been made, we concluded to suspend further consideration and ask that your committee be discharged.

Respectfully,  
Thos. J. Cuyler,  
C. Platt,  
J. W. Maddox.  
Witnessed this 11th day of

Resolution of Austin Sewerage Co

The Mayor laid before the Council, as unfinished business, the resolution of the Austin Sewerage Company, action on which was postponed at the last meeting, until the present meeting. Upon motion, which was adopted, the resolution was referred to the City Attorney.

Ord. defining duties of Bridge Keeper

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance defining the duties of Bridge Keeper, which was upon motion adopted, laid on the table subject to call.

New Business

Resolution instructing Mayor to appoint Com. of 5 to meet with Com. from Commercial Club & the Grand Army of the Republic to arrange for O.R. State Fairgrounds Sept. 21, 22 & 23 1898

Alderman Powell submitted the following resolution: "Be it resolved, by the City Council of the City of Austin, that the Mayor be and he hereby is instructed to appoint a Committee of five, and he is included as one of the Committee, to meet with a like Committee from the Commercial Club and Committee from the Grand Army of the Republic of Mower Post No. 10, to meet at the Driskill at some future time, date to be announced by the Grand Army Committee to make arrangements for the receiving of the Grand Army of the Republic which will convene here April the 21st 1898 (San Jacinto day) and close the 24th 1898."

In conformity with the above resolution, the Mayor appointed Aldermen Powell, Craty, Zilber and Crocker as the Committee.

Ord. authorizing redemption of Real Estate heretofore sold for taxes & bid in by the City of Austin

By Alderman Maddox. An ordinance authorizing the redemption of Real Estate heretofore sold for taxes and bid in by the City of Austin.

The ordinance was read first time, and on motion the rule was suspended and the ordinance placed on its second reading by the following vote: Yeas Aldermen Craty, Quinn, Crocker, Haynes, Horton, Hulm, Maddox, McEmore, Miller, Morris, Kitchner, Platt, Powell, Pead, Robertreau, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Zilber. 21. Nays None.

The ordinance was read second time Alderman Crocker moved to strike out "one month" in section one of the ordinance, and insert "six months", which motion was lost.

Upon motion the rule was suspended and the ordinance placed upon its third reading, by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Craty, Quinn, Haynes, Horton, Hulm, Maddox, McEmore, Miller, Morris, Kitchner, Platt, Powell, Pead, Robertreau, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Zilber. 20. Nays Alderman Crocker 1

The ordinance was read third time and upon motion, passed.

Alderman Taylor moved that the Mayor appoint a committee of three, with the City Attorney, to confer with the Attorney of the Old Water Company, to see if a compromise could be effected in the suit now pending.

Finance to act as a special Com. with Mayor & City Atty. to try to make a compromise with the Old Water Co. in the suit now pending.

Alderman Quinn offered as a substitute for the motion of Alderman Taylor that the Finance Committee, act as a special committee, with the Mayor and City Attorney, to see and effect this compromise, and upon motion had, the substitute was adopted.

Alderman McEmore was, upon motion, excused from further attendance at this session of the Council.

By Alderman Taylor. An ordinance approved, which was passed 1906

Motion to adjourn to Wednesday night, Feb 23rd at 8 p.m.

to pay approved accounts, for December and January. Read first time. Alderman Taylor moved that when the Council adjourn, it be to Wednesday night, February 23rd at 8 p.m., which motion was adopted.

Alderman Nitschke moved to reconsider the vote had on adjournment to Wednesday night February 23rd.

Alderman Belvin moved to lay the motion of Alderman Nitschke on the table, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Craty, Belvin, Lybarger, Hayes, Kuhn, Muddox, Miller, Morris, Platt, Redd, Aberdeen, Rosengran, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor Townsend and Zilker 17

Nays Aldermen Horton, Nitschke and Powell 3.

Committee consisting of Messrs. King, Kelly & Financial Court. Requested to consider matter of employing additional Council, in case now pending in Federal Court

Alderman Taylor moved that a Committee, composed of the Mayor, City Attorney and Finance Committee, be requested to consider the matter of employing additional Council in case now pending against the City in the Federal Court, which motion prevailed.

Upon motion of Alderman Belvin, the Council adjourned to Wednesday night at 8 p.m.

J. W. Johnson  
City Clerk

Minutes of an adjourned Regular meeting of the City Council.  
Austin, Texas, July 25<sup>th</sup> 1898.

Hon. Jas. D. McCall, Mayor, presiding.  
Roll called.

Present, Aldermen Belvin, Crooker, Horton, Kulin, Maddox, McSamore, Miller, Stitschke, Platt, Powell, Becht, Roberdeau, Proengren, Shelley, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker.

Absent Aldermen Deaty, Fischer, Haynes, Morris and Stumpf.  
Alderman Belvin moved that the Council take a recess of fifteen minutes. Carried.

At the end of the recess, the Council was called to order.  
Aldermen Deaty, Haynes and Stumpf entered the Council Chamber.  
Alderman Crooker moved a call of the Council, which was seconded.  
Absent, Aldermen Fischer and Morris.

