

Regular Meeting of the City Council
Austin Texas May 7th 1900-

The Mayor and President of the Council being absent, the
Council was called to order by the Clerk
Roll Called

Present Alderman Fischer 1
Absent Alderman Dunham, Glass Morris Mortimer Nolan Stumpf 6
On motion of Alderman Fischer the Council adjourned
until 6³⁰ o'clock P.M. Friday May 11th 1900
Geo. O. Johnson
City Clerk

Adjourned regular meeting of the City Council
Austin Texas May 11th 1900

Hon Geo. R. McCall Mayor presiding
Roll Called

Present Aldermen Fischer Glass Morris & Mortimer 4
Absent " Dunham Nolan & Stumpf 3
On motion of Alderman Morris the Council
adjourned until Monday May 14th at 6³⁰ o'clock P.M.
Geo. O. Johnson
City Clerk

Adjourned Regular Meeting of the City Council
Austin News May 14th 1900

Hon Jas. D. McCall Mayor presiding
Roll Called

Present Aldermen Burnham Fischer Glass Morris Mortimer Nolan
and Stumpf 7

Absent None

On motion the minutes were approved as recorded by
the Clerk without reading

Petitions memorials etc

Pet E Steiner By Alderman Burnham Petition of E Steiner complaining of
Taxes the action of the Board of Equalization On motion of Alderman
Burnham the petition was referred to the special Committee on appeals.

Pet Scottish The Mayor laid before the Council a communication from
Am Mortgage the Scottish American Mortgage Co. making a proposition
Co Taxes to compromise a suit on account of Taxes. On motion the
matter was referred to the Claims and accounts Committee and the
City Attorney

Prop J Davis The Mayor laid before the Council a communication from
to compromise A. S. James Esq Atty for J. R. Davis, proposing a compromise
Suit for damages of suit for damages. Read and on motion referred to the
Finance Committee

Pet B The Mayor laid before the Council a petition from A. B.
Croisdale Croisdale asking to have fine assessed in the Mayors Court
to remit fine remitted. The petition was recommended by the Mayor
and on motion the petition was granted.

Pet Lit The Mayor then laid before the Council a petition signed
dumping ground by a number of citizens calling attention to the dumping of
foot refuse at trash etc at the foot of Nueces Street, and asking that
it be stopped. On motion the petition was granted

Pet Citizens for The Mayor laid before the Council a petition of citizens asking
water trough that a water trough be placed at the intersection of the
Cameron and Mayor road Read and on motion referred
to the Water and Light Committee

Reports of City Officers

Reports City The Mayor laid before the Council the reports of City Officers
Officers which were on motion referred to their appropriate Committees
without reading - The following is a synopsis of
the reports.

By the Assessor & Collector

To Amounts Collected for the Month of March 1900.

From Genl Rev Tax	\$52,388.08
" License "	370.20
" Fines Mayors Court	213.90
" Council fees & Sales	14.85
" Interest Penalties & Costs (all of taxes)	418.35
Forward	\$53,425.38

By the City Marshal

Total amount of fines assessed in Mayors Court during the Mo. \$ 310.00

Paid in Cash

\$150.50

worked out

125.00

Forwarded

3450

\$ 310.00

Collected on back fines in cash \$15.00

worked out

12.00

27.00

Total Number of arrests

71

Pound fees Collected

\$ 63.00

Referred to Police Committee.

