

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council.
Austin, Texas, May 12th 1898.

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

Present. Aldermen Kuhn, Maddox, McCall, Morris, Platt, Powell, Rosengren, Shelley, Shumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Zieher 12.

Absent. Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Crooker, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Miller, Nitschke, Peck and Roberteau. 10.

On motion of Alderman Platt, the Council took a recess of ten minutes.
At the end of the recess the Council was called to order.

Aldermen Crooker and Nitschke, entered the Council Chamber.

On motion of Alderman Taylor, the minutes of the last meeting were approved as recorded without reading.

Aldermen Belvin, Haynes and Roberteau entered the Council Chamber.

Petitions, etc.
The Mayor laid before the Council a petition of A. H. Harrington, asking a reduction in his Assessments for taxes for 1897. On motion the petition was referred to the Claims and Accounts Committee.

Aldermen Peck and Miller entered the Council Chamber.

By Alderman Morris: Petition of Citizens of the First Ward protesting against the granting of right-of-way to lay a Railroad track on certain streets of the City.

On motion of Alderman Taylor, the petition was laid over to come up with the Ordinance on the subject.

On motion, Alderman Rosengren was excused from further attendance at this session of the Council.

The Mayor laid before the Council, a petition of B. B. Russell, asking for damages to horse and wagon caused by falling through a bridge on East Sixth Street. On motion, the petition was referred to the Claims and Accounts Committee.

The Mayor then laid before the Council a petition from St. M. Silvary asking permission to erect two small frame buildings on Block 58, to be used in connection with a sanitarium. On motion the petition was granted.

By Alderman Platt: Petition of G. M. Brass asking that the Alley in Blocks 37 & 38 of the City, be opened. Alderman Zieher moved that the petition be laid on the table. Alderman Maddox, moved to refer the petition to the Street Committee, which motion prevailed.

Alderman Beatty entered the Council Chamber.

Reports of City Officers.
The Mayor laid before the Council, the reports of City Officers for the month of April. On motion the reports were referred to their appropriate Committees without reading, except the report of the City Treasurer.

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

So Collections as follows:

From General Revenue	\$3533.07
- Interest & Sinking Fund Water & Light Bonds	2602.59
- " " on Old Bonds	336.84
- School Tax	1332.40

Total collections.

\$7804.85

City Treasurer

Referred to the Finance Committee.
By the City Treasurer.

Balance on hand April 4th Account of General Fund \$4429.08
 " " " " " " 20 per cent of General Fund 1888.09
 " " " " " " Interest on Old Bonds 2562.88

Received during the month from Assessor and Collector

Account Ad Valorem Tax 2736.91
 " Fines in Recorder's Court 135.50
 " Miscellaneous 117.86
 " License Tax 542.75
 " Interest on Old Bonds 336.84

\$12,749.91

Disbursements

Paid Warrants for April \$5207.38
 Balance Account of General Fund 2048.12
 " " " Interest on Old Bonds 2899.72
 " " " 20 per cent of General Fund 2594.69

\$12,749.91

Balance on hand April 4 1898 Account Interest on Water & Light Bonds \$275.26
 " " " " " Sinking Fund 17,000.00

Received during the month from Assessor & Collector 2602.50
 \$19,877.85

Balances May 2nd 1898
 Account Sinking Fund \$18,000.00
 " Interest " 1877.85

Balance on hand April 4th 1898, Account Earnings Fund \$7608.59
 Received during the month from Superintendent Patterson 6458.00
 \$14,066.59

Disbursements

Paid Warrants during the month. \$8295.36
 Balance on hand May 1st 1898. 5771.23 \$14,066.59

Referred to Finance Committee.
By the City Clerk.

City Clerk

Total amount of Warrants drawn during the month Account General Fund \$5694.47

Referred to Finance Committee.

By the City Marshal

Total amount of Fines assessed in Recorder's Court \$405.00

Paid in Cash 88.50

Worked out 127.00

Escaped 70.00

Carried forward 119.50 \$405.00

Collected on back fines 9.00

Bond fees for April 78.50

Total number of arrests during the month. 55.

Referred to the Police Committee.

By the City Physician

City Physician

Number of Patients in City Hospital April 1898.

City Physician	Number of Patients admitted during April	18
"	" " dismissed " "	20
"	" Deaths " "	3
"	" Patients remaining May 1 st	15
"	" Visits to Paupers " April	86
"	" Prescriptions to Paupers " "	191

No contagious or infectious diseases reported.
 Referred to Hospital Committee.
 By the City Doctor.

Total number of deaths	15
White	12
Mexican	1
Colored	2
Male	9
Female	6

Referred to Cemetery Committee.
 Reports of Standing Committees.

Claims & Accts Comt. Alderman Platt, for the Claims and Accounts Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Geo. F. Roswell asking to be refunded certain Pound fees, presented a report stating that the charges were not excessive, and recommended that the petition be not granted. The report of the Committee was adopted.

R & R Comt. Alderman Platt, for the Claims and Accounts Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Morris Ewins, asking reduction of Assessment for taxes, presented a report recommending that the petition be not granted. The report of the Committee was adopted.

Printing Comt. Alderman McLeamore, for the Printing Committee, called up the report made the on award of contract Printing Committee on the 1st of January, 1898, awarding the contract for Job Printing to the Eugene von Doernmann Publishing Company, and moved the adoption of this report, and that the Mayor be authorized to enter into contract with said company for doing Job printing in accordance with their bid, which motion prevailed.

