

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council.

Austin Texas April 18th 1898.

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

Present Aldermen Beatty, Croomey, Haynes, Mendenhall, McSamore, Morris, Platt, Powell, Proskynen, Shultz, Taylor, Townsend and Zinner.
Absent Aldermen Belvin, Fischer, Hester, Kuhn, Miller, Kitchner, Padd, Robertson and Stumpff.

Alderman Taylor moved that the Council take a recess of 10 minutes which motion prevailed.

At the end of the recess the Council was called to order.

Aldermen Hester and Robertson entered the Council Chamber.

Minutes of previous meeting adopted as recorded.

Alderman Taylor moved that the minutes of the last meeting be approved as recorded without reading. Carried.

Aldermen Kitchner, Belvin, Miller and Padd entered the Council Chamber.

Petitions, etc.

Pet. of Geo. F. Roswell to have certain Board fees refunded.

By Alderman Beatty. Petition of Geo. F. Roswell to have certain Board fees refunded. On motion of Alderman Zinner Mr. Roswell was invited to make a statement explaining the petition. Alderman Stumpff entered the Council Chamber.

Alderman Platt moved that the amount of \$25.00 be refunded to Mr. Roswell, being the amount collected by the City for Board fees paid by him, and that a Special Committee of 3 be appointed to investigate charges made for Board fees charged, which motion prevailed, and the Mayor appointed Aldermen Platt, Hester and Miller, as the Committee.

Communication from Travis Co. Medical Assn. asking City Council to invite Travis Medical Assn. to hold next Annual Meeting in this City.

By Alderman Morris. A communication from Drs. W. M. Smith, J. C. Bennett and S. E. Hudson stating that they had been appointed by the Travis County Medical Association, a committee to wait upon the City Council and ask their co-operation in securing for this City, the Annual Meeting of the State Medical Association for 1899, and asking the Council to extend an invitation to said Association, through the Delegates from this County to hold its Annual Meeting in this City in 1899.

On motion the Mayor was directed in the name of the City Council to extend an invitation in accordance with the communication.

Pet. of Morris Eivens asking authority to redeem certain property from tax sale.

The Mayor laid before the Council a petition from Morris Eivens asking authority to redeem certain property from tax sale. On motion the petition was referred to the Finance and Accounts Committee.

Reports of City Officers.

City Whip reports on all.

The Mayor laid before the City Council a report from Geo. C. ... of Mrs. L. C. ... asking for ...

On motion of Alderman Taylor, the report was re-committed to the City Attorney, with the request that he obtain from the Assessor and Collector a list of all persons affected by said report, and report back to the Council.

City Atty's report on pet. of Geo. S. & Ray Mc Donald.

The Mayor then laid before the Council the report of the City Attorney, on the petition of Geo. S. and Ray Mc Donald, asking the City to lease to them a part of what is known as "River Walk" station, that he was of the opinion that the petition should not be granted. The report was adopted.

City Clerk's report on bids received for Bonds for Sinking Fund

The City Clerk reported that in accordance with the resolution of the Council he had written holders of Water & Light Bonds, asking for bids to furnish \$20,000.00 bonds for the Sinking Fund, and that he had received only one bid which was as follows:

St. Louis Mo. April 17th 1898.

Geo. O. Johnson
City Clerk.

Dear Sir:-

L. A. Roguards bid for sale of \$13,000 Bonds for Sinking Fund

Your favor of 6th inst. received in due time, contents noted. In response to same I offer you \$13,000.00 Austin Texas Water Works and Electric Light 5% known as Dam Bonds of the issue of 1890, due 1930. Price 107 1/2 and interest deliverable and payable at Laclede National Bank, St. Louis, Mo. This proposition must be accepted by wire Saturday.

