

Regular Meeting of the City Council

Austin Texas July 17th 1899

Hon W. A. Glass President of the Council presiding

Roll called

Present Aldermen Dunham Fischer Glass Morris Mortimer

Nolen and Stumpf

Absent None

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On Motion the minutes of the last regular and subsequent called meeting were approved and recorded without reading.

Petitions Memorials etc

By Alderman Morris - Petition of Charles Johnson to have a street opened west of the old Brick Yard - Read and on motion referred to the Street Committee, City Engineer and City Attorney.

By Alderman Glass - Petition of M. Cabanis asking permission to remodel & repair frame building within the fire limits - Read and referred to the Fire Commissioners.

By Alderman Fischer - Petition of W. D. Singleton asking damages caused by bad street - Read and referred to the Street Committee.

Reports of City Officers

The Chairman laid before the Council the report of the assessor & collector for the month of June 1899, which was on motion referred to the Finance Committee without reading.

The following is a synopsis of the report to Collections as follows.

General fund	58,722.88
Interest & sinking fund W. L. bonds	38,720.87
" " " " "	4,101.24
School Tax	<u>21,313.85</u>
Total Collections	\$ 117,858.84

Reports of Standing Committees

Alderman Fischer for the Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Citizens asking that street be opened on Lake Street at the Dam, presented the following report which was read and adopted.

"Report that it is deemed advisable for the City to own and control lots 1 to 11 fronting on Lake McDonald now owned by Bul George Pack curriave and we therefore recommend that said property be purchased by the City of Austin if it can be purchased for a reasonable price, if not, then to issue condemnation proceedings against said property."

Respectfully,
Francis Fischer
H. B. Nolen
Joseph Stumpf

Rep Com to Alderman Piochen for the streets Committee to whom was
 open Council referred the petition of Citizens asking that Comal Street
 be opened through out Lot 1st. 2nd & 3rd, presented a report
 stating that they thought the petition should be granted, but
 considering the City's financial condition do not think it
 advisable to do so at the present time - The report of the Committee
 was adopted

Rep Com for Alderman Stumpf for the finance Committee to whom was
 At Cousins referred the petition of R.H. Cousins Agent for S. A. Long asking the
 Council to refund certain taxes paid, presented a report recom-
 mending that the petition be granted, and the report of the
 Committee was adopted.

Rep Com for Alderman Stumpf for the finance Committee to whom was
 Geo Dowell referred the petition of John Dowell regarding costs the case of
 Amelia Hall vs the City of Austin, presented a report recommending
 that the petition be granted. The report of the Committee was
 adopted.

Rep Com for Alderman Morris for the Claims and accounts
 P. Heiserman Committee to whom was referred the petition of Frank
 Heiserman asking the Council remit the taxes upon a certain
 Note, presented the following report which was read & adopted,

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To the Honorable Geo. D. McCall Mayor, and
 Board of Aldermen of the City of Austin:
 Gentlemen!

Your Committee on claims & accounts to whom
 was referred petition of Frank Heiserman requesting
 the City Council to remit the taxes assessed against a
 certain Note beg leave to report that the matter has
 been carefully considered and your Committee has
 determined that this Council should not be a party to
 such business methods as are mentioned and set
 forth in said petition - as reasons why the petition should
 be granted - therefore your Committee respectfully
 recommend that the petition be not granted

Wilson Morris

P.D. Mortimer

H.B. Dunham

Committee

New business

Com to Finance Alderman Dunham moved that a Committee of 3
 be appointed by the Chair to canvass the vote of the election
 held on June 26th 1899 which motion prevailed and the
 Chair appointed Aldermen Nolan Stumpf & Mortimer as the
 Committee

On motion of Alderman Piochen the Council took a
 recess awaiting the report of the Committee to canvass
 the Vote

The Committee to canvass the vote being ready to report the Council was called to order by the President of the Council. Alderman Nolen for the Committee presented the following report which was read and adopted.

The your Committee appointed to canvass returns of City election held June 26th 1899, to authorize issuance of bonds to amount \$50,000.00 for erection of High School building, beg leave to report, the following is correct statement of Vote Cast at said election.

