

Regular Meeting of the City Council.
Austin Texas Aug 7th 1899
Hon Geo. DeW. Ball Mayor presiding
Roll Called

Present Aldermen Dunham Glass Morris Mortimer
Nolen and Stumpf 6
Absent Alderman Fischer 1

On motion the minutes of the last regular meeting
were approved as recorded without reading

Petitions memorials etc

Pet G. K. By Alderman Glass Petition of Geo. S. Donnan asking action
Donnan by the Council looking to the better protection of the City
Cemetery. Read and referred to the Cemetery Committee

Pet R. B. By Alderman Mortimer Petition of R. B. Blackson asking
Blackson remission of fine assessed in the Mayors Court. The petition was
remission of endorsed by the Mayor as to one half of the amount of fine
fine The petition as recommended by the Mayor was granted and the
Amount of \$5.00 was remitted

Pet F. W. Shelley By Alderman Dunham, Petition of Fred W. Shelley asking that
for redemption he be allowed certain real estate heretofore sold to the City for
property sold taxes. On motion of Alderman Dunham the petition was
for taxes laid over to come up with an ordinance on the same
subject, to come up under the head of new business

Alderman Fischer entered the Council Chamber

Reports of City Officers

Report of The Mayor laid before the Council the reports of the City
City officers Officers for the month of July 1899. The following is a
Synopsis of the reports, which were on motion referred
to their appropriate Committees without reading

By the Assessor & Collector

So Collections as follows

General fund	\$ 1,842.82
Int Sinking fund W.L. bonds	502.29
" " " " "	44.40
School Tax	<u>255.85</u>
Total Collections	\$ 2,645.36

Referred to the Finance Committee

By the City Clerk

Total Amount of warrants drawn against the General
fund during the month \$ 4,492.60

Referred to the Finance Committee

By the City Treasurer

General fund - Balance on hand July 1 st 1899	\$ 10,492.36
" " Received from Collection during the mo.	46186.38
Paid warrants during the mo. \$ 5656.29	
7 Bal July 31. 99	\$ <u>5,022.45</u>
	\$ 56,678.74 \$ 56,678.74

Earnings fund
 Bal on hand July 1st 1899 \$ 5,474.26
 Recd from Supt during the Mo. 5898.22
 Paid warrants during the Mo. \$ 5,125.78
 Bal July 31st 1899 6,246.70
 \$ 11,372.48 \$ 11,372.48

Interest of Sinking fund and Bonds.
 Bal on hand July 1st 1899 \$ 1,803.49
 Recd from Collectors during the Mo. 3,276.24
 Balance on hand July 31st 1899 \$ 5,079.73

Interest fund Water and Light Bonds.
 Bal on hand July 1st 1899 \$ 12,285.50
 Recd from Collectors during the Mo. 1,854.91
 Paid warrant during the Mo. \$ 22,187.50
 Bal July 31st 1899 8,612.91
 \$ 30,800.41 \$ 30,800.41

Referred to the Finance Committee

By the City Marshall
 Total fines assessed in Mayors Court \$ 505.00
 Paid in cash \$ 216.25
 Worked out 200.00
 Carried forward 85.75 \$ 505.00
 Collected on back fines 40.00
 Pound fees collected 15.00
 Penalty fees from dog pound 2.50
 Total number of arrests during the Mo.
 Referred to the Police Committee

By the City Physician
 Number patients in Hospital July 1st 99 29
 " " admitted in " " 20
 " " dismissed " " " 22
 " " died " " " 1
 " " remaining " " " 26
 " Visits to paupers in " " 149
 " Prescriptions " " " 295

No contagious or infectious diseases reported during the month

Referred to Hospital Committee

By the City Sexton

Total number of deaths during the month 14
 white 12
 Col 2

Male 10
 Female 5
 Still born 1
 Referred to the Cemetery Committee

Reports of Standing Committees

Report Com

Board of Equalization

Alderman Stumpf Chairman of the Finance Committee to whom was referred the message of the Mayor submitting names for appointment as a Board of Equalization, presented a report recommending that the nominations be confirmed. Alderman Dunham a member of the Committee concurred in the report of the Chairman as to James H. Smith, but recommended that the other names be not confirmed. Alderman Glass moved that the reports lie over to come up under the head of unfinished business which motion prevailed.