Respectfully
L. A. Roguards

Resolution directing Mayor & Finance Com. to purchase 13 W & L Bonds

Alderman Taylor offered the following resolution: "Resolved, that the Mayor and Finance Committee, be and they are hereby directed to purchase Thirteen Water & Light 5% Bonds of the City of Austin, at a cost not exceeding 107 1/2 and accrued interest.

Alderman Maddox offered as a substitute for the resolution, a motion that the matter be deferred until the next regular meeting. The substitute was adopted.

Police Com's report on City Marshal's reports for March 1898.

Alderman Powell for the Police Committee, to whom was referred the reports of the City Marshal for March 1898, presented a report stating that the reports had been examined and found correct. Report adopted.

Ord. & Street Com's report on Ord. granting H & R Ry Co right-of-way to lay & maintain side tracks

Alderman Shelley, for the Ordinance and Street Committee to whom was referred the ordinance granting to the H & R. R. Co., right-of-way, to lay, maintain side tracks in the City, presented a report, recommending the passage of the ordinance, with an amendment. The report was adopted.

A motion was made to suspend the regular order of business and take up the ordinance granting right-of-way, etc., to the H & R. R. Co., which motion was voted.

Ord. Com's report on Ord. granting right-of-way to St. Louis & San Francisco Ry Co.

Alderman Shelley, for the Ordinance Committee to whom was referred an ordinance granting to the St. Louis & San Francisco Ry Co. right-of-way, etc., to lay, maintain side tracks in the City, presented a report, recommending the passage of the ordinance, with an amendment. The report was adopted.

Haldeman Co, to build & operate a
Railroad Street.

a Rail Road track over certain streets of the City, presented a report, recommending that the Ordinance do not pass. Alderman Morris moved to adopt the report of the Committee, and asked that Mr. A. B. Luck, a citizen near the proposed line of R.R. be permitted to make a statement to the Council. After statement by Mr. Luck, a vote was had on the motion to adopt the report of the Committee, and the motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Horton, Maddox, Morris, Kitchner, Powell, Beed, Roberson, Shelley and Townsend. 9.

Nays Aldermen Cady, Belvin, Crocker, Haynes, McLenore, Miller, Platt, Rosenkrantz, Stumb, and Taylor. 10.

Alderman Silver was excused from voting.

Claims & Accts. Comrs report on
claim of J. D. Myers.

Alderman Platt, for the Claims and Accounts Committee, to whom was referred the ac. of J. D. Myers, City Treasurer, for Commissions, Exchange etc., in payment of interest on Bonds, presented a report recommending the payment of the ac.

On motion the report was adopted.

Alderman McLenore for the Printing Committee, presented the following report:

Printing Comrs report on
bids for Newspaper printing

Austin, Texas, April 18th 1898.

To the Hon. John D. McCall, Mayor, and Board of Aldermen of the City of Austin.

Gentlemen: - Your Committee on Printing, to whom was returned the bid of the Statesman Publishing Company to publish the Council proceedings, etc. with instructions to advertise for new bids, have complied with said instructions, and have received bids from the following papers: The Daily Statesman, The Evening Tribune, The Evening News, and the Texas State Democrat.

Your Committee requests that the different bids be read before this Council, and recommend that that of the Evening News be accepted, that paper agreeing to print the proceedings and any other matter the Council may wish to publish at one twentieth fourth of one cent per word each insertion, which is considerably lower than any of the other bids.

Your Committee would also recommend, that the paper awarded the contract, be required to give a good and sufficient bond in the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to be approved by the Mayor, for a faithful compliance with the terms of its contract.

(Signed) G. L. McLenore
W. M. Belvin
C. O. Rosenkrantz

Committee

Alderman Townsend moved that the report of the Committee be adopted. Alderman Haynes moved as a substitute that the bid of J. D. Myers be accepted as the contract for the year rate of \$56.00 per month. The substitute was not adopted.