Burial permits for dead animals issued

11

By the City Physicians

Number of patients in Hospital Apr 1st

21

" " " admitted during Mo

14

" " " dismissed " "

12

" " deaths " "

2

" " patients remaining Apr 30th

21

" " Visits to paupers during Apr

110

" " Prescription " "

313

" " Small pox cases reported " "

26

No other Contagious diseases reported

Referred to Hospital Committee

By the City Sexton

Total Number of deaths

16

White

14

Mexican

1

Colored

1

Male

6

Female

10

Referred to Cemetery Committee

Reports of Standing Committees

St Com Ref

Skating Rink

Alderman Fischen for the Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of citizens asking that the old skating rink be removed presented a report recommending that the petition be granted, provided parties owning property on the east of the skating rink will move their fences back on the line of the street

The report of the Committee was adopted

St Com ref

Per Shelley

Norman

Alderman Fischen for the Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of W.H. Shelley and G.W. Norman asking permission to cut down Alley in front lot 6 Div 10. presented a report recommending the granting of the petition, provided the owners of the property adjoining move back to the proper line of the Alley. The report of the Committee was adopted.

Finance

to City Council

Alderman Stumpf for the Finance Committee to whom was referred certain resolutions suggesting the appointment of a Committee to confer with the holders of the water dividend bonds of the City looking to an adjustment of the bonded debt presented their reports, which were on motion laid over to come

Ord
From on tax
Levy for 1899

up under the head of new business

Alderman Dunham for the Ordinance Committee to whom was referred An Ordinance Amending Section one of the Ordinance passed May 1st 1899, levying taxes for the year 1899, presented a report recommending the passage of a substitute offered by the Committee. On Motion the report and the substitute ordinance were laid on the table subject to call.

City Section to
make repairs

Alderman Mortimer moved that the City Section be authorized to make certain repairs at the City Cemetery to cost not exceeding eight dollars which motion prevailed.

Unfinished business

Ord to purchase
Road Roller

The Mayor laid before the Council an Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$400.00 to purchase a steam Road Roller. The ordinance was read the second time.

Passed

Alderman Nolan moved to amend the ordinance by striking out Section 2, which motion prevailed, and on motion the rule was suspended and the ordinance placed on its third reading by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Dunham Fisher Glass Mortimer Nolan 5
Nays Alderman Morris & Stumpff 2

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

Yeas Aldermen Dunham Fisher Glass Mortimer Nolan 5
Nays Alderman Morris & Stumpff 2

Ord to pay
the interest on bonds

The Mayor then laid before the Council an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$16,150.00 to pay interest due April 1st 1900 on the Water Light bonds of the City.

The ordinance was read the second time.

Ref to work

Alderman Glass moved that the ordinance be referred to the Water Light Committee, their report on same to be subject to call, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Dunham Glass Mortimer Nolan 4
Nays Alderman Fisher Morris & Stumpff 3

New business

The Mayor laid before the Council the following Message:

Mayors Office Austin Texas May 14th 1900

To the Honorable City Council
Gentlemen:

Mayors
Message Feb
Levy 1900

The time has arrived for making the last levy for the fiscal year ending December 31st 1901.

As far as can be known at this time the various obligations of the City for the year against the General fund will be approximately the same as the present year. The budget of expenses adopted by the Council for this year amounts to \$61,715.00, and it is estimated that a tax of 90¢ on the \$100 valuation, with the other resources of general revenue will more than meet this demand. Such being the case, we should get along with a 70 Cent levy for next year.

I would therefore recommend a levy of 2¢ on the \$100. valuation for general revenue, one fourth of which under the provisions of the Charter, will go to the improvements of the streets and bridges; also a tax of 3 3/4 Cents on the \$100. valuation for firehouses, and a levy of 7 cents on the \$100 valuation for the payment of interest and sinking fund on all bonds issued prior to May 1st 1890.

On account of the misfortune which has befallen the City in the loss of her dam and the consequent destruction of her water power, which has deprived the City of the ability to pay the water and light bonds, according to their tenor and effect, I am unable at this time to recommend any specific levy, and I do not see how the levy can be made until some adjustment is arrived at, equitable alike to the bond holders and the City; then the levy can be so amended as to meet the demands.