The Marshal was directed to bring in the absentees. Alderman Morris entered.  
By Alderman Stumpf. Petition of North Austin Fire Company, asking that said Company be placed on the pay roll, for pay of driver and for feed and repairs, the same as other fire Companies of the City.  
On motion, the petition was referred to the fire Committee.

Alderman Belvin moved to reconsider the vote just had, whereby the petition was referred to the fire Committee, which motion prevailed.  
A motion was then made to refer the petition to the fire Committee, and it was so referred by the following vote:

Ayes, Aldermen Haynes, Horton, Kulin, Morris, Platt, Powell, Roberdeau, Proengren, Shelley, Taylor and Zilker. 11.  
Nays, Aldermen Deaty, Belvin, Crooker, Maddox, McSamore, Miller, Becht, Stumpf and Townsend. 9.

On motion the call of the Council was suspended.  
Alderman Taylor moved that the report of the budget Committee be taken up, and acted upon, which motion prevailed.

The report was read and is as follows:

Hon. Jas. D. McCall, Mayor, and  
City Council of the City of Austin:

Gentlemen:- In accordance with the provisions of the City Charter your Finance Committee respectfully submit for your consideration the following estimate of the probable income from all sources which will be collected for the General Fund during the fiscal year, and of the expenditures to pay salaries and wages of Officers and regular employees, and of the amount required to meet the other ordinary expenses of the City government, not including work on Streets and Bridges, or other public improvements.

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| Estimate of income of the General Fund. |             |
| From General Revenue Taxed, 1897.       | \$66,000.00 |
| " " " " prior years                     | 4,000.00    |
| " License Tax.                          | 11,000.00   |
| " Fines of Recorder's Office            | 1,250.00    |
| " Court fees and fines                  | 500.00      |
| " Loss with liquidation of bonds        | 0.00        |

Roll of Council

Pet. of North Austin Fire Co. asking to be placed on City's pay roll for pay of Driver & for Feed & Repairs

Roll of Council suspended

Budget Committee Report on probable receipts and disbursements for year 1898

Budget Committee report

|                                |               |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| From Dog Tax                   | \$ 500.00     |
| " Day Patients (City Hospital) | 750.00        |
| " Inade County (Hospital)      | <u>700.00</u> |
|                                | \$ 87,850.00  |

Estimate of amount of Expenses for City government for year ending Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> 1898.

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| For Salary. Officers & Employees                       | \$ 17,858.77    |
| " " Policemen  | 12,840.00       |
| " " Aldermen   | 2,640.00        |
| " " Drivers etc. Fire Dept.                            | 4,200.00        |
| " Water's Light from April 1 <sup>st</sup> 1897        | 24,500.00       |
| " Rent of Engine House                                 | 600.00          |
| " Expense Dog Business                                 | 375.00          |
| " Rent of Telephones                                   | 84.00           |
| " Winding Clock  | 50.00           |
| " Printing, Stationery & Postage                       | 1,000.00        |
| " Charity  | 1,200.00        |
| " City & County Hospital                               | 4,650.00        |
| " Sanitary Dept.                                       | 2,800.00        |
| " Meals City Prisoners                                 | 475.00          |
| " Coal City Hall                                       | 60.00           |
| " Board of Equalization                                | 500.00          |
| " Expense of Election                                  | 175.00          |
| " Feed & Repairs, & Horse Fire Department              | 5,100.00        |
| " Int. Judgment & Interest due Old Water Co. for 1897. | 10,760.00       |
| " Miscellaneous  | <u>2,100.00</u> |
|  | \$ 91,967.77    |

Respectfully submitted.  
 Milton Morris.  
 Thomas F. Taylor.  
 W. D. Shelley.