Following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Geary, Haynes & Horton, 3.
Nays Aldermen DeLoach, Crocker, Maddox, Mc Lemore, Miller, Morris,
Hickline, Platt, Powell, Child, Robordeau, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpff,
Taylor, Townsend and Silver 10.

and report of the Committee was then adopted.

Unfinished Business:

The Mayor laid before the Council the following veto message which was read:

Mayor's veto message of an Ordinance "to amend Articles 4 & 9 of Chap. 2 Title 1 of Revised Civil Ordinances"

Mayor's Office,
Austin, Texas, April 11th 1898.

To the Honorable City Council:

Gentlemen:

I herewith return to you an ordinance passed by you on April 4th 1898, entitled "An ordinance to amend Articles 4 and 9 of Chapter 2, Title 1 of the Revised Civil Ordinances of the City of Austin," with my disapproval of the same, and my reasons therefor as follows: The ordinance proposes to repeal the following provisions in the law, "Provided, however, that in no case shall any warrant be issued by the Mayor, or the City Treasurer, unless an appropriation for the specific purpose of paying the same shall have been previously made by the City Council, and unless the Mayor shall have received information in writing from the City Treasurer, that there is sufficient money in the treasury exclusive of all amounts otherwise specifically appropriated by ordinance to pay such warrant."

This in my opinion, is a wise and wholesome provision in the law, and should not be disturbed. It acts as a check or reminder that we must keep our expenditures within our income, and this fact cannot be emphasized too much.

We, as the Agents of the people, should administer their affairs economically, and give a strict and accurate account of how we are spending their money, and in doing this, we should have all the safeguards necessary, to help us in accomplishing this end.

I am opposed most emphatically in contracting debts that we do not see our way clear to pay. For this reason and others that could be urged, I am opposed to the measure.

Respectfully,
Geo. W. McCall, Mayor

For question was then put, shall the ordinance pass notwithstanding the objections of the Mayor, and the vote sustained the ordinance.

Ben. Stone.
Jesse B. ...

W. H. ...

Mc Lemore, Miller, Morris, Kitchner, Platt, Powell, Bead, Roberdeau, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker 20.
 The Mayor then laid before the Council, an ordinance granting to the H & S L. R. Co. the right-of-way to lay certain side tracks in the City of Austin. The Ordinance was read second time.
 Alderman Shelley moved to strike out in line 4, Sec. 1 the words, "or more," which motion prevailed.

H. & S. L. R. Co. Ord. granting right-of-way passed

On motion the rule was suspended, and the ordinance placed upon its 3rd reading and final passage, by the following vote: Ayes Aldermen Beatty, Delvin, Crocker, Haynes, Maddox, Mc Lemore, Miller, Morris, Kitchner, Platt, Powell, Bead, Roberdeau, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker 19.
 Nays Alderman Horton 1.

Ord. granting right-of-way to build Dry tracks to Lone Star Ice Co. H. & S. L. R. Co. postponed till next regular meeting

The ordinance was then read a third time and passed.
 The Mayor then laid before the Council, an ordinance granting to the Lone Star Ice Co., The Austin Gas Light and Coal Co and Haldeman & Co., the right to build, maintain and operate a single line of Railroad, on certain Streets in the City.
 Alderman Morris moved to postpone action on the ordinance until the next regular meeting, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes, Aldermen Horton, Maddox, Miller, Morris, Kitchner, Platt, Powell, Bead, Roberdeau, Shelley and Townsend 11.
 Nays Aldermen Beatty, Delvin, Crocker, Haynes, Mc Lemore, Rosengren, Stumpf and Taylor 8.

Bill from H. & S. L. R. Co. & Lone Star Ice Co. for Water & Light

New Business.
 The Mayor laid before the Council, a bill from the Water Works, Electric Light & Power Plant of the City of Austin, for Water and Light and Power for the past 12 months amounting to \$14,964.⁰⁰
 On motion of Alderman Powell, the bill was referred to the Water and Light Committee.