Respectfully

Geo. O. McCall - Mayor

Ref to Finance Com On Motion the Message was referred to the Finance Committee
By Alderman Stumpf an Ordinance levying Taxes for the year 1900
The ordinance was read the first time and on motion was referred to the Finance Committee

A. P. Hosedridge The Mayor laid before the Council a communication from the Hon. A. P. Hosedridge Chairman of the Citizens Committee, stating that the Committee would be at the disposal of the Council should they see fit to accept their services. On Motion of Alderman Glass the communication was received and ordered filed.

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

"Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas that the Mayor of the City be and is hereby instructed to confer with the holders of the water light bonds of the City and request them to send a representative or representatives to Austin to the end that an amicable and mutually satisfactory agreement may be arrived at concerning future payments on said indebtedness and to inform the holders of said bonds that in the opinion of the Council the dam disaster of April 7th 1890, has rendered the payment of said bonds according to their legal tenor and effect impossible."

Alderman Stumpf offered a resolution instructing the City Engineer to advertise for bids for furnishing a steam Road Roller. The resolution was lost by the following vote:
Yeas Aldermen Fisher Morris & Stumpf 3
Nays Aldermen Dunham Glass Mortimer & Nolan 4

By Alderman Stumpf An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$22,187.50 to pay interest due Jan'y 1st 1890 on water light bonds of the City. The ordinance was read the first time.
Alderman Glass moved that it be referred to the water light Committee which motion prevailed by the following vote:
Yeas Aldermen Dunham Glass, Mortimer & Nolan 4

ord 419.²⁰ W 6th Bridge of \$419.²⁰ To put in Culvert pipe and widen approaches to bridge on W 6th Street across Shoal Creek

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

Yeas Aldermen Dunham Fischer Glass Morris Mortimer Nolen & Stumpff

Nays None

The Mayor laid before the Council the following Message

Mayors office

Austin Texas May 7th 1900

Leitnaten & Piegel for

Honorable City Council,
Gentlemen.

I nominate you A. N. Leitnaten and Mr. Geo. Piegel to be members of the Water Light & Power Commission of the City of Austin

Respectfully

Geo. W. Call, Mayor

On Motion of Alderman Glass the nominations were laid over until the first regular meeting in June 1900. by the following Vote

Yeas Aldermen Dunham Glass Mortimer & Nolen

Nays Aldermen Fischer, Morris & Stumpff

\$2500. for W 12th St Bridge Shoal Creek

By Alderman Fischer An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$2500. to build a bridge across Shoal Creek on W 12th Street - The ordinance was read the first time and on Motion the rule was suspended and the ordinance placed upon its second reading by the following Vote.

Yeas Aldermen Dunham Fischer Glass Morris Mortimer Nolen & Stumpff

Nays None

The ordinance was read the second time

Alderman Fischer moved to amend the ordinance by striking out Section 2 which motion prevailed and the ordinance as amended was then passed under a suspension of the rule by the following Vote

Yeas Aldermen Dunham Fischer Glass Morris Mortimer & Nolen

Nays Alderman Stumpff

City Engineer To employ

By Alderman Fischer an ordinance authorizing the City Engineer to employ an Assistant, and appropriating the sum of \$180.⁰⁰ to pay his salary for three months

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

Yeas Aldermen Dunham Fischer Glass Morris Mortimer Nolen & Stumpff

Nays None.

Alderman Glass offered the following resolution which was read and adopted

San Inspection " Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin. The City
to purchase Sanitary Inspection he and is hereby authorized to purchase
3 mules 10 three mules for the Sanitary Department, not to cost over
to \$900.3 three hundred and fifty dollars for the three, and to dispose of
three old mules now being used by said Dept at public or private
sale as said inspection may deem best for the interests of the City

Ord appd
3504 to
purchase 3
Mules

By Alderman Glass An Ordinance appropriating the sum of
\$350- for the purpose of purchasing mules for the Sanitary Department
The Ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by
the following Vote