H. C. Nolen

Joseph Stumpf

P. D. Mortimer

Spe Committee

Election "Bonded Indebtedness" City for school purposes.			
	For	against	Majority against
1 st Ward	36.	11. -	25
2 nd Ward	61	24 -	37
3 rd Ward	142	54 -	88
4 th Ward	142.	52 -	90
5 th Ward	104	53 -	51
6 th Ward	102	42 -	60
7 th Ward	61	68 -	7
	648	304 -	351. 7

Grand Total Vote Cast. 952

Total Majority for bond issue 344.

Alderman Dunham offered the following resolution which was read and adopted.

Be it resolved

by the City Council of the City of Austin. That whereas on the 15th day of May A.D. 1899 the said Council enacted an ordinance ordering an election to obtain the consent of the property tax paying qualified voters of the City of Austin, to the extension by the City Council of the bonded indebtedness of the City of Austin, in the sum of fifty thousand dollars, for the purpose of erecting a High School Building for said City. And whereas, pursuant to said ordinance, which was duly approved on the 19th day of May A.D. 1899 by the Hon. Geo. H. McCall Mayor of said City, and pursuant to a proclamation issued by said Mayor thirty days prior thereto, which proclamation was duly published and posted for more than thirty days preceding said election in accordance with the ordinances of that City regulating the holding of City elections and prescribing the procedure therefor, an election was duly held on the 26th day of June A.D. 1899, at which election it appears from the returns made and counted and duly returned in accordance with the law, 648 duly qualified electors voted in favor

of said proposition and 304 duly qualified electors voted against it, now therefore

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin and it is hereby decreed and ordained that more than two-thirds of the qualified voters of the City who pay taxes on property real or personal in said City, have voted in favor of an extension of the bonded debt of said City in the sum of fifty thousand dollars beyond the existing bonded indebtedness of One Million Six hundred and twenty thousand dollars for the purpose of erecting a public, free, high school building for said City. And that therefore the power to extend the bonded debt of said City beyond the sum of one million six hundred and twenty thousand dollars has been duly conferred upon the City Council in the manner provided by law.

App 3150 to pay
Cousins

By Alderman Fischer an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$31⁵⁰ to refund to Chas. Cousins certain taxes erroneously assessed and paid by him. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:
Yeas Aldermen Dunham Fischer Glass Morris Mortimer Nolan & Trumpf 7
Nays None

App 61.50 to
pay Court Ct
appeals

By Alderman Trumpf an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$61⁵⁰ to pay last bill in Civil Court of appeals in the case of Amelia Hall and husband vs The City of Austin. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:
Yeas Aldermen Dunham Fischer Glass Morris Mortimer Nolan & Trumpf 7
Nays None.

Resolution to
purchase bonds
judicially fund

Alderman Fischer offered the following resolution which was read and adopted.
Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, That the Mayor and Finance Committee be, and they are hereby instructed to advertise for, receive, and open bids, for the sale to the City, for the sinking fund, bonds of the City to the amount now on hand in the sinking fund of the Water Works & Electric Light bonds of the City of Austin, and that they report the result to the City Council at the next meeting to be held August 7th 1899.

App 320. to pay
Dog Catchers

By Alderman Trumpf an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$320⁰⁰ to pay salaries of Dog Catchers. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:
Yeas Aldermen Dunham Fischer Glass Morris Mortimer Nolan & Trumpf 7
Nays None.

App 75⁰⁰ to purchase
a mule for the Sanitary Dept

By Alderman Nolan an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$75⁰⁰ to purchase a mule for the Sanitary Dept.

The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following Vote

Yeas Aldermen Dunham Fischer Glass Morris Mortimer
Nolan & Stumpff 7
Nays None.

Pawn Broker
ordinance

By Alderman Fischer an ordinance to regulate the business of Pawn brokers and dealers in second hand goods, wares or Merchandise

The ordinance was read the first time and on Motion was referred to the ordinance Committee

Proposition to
Compromise suit
U.S. Court on
bonds.