Resolution directing City Engineer to dispose of old lumber known from East Austin Fire Hall

Aldermen Mc Lemore and Townsend were excused from further attendance at this session of the Council.
 By Alderman Roberdeau, Resolution authorizing the City Engineer to dispose of the old lumber saved from the Hall known from East Austin Fire Hall of the Austin Hose Co., to Messrs. Dill and Kuhn, for \$7.⁰⁰
 The resolution was adopted.

Resolutions, extending thanks of Council to Evening Tribune Management. Sec'd.

By Alderman Haynes. A resolution that the thanks of the Council be extended to the management of the Evening Tribune for making it possible for the City, to have the official proceedings printed substantially free, as a matter of news.

The resolution was lost by the following vote:
 Ayes Aldermen Beatty, Haynes, Horton, Platt, Bead, Rosengren, Taylor and Zilker 8.
 Nays Aldermen Delvin, Crocker, Maddox, Miller, Morris, Kitchner, Powell, Roberdeau, Shelley and Stumpf 15.

Ordinance relating to the following resolution.
 Whereas, certain...

in the City Cemetery, by theft of flowers, plants, vessels, etc, from graves, and also on account of said cemetery being opened, apparently to all persons, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Cemetery Committee, be requested to make diligent inquiry into above matters, and to suggest how the Cemetery can be better policed, and the owners of lots protected in their rights and "privileges". The resolution was adopted

Ord. appropriating \$640.00 to pay salaries of 2 Drivers Street Teams from April 1st to Nov. 30th 1898

By Alderman Morris. An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$640.00 to pay salaries of two drivers of Street Teams, from April 1st to Nov. 30th 1898. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:

Ayes Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Crooker, Haynes, Horton, Maddox, Miller, Morris, Nitschke, Platt, Powell, Pradd, Robertreau, Rosengren, Shelley, Stump, Taylor and Zilker 18
Nays None.

Ord. appropriating \$2759.40 to pay salaries of Officers and Employes from April 1st to Nov. 30th 1898.

By Alderman Morris. An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$2759.40 to pay salaries of Officers and Employes from April 1st to Nov. 30th 1898.

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

Ayes Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Crooker, Haynes, Horton, Maddox, Miller, Morris, Nitschke, Platt, Powell, Pradd, Robertreau, Rosengren, Shelley, Stump, Taylor and Zilker 18
Nays None.

Ord. appropriating \$1280.00 to pay salaries of 4 Drivers of Sanitary Carts from April 1st to Nov. 30th 1898.

By Alderman Morris. An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1280.00 to pay salaries of four drivers of Sanitary Carts from April 1st to Nov. 30th 1898. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:

Ayes Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Crooker, Haynes, Horton, Maddox, Miller, Morris, Nitschke, Platt, Powell, Pradd, Robertreau, Rosengren, Shelley, Stump, Taylor and Zilker 18
Nays None.

Ord. appropriating \$2450 to pay for Extra Street Labor for months of Jan & Feb 1898

By Alderman Nitschke. An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$2450 to pay for extra Street labor, for the months of January and February 1898. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:

Ayes Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Crooker, Haynes, Horton, Maddox, Miller, Morris, Nitschke, Platt, Powell, Pradd, Robertreau, Rosengren, Shelley, Stump, Taylor and Zilker 18.
Nays None.

Ord. authorizing redemption of Real Estate sold for taxes under judgment of Dist. Court and bid in by the City of Austin.

By Alderman Shelley. An ordinance authorizing the redemption of Real Estate sold for taxes under judgment of the District Court and bid in by the City of Austin. The ordinance was read first time.

Ordinance Crooker moved that the Council do now adjourn, which motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Crooker, Haynes, Horton, Maddox, Miller, Morris, Nitschke, Platt, Powell, Pradd, Robertreau, Rosengren, Shelley, Stump, Taylor and Zilker 18
Nays None.

Shelby and Taylor. 8.

Geo. A. Johnson
City, Tenn.