Yeas Aldermen Dunham Fischer Glass Morris Mortimer
Nolan and Stumpf

Nays None

Ord to pay
appd afc

By Alderman Stumpf An Ordinance appropriating the sum
of \$2080.94 to pay approved accounts The Ordinance was passed
under suspension of the rules by the following Vote

Yeas Aldermen Dunham Fischer Glass Morris Mortimer Nolan
and Stumpf

Nays None

Ord to pay
Sal Spec
Police

By Alderman Stumpf An ordinance appropriating the sum of
\$549- to pay salaries of Special Policemen for the month of April 1900
The Ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the
following Vote

Yeas Aldermen Dunham Fischer Glass Morris Mortimer Nolan
and Stumpf

Nays None

On Motion the Council adjourned until 7 o'clock P.M.
Friday May 18th 1900.

J. O. Johnson
City Clerk

Adjourned Regular Meeting of the City Council
Austin Texas May 18th 1900

Hon Geo. B. McCall Mayor presiding
Roll Called

Present Aldermen Dunham Glass Morris Mortimer Nolan
and Stumpff

Absent Alderman Fisher.

Ord to pay City
St Labor

By Alderman Stumpff An Ordinance appropriating the sum
of \$104.30 to pay extra street labor. The ordinance was
passed under suspension of the rules by the following Vote
Yeas Aldermen Dunham Glass Morris Mortimer Nolan
and Stumpff

Nays None

App of st Dept
to City

By Alderman Stumpff An Ordinance appropriating the sum
of \$214.57 to pay approved accounts street Dept.
The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules
by the following Vote
Yeas Aldermen Dunham Glass Morris Mortimer Nolan
and Stumpff

Nays None

Ord 500 of
Bridge
Newmings
Branch

By Alderman Nolan An Ordinance appropriating the sum
of \$500. to repair bridge across Newmings Branch south Austin.
The ordinance was read the first time and a motion made to
suspend the rule and place the ordinance on its second
reading, which motion prevailed by the following Vote
Yeas Aldermen Dunham Glass Morris Mortimer Nolan
and Stumpff

Nays None

Ref to st Com

The ordinance was read the second time and on Motion
was referred to the Street Committee, with instructions to report
at the next regular meeting of the Council.

Ref Finance Com

Alderman Stumpff for the Finance Committee to whom was
referred the proposition of A. J. Furness Esq attorney for J. R. Davis
submitting a proposition to compromise suit of said Davis
vs the City for damages, presented a report recommending
that the proposition be accepted. The report of the Committee
was adopted.

Ord to pay

J R Davis Claim
for damages

By Alderman Stumpff an ordinance appropriating the
sum of \$500. to pay the claim for damages of J. R. Davis
vs the City of Austin. The ordinance was passed under
suspension of the rules by the following Vote
Yeas Aldermen Dunham Glass Morris Mortimer Nolan
and Stumpff

Nays None

Ord to

Ord to

By Alderman Stumpff An ordinance appropriating
the sum of \$500 for the purpose of refunding to A. J.
Furness Esq. the sum of \$500. which was paid in the
Court. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules

by the following Vote

Yeas Aldermen Dunham Glass Morris Mortimer Nolan
Paul Stumpf

Nays None

H Zeller
Leave of
Absence

On Motion of Alderman Morris, leave of absence was granted to Henry Zeller Assistant Assessor Collector for three weeks dating from May 18th 1901

On Motion of Alderman Dunham City-Engineer McFall was excused from attendance at this session of the Council

Alderman Stumpf for the Finance Committee to whom was referred an Ordinance levying taxes for the year 1902, stated that the Committee were not ready to report, and asked for further time in which to make their report. On motion the request was granted

Alderman Dunham for the Special Committee on appeals presented a report making certain recommendations. Alderman Dunham moved that the report lie upon the Table subject to call, so that members of the Council desiring to do so could have an opportunity to examine the different appeals and the report, which motion prevailed

On Motion of Alderman Dunham the Council adjourned

J. W. O. Johnson
City Clerk