By Alderman Dunham a proposition from the Attorneys of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company to compromise suit in the U.S. Court. The communication was read and on Motion was referred to the Finance Committee

By Alderman Dunham an ordinance to repeal an Ordinance Amending Article 108, Title 5, Chapter 4 of the revised Civil ordinances of the City of Austin

The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following Vote

Yeas Aldermen Dunham Fischer Glass Morris Mortimer
Nolan & Stumpff 7
Nays None.

Authorizing the
addition of
an office

By Alderman Dunham an ordinance authorizing the City Assessor & Collector to employ one addition Clerk for a period not exceeding thirty days and making an appropriation of \$75.00 to pay his salary

The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following Vote

Yeas Aldermen Dunham Fischer Glass Morris Mortimer
Nolan & Stumpff 7
Nays None.

City City leave
of absence

On Motion of Alderman Dunham the City Attorney was granted a leave of absence until Sept 1st 1899

To appoint Com
to Codify the
ordinances

Alderman Mortimer moved that a Committee of 3 be appointed to investigate and report to the Council the propriety of having the City ordinances Codified and published in pamphlet form, and that the City Attorney be one of said Committee, which motion prevailed and the Chair appointed Aldermen Dunham Mortimer as the other members of the Committee

Alderman Morris was called to the Chair

Pawn Broker

Alderman Fischer moved that the ordinance Committee be requested to report upon the Pawn Broker ordinance at an adjourned meeting to be held on Wednesday evening July 16th 1899 which motion prevailed

City Marshall Thirk appeared before the Council and made charges against the Pound Master and asked that he be removed from office

On motion of Alderman Morris the Marshall was directed to make his charges in writing at the adjourned meeting to be held on the 19th Inst, so that the same might be properly investigated.

On motion the Council adjourned until 8³⁰ o'clock P.M. Wednesday July 14th 1894

Jno. O. Johnson
City Clerk

Adjourned Regular Meeting of the City Council
Austin Texas July 19th 1894. 8³⁰ P.M.

Hon. Jno. B. McCall Mayor presiding
Roll called

Present Aldermen Dunham, Fischer, Glass Morris, Nolen
& Stumpf 6

Absent Alderman Mortimer 1.

To sell

school bonds
Ordinance

By Alderman Dunham, in ordinance to provide for the issuance and sale of bonds of the City of Austin to the amount of fifty thousand dollars for the purpose of erecting a public free high school building for said City, and to provide a fund for the payment of the principal of said bonds and the interest thereon,

The ordinance was read the first time
Alderman Dunham moved to suspend the rule and place the ordinance on its second reading which motion prevailed by the following vote.

Yeas Aldermen Dunham Fischer Glass Morris
Nolen & Stumpf 6.

Nays None.

The ordinance was read the second time
Alderman Mortimer entered the Council Chamber.
Alderman Fischer moved a further suspension of the rule and place the ordinance on its third reading and final passage which motion prevailed by the following vote.

Yeas Aldermen Dunham Fischer Glass Morris Mortimer
Nolen & Stumpf - 7

Nays None.

The ordinance was then read a third time and passed by the following vote.

Yeas Aldermen Dunham Fischer Glass Morris
Mortimer Nolen & Stumpf 7

Nays None.

Alderman Dunham for the ordinance
Committee Graham was referred an ordinance to regulate the business of "pawn brokers and dealers in second hand goods wares & merchandise" presented a verbal report recommending the passage of the ordinance

The report of the Committee was adopted and the ordinance read the second time.

Alderman Dunham offered the following Amendment which was adopted.

Amend by adding at the end of Article 92 Sec 1 the following

Whenever any person shall offer for sale any second hand article to any dealer above described, unless the said dealer is personally acquainted with such person so offering such article, the said dealer shall require such person to be identified before purchasing such article

Alderman Glass moved to amend the ordinance by adding in the Caption and in Section 1. after the word Pawnbroker, the word "Jeweller" which motion prevailed. The ordinance as amended was then passed under a suspension of the rule by the following Yeas Aldermen Dunham, Fisher Glass Morris Mortimer Nolen & Stump
Nays None. 7

add Time to

Contractor for filling in the crossing on Newmays Fair View Park branch Fair View Park South Austin be granted additional time until Friday July 21st 1899, in which to file his bond for the completion of said work, which motion prevailed

On Motion the Council adjourned

Jno. O. Johnson
City Clerk