

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council.
Austin, Texas, May, 16th 1898.

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

Present. Aldermen Beaky, Crooker, Horton, Maddox, Morris, Platt, Powell, Shelley, Stump, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker 12.

Absent. Aldermen Belvin, Fischer, Haynes, Kuhn, McSamore, Miller, Nitschke, Redd, Robertson, and Rosengren 10.

Alderman Taylor moved the adoption of the minutes as recorded without reading.

Minutes read and adopted

Alderman Maddox demanded reading.

The minutes were read and adopted.

Aldermen McSamore, Haynes, Miller, Redd, Kuhn, Nitschke and Belvin, entered the Council Chamber.

Petitions.

Det. of Seabrough & Sticks The Mayor laid before the Council a petition from Seabrough & Sticks asking a reduction of their assessment for the year 1897.
Read and referred to the Claims and Accounts Committee.

Reports of Standing Committees.

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

Alderman Platt, for the Claims and Accounts Committee, to whom was referred the petition of W. H. Harrington, asking a reduction of his assessment for taxes for 1897, as fixed by the Board of Equalization, presented a report, stating that the Council had no authority to grant the relief asked, and therefore recommend that the petition be not granted. The report was adopted.

Unfinished Business.

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance directing the City Assessor and Collector to allow Mrs. L. R. Truse a credit of \$1158.92 on taxes for 1897. The amount thus allowed being taxes illegally collected from her for the year 1897. The ordinance was read third time.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following report from the City Attorney:
Austin, Texas, May 16th 1898.

To the City Council of the City of Austin:

The City Assessor and Collector reports that the amount of money collected from persons and property brought within the City limits by the amended Charter of 1897, upon the assessment of that year, is \$14,756.49.

The report is submitted herewith.

Respectfully,

J. B. Lochman City Attorney.

Alderman Platt moved that the ordinance do now pass.

Alderman Taylor moved as a substitute, that the ordinance be referred to the Finance Committee, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes, Aldermen Beaky, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Maddox, McSamore, Miller, Morris, Redd, Stump and Taylor 11.

Nays, Aldermen Belvin, Crooker, Nitschke, Platt, Powell, Shelley, Townsend & Zilker 8.

The Mayor laid before the Council, an account from the Water & Light Plant of the City, for Water & Light, to April 30th 1898.

Alderman Taylor moved that a special Committee of three be appointed, to adjust the amount due the Water and Light Commission by the City, for water and light furnished. Alderman Nitschke moved as a substitute, that the matter be referred to the Water and Light Committee, which motion prevailed.

Alderman Belvin was excused from further attendance at this session of the Council.

Rentals of telephones reduced to 15¢ per mo.
Mr. M. Milby's name placed on regular monthly pay roll of Officers
Bridges on Long Ave. can not be built
City Engineer directed to send 4 Mules to pasture

Alderman Morris stated that rentals for the telephones used by the City from and after May 1st 1898, would be \$1.50 each.

Alderman Morris moved that hereafter the name of Mr. M. Milby be placed upon the regular pay roll of Officers and employes, which motion prevailed.

Alderman Morris was excused from further attendance at this session of the Council.

Alderman Nitschke stated that the Bridge to be built on Congress Avenue would cost more than the amount appropriated, hence they could not be built.

Alderman Nitschke moved, that the City Engineer be directed to send the four Mules belonging to the City, and not in use, to a pasture, which motion prevailed.

Alderman Rosengren entered the Council Chamber.

Ord. for \$1926.20 to pay App'd Accts

By Alderman Morris. An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1926.20 to pay Approved accounts.

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

Ayes. Aldermen Beatty, Crooker, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Maddox, McLenore, Miller, Nitschke, Platt, Powell, Redd, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend & Zicker 18.
Nays. None.

Ord. for \$115.50 to pay Extra Sanitary labor

By Alderman Morris. An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$115.50 to pay for extra Sanitary labor.

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

Ayes. Aldermen Beatty, Crooker, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Maddox, McLenore, Miller, Nitschke, Platt, Powell, Redd, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend & Zicker 18.
Nays. None.

Ord. for \$18.00 to pay Extra Street labor

Alderman McLenore was excused from further attendance at this session of the Council.
By Alderman Nitschke. An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$18.00 to pay extra Street labor for December 1897.

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

Ayes. Aldermen Beatty, Crooker, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Maddox, Miller, Nitschke, Platt, Powell, Redd, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Zicker 17.
Nays. None.

Ord. to amend Articles 4 & 9 Chap 7 Sills 1 Rev. Civ. Ord.

By Alderman Maddox. An ordinance to amend Articles 4 and 9, Chapter 7, Sills 1 of the Revised Civil Ordinances of the City of Austin.

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:

Ayes. Aldermen Beatty, Crooker, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Maddox, Miller, Platt, Powell, Redd, Rosengren, Taylor, Townsend and Zicker 14.
Nays. Aldermen Nitschke, Shelley and Stumpf 3.

Res. inviting Peter Kelly to make report of his investigation

Alderman Maddox offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted.
Be it resolved, by the City Council of the City of Austin; that the City Attorney be and he is hereby instructed to investigate and report to this Council, the rights of the City to the San Antonio River now being used by private persons for wharf purposes, boat houses, etc., and to suggest such measures as may be necessary and legal, for the protection of the public, in the use of same.
Alderman Taylor offered the following resolution:

Ord. to purchase
10,000 5% Bonds
for sinking fund.

Resolved: That the Mayor and Finance Committee be and they are hereby directed to purchase Ten Water and Light 5 per cent Bonds of the City of Austin, provided same can be had at a cost not exceeding par, and accrued interest.

Alderman Powell moved to adjourn. Lost.

Ord. to meet at
8:30 p.m. hereafter.

Alderman Shelley moved that the Council meet hereafter at 8:30 o'clock, instead of at 8 o'clock, which motion prevailed.

The vote was then taken on the resolution of Alderman Taylor, and the motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas: Aldermen Beatty, Crooker, Horton, Maddox, Platt, Bead and Taylor 7.

Nays: Aldermen Haynes, Kuhn, Miller, Nitschke, Powell, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf, Townsend and Zilker 10.

Ord. for \$87,700 to build
bridges on E. 2nd St.

By Alderman Beatty. An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$87,700 for the purpose of building bridges on West Second and Fifth Streets and Congress Avenue.

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 Beatty, Crooker, Kuhn, Platt, Powell, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf, Townsend and Zilker 10.

Nays: Aldermen Haynes, Horton, Maddox, Miller, Nitschke, Bead & Taylor 7.

Ord. for \$232,711 to pay
approved bills of Street Dept.

By Alderman Nitschke. An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$232,711 to pay approved accounts of Street Department.

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

Yeas: Aldermen Beatty, Crooker, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Maddox, Miller, Nitschke, Platt, Powell, Bead, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker 17.

Nays: None.

On motion of Alderman Powell, the Council adjourned.

J. J. Johnson
City Clerk.