Unfinished Business.

The Mayor laid before the Council, an ordinance granting to the Lone Star Ice Company, the Austin Gas Light and Coal Company and Stoddeman & Co. authority to build, maintain and operate a Railroad over certain streets of the City. Alderman Zinner moved that the ordinance be laid on the table, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes. Aldermen Belvin, Maddox, Miller, Morris, Nitschke, Platt, Powell, Roberson, Shelley, Townsend and Zinner. 11.

Nays. Aldermen Beatty, Crocker, Haynes, Kuhn, McLeamore, Reed, Stumpf and Taylor. 8.

On motion of Alderman Shelley, the City Attorney was excused from further attendance at this session of the Council.

The Mayor then laid before the Council, an ordinance authorizing the redemption of Real Estate heretofore sold for taxes, under judgment of the District Court and bid in by the City.

The ordinance was read second time, and on motion, the rule was suspended and the ordinance placed upon its third reading, and final passage by the following vote:

Says Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Crooker, Haynes, Kuhn, Maddox, McSamore, Miller, Morris, Mitschke, Platt, Powell, Redd, Robertreau, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker 19.
Nays, None.

The ordinance was then read third time and passed.

Bid for Water
Bonds for 1899

The Mayor laid before the Council, a proposition from L. A. Loguard of St. Louis Mo. offering to sell the City, \$10,000.00 Water and Light Bonds of the City, at par and interest delivered in Austin, the City to pay express charges and exchange.

Alderman Taylor moved that the Mayor be authorized to purchase for the Sinking Fund \$10,000.00 Water and Light Bonds at par and interest delivered in Austin.

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

Says Aldermen Belvin, Haynes, Kuhn, McSamore, Morris, Mitschke, Powell, Robertreau, Shelley, Stumpf, Townsend and Zilker 12.

Nays Aldermen Beatty, Crooker, Maddox, Miller, Platt, Redd and Taylor 7.

Alderman Maddox moved that all money in the City Treasury belonging to the interest and Sinking fund Water and Light Bonds, be turned over to the Water and Light Commission for the completion of the plant. Not voted on.

Ord. to allow Mrs. L. Bease credit on
taxes for 1899

Alderman Platt called up an ordinance directing the City Assessor and Collector to allow Mrs. L. Bease, a credit of \$158.92 on the taxes due by her to the City of Austin for the year 1899. The amount thus allowed being taxes illegally collected from her for the year 1899. The ordinance was read second time.

Alderman Platt moved to suspend the rule and place the ordinance on its third reading and final passage.

Alderman Crooker moved that further consideration be postponed until the next regular meeting, and that the Assessor and Collector be directed to furnish a list of all other taxpayers similarly situated, and the amount paid by each, which motion prevailed.

Res. inviting Sons
of Hermann to meet
in Austin in 1899

By Alderman Zilker. Resolution, inviting the grand Lodge of the Sons of Hermann, now in session at Fort Worth, to hold their next Annual meeting in this City, and that the City Clerk, be directed to forward at once, a copy of this resolution to the grand Lodge now in session. The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Ord. appropriating to
complete Culvert on
St. 1st St.

By Alderman Powell. An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$40. for the purpose of completing a Culvert on West First Street.

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

Says Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Crooker, Haynes, Kuhn, Maddox, McSamore, Miller, Morris, Mitschke, Platt, Powell, Redd, Robertreau, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker 19.

Nays, None.

Ord. Amending
Art. 171 Title 5
Chap. 4. of New Civ. Code

By Alderman Morris. An ordinance amending Article 171, Title 5 Chapter 4, of the Revised Civil Ordinances of the City. Alderman Platt moved that the ordinance be laid on the table. Lost by the following vote:

Says Aldermen Beatty, Crooker, McSamore, Platt, Redd, Robertreau, Stumpf and Zilker 8.

Nays Aldermen Belvin, Haynes, Kuhn, Maddox, Miller, Morris, Mitschke, Powell, Shelley, Taylor and Townsend 11.

Alderman Belvin moved to refer the ordinance to the ordinance Committee, which motion prevailed.

By Alderman Shelley. An ordinance to regulate the use and provide for the control

Ord. regulating ^{of the public Parks and enclosed grounds} of the City, and prescribing penalties for the violation thereof.

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:

Ayes Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Crooker, Haines, Hubin, Maddox, Mc Semore, Miller, Morris, Nitschke, Platt, Powell, Ridd, Robertson, Shelley, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker 18.

Nays Alderman Stumpf 1.

The ordinance was read a second time.

Alderman Crooker moved to adjourn. Lost.

Alderman Maddox offered the following amendment to the ordinance:

Amend by striking out the words "or by placing animals therein to graze" without permission from the person in charge thereof.

The amendment was adopted, and the ordinance as amended, was then passed under suspension of the rule by the following vote:

Ayes Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Crooker, Haines, Hubin, Maddox, Mc Semore, Miller, Morris, Nitschke, Platt, Powell, Ridd, Robertson, Shelley, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker 18.

Nays Alderman Stumpf 1.

On motion of Alderman Mc Semore, the Council adjourned.

J. O. Johnson
City Clerk.

Ord. Amending
Ord. 1888.