

Called Meeting of the City Council.

Austin Texas, December 30th: 1899.

Hon: Geo. C. McCall, Mayor presiding,  
(Roll called)

Present: Aldermen, Puntam, Fischer, Glass, Morris, Mortimer, John Stumpf 7.  
Absent: none

The following, call of the Council, was read.

Austin, Texas, December 28th: 1899.

A special meeting of the City Council, of the City of Austin, is hereby called to meet in the Council Chamber at the City Hall, at 6 o'clock P.M., this day, for the purpose of taking such steps as they may deem proper to pay the interest due January the 1st: 1900, on the Water and Light bonds of the City of Austin.

Geo. C. McCall

Milton Morris, Alderman 2<sup>d</sup> Ward, Mayor.  
Francis Fischer " 3<sup>d</sup> "  
Jo. Stumpf " 1<sup>st</sup> "

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I, hereby certify that the above call has been served, by being read to each of the following named Aldermen to wit: Milton Morris, Francis Fischer, Joseph Stumpf, M. C. Glass, H. P. Puntam, H. C. Mohr, J. S. Mortimer.

A. J. Thors  
City Marshal

In Witness  
Whereof

Alderman, Morris stated that there was present a Committee appointed by a mass meeting of citizens of Austin held December 29th 1899, who had been directed by the meeting to present certain resolutions passed by them. He moved that the Committee be now heard

Which motion prevailed. Mr. Walter Tipes Chairman of the Committee stated that the Committee had requested Judge J. B. Cochran to present the resolutions. Judge Cochran then presented the following resolutions, and after reading same proceeded to address the Council urging them to adopt the suggestions contained therein.

" To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Austin. The undersigned Committee were appointed at a mass meeting held in the Corraly Court House in the City of Austin on the evening of Friday December 29th 1899, to present for the consideration of your honorable body, certain resolutions, unanimously adopted at said meeting by what we may safely approximate as about one thousand of the representative citizens of our city, and ask that you give the matter their prompt and favorable consideration, a copy of these resolutions is herewith attached for your information.

In presenting these resolutions, the Committee desire to state that we do not imagine the motion which may have previously prompted any member of this Council to take position on this question in opposition to what we believe to be the wish of a large majority of our people

Marshal's Certificate

Committee appointed to present meeting of Citizens of Austin. The Committee presented the Council.

and the duty of this body as the representatives of the City, but we would not fully execute the Commission to speak with you on the subject, did we not say in all kindness and with due deference, that our people are emphatically opposed to all action looking to dilution in the payment of the interest to become due upon the bonded indebtedness of the City, and we therefore respectfully, but earnestly urge upon you, to make immediate provision for the interest to become due on Monday January 1st next, and timely provision for all interest there to be accruing.

Respectfully submitted,

Nacht's Tips,

A. P. Woodbridge,

Lewis Hancock,

J. M. Maddox,

J. B. Cochran,

J. H. Robertson,

Julius Schutze,

A. J. Eilers,

S. L. Hambrick,

S. M. Morley.

Committee

Resolved, By the citizens of Austin, in mass meeting assembled:-

First - That in our judgment, the majority of the City Council in refusing to appropriate money to pay the January interest upon the City's bonded indebtedness, when sufficient money is available for that purpose has committed a grievous public error, and such policy, if persisted in, will greatly injure the credit and reputation of the Community and of its Citizens,

Second - That in our opinion, the said action of the majority of the City Council, is in no sense representative of the general sentiment and real wishes of this self-respecting people, and that we protest against such action as wrong and unwarranted.

Third - That the Chairman of this meeting appoint a committee of representative citizens to at once meet with the Mayor and City Council of Austin and to present to said Mayor and Council the sense of this meeting and to endeavor by every reasonable effort and argument to induce the majority of the City Council to reconsider their action and to promptly appropriate the January interest due upon said bonds.

Fourth - That should the majority of the City Council in disregard of the action of this mass meeting, persist in refusing to vote the necessary money to pay our interest due, then in that event, that the Mayor be requested by the citizens here assembled, to telegraph the National City Bank of New York City, at which bank our interest is payable, that the money is available to pay said interest, but that a majority of the City Council, against the wishes of the citizens, refuse to appropriate it for said purpose.

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