Rep Five Commissioners on Petition Martin & Co. Cabines

The Mayor laid before the Council the reports of the Fire Commissioners on the petitions of Martin & Son to recover wooden shed and of E.M. Cabines to repair wooden building, both within the five limits. The reports of the Fire Commissioners respecting both petitions were adopted.

Rep Fin Com on resolution to buy bond for sinking fund.

Alderman Fischer for the Finance Committee to whom was referred the resolution directing the Mayor and Finance Committee to advertise for bids for furnishing the City with \$12000.00 in bonds for the sinking fund, Water Light bonds, presented a verbal report and submitting certain letters, from holders of the bonds showing that the bonds could not be had except for a premium. The Committee recommended that the Council take some action looking to the purchase of some of the above bonds soon to be issued.

Com instructed to confer with Sec to work to purchase for \$

Alderman Fischer moved that the Finance Committee confer with the above board and ascertain from them at what price these bonds could be had and report to the next meeting of the Council, which motion prevailed.

Unfinished business

Condemnation street on State York front

Alderman Fischer called attention to the report made by the Street Committee at the last meeting of the Council looking to the condemnation of certain real estate on the Lake at or near the Dam. The acting City Attorney stated that no action could be had until the October term of the Dist Court, by which time the City Attorney would have returned and suggested that the matter might lie over for future action which suggestion was adopted by the Council and the matter laid over for future action.

Bond Est Miller wholly

Alderman Dunham presented the bond of Mr B. Miller Special Attorney to collect certain taxes also an agreement by said Miller as to a future bond if demanded.

On motion the bond was accepted and ordered filed. Alderman Glass moved that the matter of the appointment of a Board of Equalization be taken up and acted upon which motion prevailed. Alderman Glass moved that the nomination presented by the Mayor be voted upon by ballot which motion was adopted.

The Mayor appointed Aldermen Mortimer + Nolan as tellers
 The tellers announced the following as the result of the
 ballot

Board of Equalization Vote on	James T Smith for confirmation	6	against Confirmation	1
	J H Robinson Jr " " "	3	" " "	4
	A J Zieren " " "	2	" " "	5

The Mayor declared that James T Smith having received a majority of all the votes cast for confirmation have been duly confirmed and that J H Robinson Jr and A J Zieren had failed of confirmation.

The Mayor then laid before the Council the following special Message.

Mayor's Office Austin Texas Aug 7th 1899
 To the Honorable City Council
 Gentlemen

You have seen proper in
 Your wisdom not to confirm the nominations of Mr
 A J Zieren + J H Robinson Jr as members of the Board of
 Equalization I beg leave to differ with you in this
 for the reason that Mr Zieren + Mr Robinson has the esteem
 and confidence of this community and I feel would be
 acceptable to the people As there is no disposition on my
 part to be captious about the matter - I therefore
 present the following names, W. D. Harrison Henry
 Hirschfeld and J. A. Hooper for your consideration, you
 can select in the order named or as it suits your
 pleasure

Respectfully
 Geo. D. McCall Mayor

The vote was then taken on the last list submitted by
 His Hon the Mayor and the following announced
 as the result of the ballot

W. D. Harrison for confirmation	1	against Confirmation	3
Hirschfeld " " "	3	" " "	3
J A Hooper " " "	1	" " "	3

The Mayor declared that no one having received a majority for confirmation, that all had been rejected and that he had no further nominations to offer.