Expense items acted upon separately

Alderman Taylor moved that the items of expenses be acted upon separately, which motion prevailed.  
 The first, second and third items were read and adopted.  
 The fourth item was read.  
 Alderman Beatty moved to amend by adding \$600. to pay driver of North Austin Fire Company.  
 On motion Alderman Boston was excused from further attendance at this session of the Council.  
 The vote was then taken on the amendment of Alderman Beatty, and the amendment was lost by the following vote:  
 Ayes: Aldermen Beatty, Lewis, Colman, Hudson, McSamuel, Priddy, Murray and Townsend. 8.  
 Nays: Aldermen Boston, Brown, Cramer, Miller, Morris, Pittman, Pugh, Sorenson, Strickland, Thomas, Van Dyke, and Wilson. 14.  
 One question being asked and answered.  
 The first item was then read and adopted.  
 The second item was then read and adopted.  
 The third item was then read and adopted.  
 The fourth item was then read and adopted.  
 The fifth item was then read and adopted.  
 The sixth item was then read and adopted.  
 The seventh item was then read and adopted.  
 The eighth item was then read and adopted.  
 The ninth item was then read and adopted.  
 The tenth item was then read and adopted.  
 The eleventh item was then read and adopted.  
 The twelfth item was then read and adopted.  
 The thirteenth item was then read and adopted.  
 The fourteenth item was then read and adopted.  
 The fifteenth item was then read and adopted.  
 The sixteenth item was then read and adopted.  
 The seventeenth item was then read and adopted.  
 The eighteenth item was then read and adopted.  
 The nineteenth item was then read and adopted.  
 The twentieth item was then read and adopted.  
 The twenty-first item was then read and adopted.  
 The twenty-second item was then read and adopted.  
 The twenty-third item was then read and adopted.  
 The twenty-fourth item was then read and adopted.  
 The twenty-fifth item was then read and adopted.  
 The twenty-sixth item was then read and adopted.  
 The twenty-seventh item was then read and adopted.  
 The twenty-eighth item was then read and adopted.  
 The twenty-ninth item was then read and adopted.  
 The thirtieth item was then read and adopted.  
 The thirty-first item was then read and adopted.  
 The thirty-second item was then read and adopted.  
 The thirty-third item was then read and adopted.  
 The thirty-fourth item was then read and adopted.  
 The thirty-fifth item was then read and adopted.  
 The thirty-sixth item was then read and adopted.  
 The thirty-seventh item was then read and adopted.  
 The thirty-eighth item was then read and adopted.  
 The thirty-ninth item was then read and adopted.  
 The fortieth item was then read and adopted.  
 The forty-first item was then read and adopted.  
 The forty-second item was then read and adopted.  
 The forty-third item was then read and adopted.  
 The forty-fourth item was then read and adopted.  
 The forty-fifth item was then read and adopted.  
 The forty-sixth item was then read and adopted.  
 The forty-seventh item was then read and adopted.  
 The forty-eighth item was then read and adopted.  
 The forty-ninth item was then read and adopted.  
 The fiftieth item was then read and adopted.

for water and light, and inserting \$16,500, which motion was lost by the following vote:

Yes. Aldermen Crooker, Haynes, Kuhn, McLenore, Miller, Kitchner, Platt, Redd, Robertreau, and Townsend. 10.

Nays Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Maddox, Morris, Powell, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor and Zicker. 10.

On motion of Alderman Taylor, the item as reported by the Committee was adopted.

The sixth item was read and adopted.

Alderman Belvin moved to reconsider the vote adopting this item, which motion prevailed. The item was then adopted by the following vote:

Yes. Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Haynes, Kuhn, McLenore, Morris, Kitchner, Platt, Powell, Redd, Robertreau, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Zicker. 17.

Nays Aldermen Crooker and Maddox 2.

The seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth, fourteenth, fifteenth, sixteenth, seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth items were then read and adopted.

The twentieth item was read.

Alderman Beatty moved to amend by adding \$300 for feed and repairs for North Austin Fire Company, which motion was lost by the following vote:

Yes. Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Crooker, Kuhn, Maddox, McLenore, Stumpf, and Townsend 8.

Nays Aldermen Haynes, Miller, Morris, Kitchner, Platt, Powell, Redd, Robertreau, Rosengren, Shelley, Taylor and Zicker. 17.

Item twenty was then adopted as reported.

Item twenty-one was then read and adopted.

Item twenty-two was read.

Alderman Belvin moved to amend by inserting \$15 for numbering streets north of Thirty-second street, which motion was lost.

Alderman Taylor moved that the budget be adopted as a whole, which motion prevailed.

Alderman Taylor moved to take up the ordinance to pay approved accounts for December, 1897 and January, 1898, which motion was lost.

Alderman Kitchner, for the Street Committee, to whom was referred the proposition of John H. and Mary D. Maddox to donate to the City a

Street, upon certain conditions, presented a verbal report, recommending that the proposition be accepted, also submitting an ordinance

looking the case. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules, by the following vote:

Yes. Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Crooker, Haynes, Kuhn, Maddox, McLenore, Miller, Morris, Kitchner, Platt, Powell, Redd, Robertreau, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Zicker. 20.

Nays Aldermen

On motion of Alderman Taylor, the ordinance spending money for water and light, and inserting \$16,500, and January, 1898, was then read and adopted.

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

Yes. Aldermen

Budget adopted as a whole.

Street Com. verbal report on proposition of John H. and Mary D. Maddox to donate ground for street & recommending the passage of an Ordinance looking same

On motion of Alderman Taylor, the ordinance spending money for water and light, and inserting \$16,500, and January, 1898, was then read and adopted.

Yeas Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Crocker, Haynes, Kubin, Maddox, Mr. Lemore,  
Miller, Platt, Redd, Robertson, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend  
and Zilker 17.

Nays Alderman Morris, Kitcher and Powell 3.

Ord. providing for payment of a  
judgment rendered in Federal  
Court in favor of E. C. Bartholomew, Receiver  
General

By Alderman Morris. An ordinance providing for the payment of a  
judgment rendered in Federal Court in favor of E. C. Bartholomew, Receiver

The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the follow-  
ing vote:

Yeas Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Crocker, Haynes, Kubin, Mr. Lemore, Miller,  
Morris, Kitcher, Platt, Powell, Redd, Robertson, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf,  
Taylor, Townsend and Zilker. 19

Nays Alderman Maddox 1.

On motion the Council adjourned.

J. W. Johnson  
City Clerk