Alderman Dunham moved to reconsider the vote just had, rejecting the Mayor's nominations which motion was lost by the following vote

Yeas Aldermen Dunham Nolan + Stumpff	3
Nays Aldermen Fowler Glass Morris + Mortimer	4

Alderman Fowler moved that the Council proceed to the consideration of other business which motion prevailed
 By Alderman Dunham an ordinance allowing Fred B. Shelley to redeem the North 1/3 of outlot No 20

FW Shelley
to redeem
prop bond for
taxes,

Division "E" herefore sent to the City for Taxes
The ordinance was read the first time, Alderman
Glass moved to refer the ordinance to the Committee on
Claims + accounts which motion prevailed

Alderman Dunham moved to reconsider the vote just
had referring the ordinance to the Claims + accounts, Committee
which motion prevailed, and the ordinance was passed
under suspension of the rules by the following vote
Yeas Aldermen Dunham Fisher Glass Morris Mortimer
Nolen + Stumpf.
Nays None.

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30 days was granted on R.S. Graves.
Motion of Alderman Glass leave of absence for

for two weeks was granted to City Treasurer W.D. Byrne commencing
Aug 14th 1899

app \$280.00 pay
extra driver
at team

By Alderman Fisher An ordinance appropriating
the sum of \$280.00 to pay salary of one driver of street team
from June 1st to December 31st 1899.

The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules
by the following vote
Yeas Aldermen Dunham Fisher Glass Morris Mortimer
Nolen + Stumpf
Nays None.

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app \$350. to build
Arise Fountain
Park

By Alderman Fisher an ordinance appropriating the
sum of \$350.00 to fill in roadway across Newings branch in
South Austin - The ordinance was passed under suspension
of the rules by the following vote
Yeas Aldermen Dunham Fisher Glass Morris Mortimer
Nolen + Stumpf
Nays None

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Corporation
Court

By Aldermen An ordinance to provide for the
election of a Recorder and Clerk of the Corporation Court of
the City of Austin, and to put said Court into operation
The ordinance was read the first time and on motion of Alderman
Morris was referred to the ordinance Committee

app app. a/c

By Alderman Stumpf An ordinance appropriating the sum
of \$1154.54 to pay approved accounts
The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the
following vote
Yeas Aldermen Dunham Fisher Glass Morris Mortimer
Nolen + Stumpf
Nays None

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Alderman Morris offered the following resolution
which was read and adopted

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin That the street
from the end of the City Engineer be and they are hereby
instructed to have Lasaca street between first and second streets

properly graded

By Alderman Morris an ordinance to authorize the South Western Telegraph and Telephone Company to construct underground conduits for laying and conducting its wires through, across and along certain streets and alleys of the City of Austin

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

Yeas Aldermen Dunham Fischer Seal Morris Mortimer Nolan and Stumpf
Nays None

By Alderman Stumpf an ordinance to amend an ordinance passed by the City Council of the City of Austin on the 1st day of October AD 1894 and approved by the Mayor of said City on the 4th day of October 1894 entitled "An ordinance regulating the running and maintenance of electric wires and plants in the City of Austin" by adding after the end of Section 28 of Article 1. of said ordinance Sections 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 & 34. The ordinance was read the first time, and on motion was referred to the Water & Light Committee

The Mayor laid before the Council an invitation from Wm A. Burke & others inviting the Council to attend a lecture to be delivered at Hyde Park on Thursday evening by Mr A. C. Hyde.

On motion the invitation was accepted and the Clerk directed to notify the parties.

The Mayor then laid before the Council an invitation from the League of American Municipalities extending to the Council and City Officers an invitation to attend their third annual convention to be held at Syracuse N. York Sept 19th to 22nd 1899. On motion the Clerk was directed to acknowledge receipt of the invitation and the invitation ordered filed.

Alderman Mortimer presented a communication from J. C. Goodbaum complaining that hay wagons were in the habit of standing in front of his premises, eating Melons and leaving the rinds in the street, thereby committing a nuisance. That he had made complaint to the City Marshal and Health Officer but without result and asked that the Council take the matter in hand.

On motion the communication was referred to the Market Committee with instructions to report at the next regular meeting of the Council

Bill of the State Light Plant of the City of Austin for water & light furnished July 31st was read & ordered filed

On motion the Council adjourned

Mrs. S. L. Brown
City Clerk