

Regular Meeting of the City Council
Austin Texas August 6th 1904
Hon Geo. D. McCall Mayor presiding
Roll called.

Present Aldermen Nunham Fischer Glass Mortimer & Nolan 5
Absent Aldermen Morris & Stump 2

On Motion of Alderman Nunham the minutes were approved as recorded by the Clerk without reading.

Petitions, Memorials etc

By Alderman Nunham Petition of E. E. Gilbert asking to have certain Pound fees remitted. On motion the petition was granted to the extent of \$3.00

The Mayor laid before the Council a petition from J. A. Casey asking that certain costs and interest paid by him be refunded

Read and on motion referred to the Claims & accounts Committee

The Mayor laid before the Council a petition from E. O. Pirchaugh asking that certain taxes paid by him for 1899 be refunded

Read & on motion referred to the Claims & accounts Committee

The Mayor laid before the Council a petition from the Austin Oil Manufacturing Co asking that a certain five Ky draft be waived. On Motion the petition was granted

By Alderman Fischer Petition from H. P. Kaldeman asking that the assessment made by the Board of Equalization against his property for the year 1899 be set aside and the valuation placed on said property by him be allowed to stand. Read and referred to the Claims & accounts Committee

By Alderman Nunham Petition of Edizans asking that a stone Arched bridge be placed across Walker Creek on East 13th Street. On motion the petition was referred to the Street Committee & City Engineer with instructions to report at the next regular meeting of the Council

By Alderman Mortimer Petition from South Austin Fire Company asking that, that Company be furnished with a chemical apparatus to be placed on their fire wagon. On Motion the petition was laid over to come up with an ordinance on the subject.

By Alderman Mortimer Petition of Joseph Halle asking the Council to take action looking to a compromise of his back taxes. Read and on motion referred to the Claims & accounts Committee

By Alderman Mortimer Petition of the Driskill Hotel asking permission to erect a pair of Wagon scales in the Alley west of their building. On Motion the petition was granted, the work to be done under the supervision of the City Engineer

By Alderman Mortimer Petition from the Austin Ice and Baiting works asking permission to put in a RR switch from the H & A RR to their factory. Referred to Street Committee

Brought forward		\$29905.07
Need during the Month		875.70
Balance In Cash	\$20,780.77	
" " bonds	<u>10,000.00</u>	
	\$30,780.77	\$30,780.77
A/c Interest & Sinking fund on bonds		
Balance July 1st In Cash		2812.27
" " bonds		<u>9,000.00</u>
Need during the Month		139.11
Balance In Cash	\$29,513.8	
" bonds	<u>9,000.00</u>	
	\$11,951.38	\$11,951.38
A/c Earnings fund		
Balance July 1st		\$4,019.21
Need during the Month		<u>3918.63</u>
Disbursements		
Paid Warrants during the Month	\$6,986.37	
Balance	<u>12,575.0</u>	
	\$8,237.87	\$8,237.87
Referred to Finance Committee		
By the City Marshal		
Total amount of fines assessed in Mayor's Court		\$365.00
Paid in Cash	\$201.50	
Worked out	106.00	
Carried forward	59.50	\$365.00
Collected on back fines		7.50
Found fees collected		<u>97.50</u>
Permits to bury dead Animals		12.00
Referred to Police Committee		
By the City Physician		
Number patients in Hospital July 1st		20
" " admitted in "		<u>29</u>
" " Discharged "	"	19
" deaths	"	4
" patients remaining	" 3rd	<u>26</u>
		49
No Visits to pauper	"	134
" Prescriptions "		290
" cases Scarlet fever reported "		6
" " Diphtheria "		1
Referred to Hospital Committee		
By the City Doctor		
Total Number of deaths		18
White	15	
Men	2	
Colored	1	
Male	4	
Female	4	

Referred to Cemetery Committee

Reports of Standing Committees

Rock Creek
Creek 1886
Bridge
Chas. Fuhrman

Alderman Fischer for the Street Committee presented a report stating that they had advertised for and received bids for building the Bridge across Wallen Creek on 5th Street and recommending that the bid of Chas. Fuhrman be accepted and that the Mayor be authorized to enter into Contract with him upon the terms stated in his bid, provided he furnish a good bond in an amount equal to one-third of the amount of his bid. The report was adopted.

The Mayor laid before the Council the report of the Water and Light Commission for the quarter ending June 30th 1900, which was on motion referred to the Water & Light Committee.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following Communication
Mayors Office Austin Texas August 6th 1900
To the Honorable City Council
Gentlemen

High School
Coupons, paid

The School Board have paid and presented for cancellation 180 Coupons amounting to \$2062.80. These coupons are numbers one and two on bonds numbered one to twenty (1 to 20) and thirty one to one hundred (31 to 100) inclusive, interest due Jan'y & July 1, 1900 on City High School Bonds 140 of these Coupons were paid in New York and 40 Coupons were paid in Austin.

Respectfully

Jno. D. McCall

Mayor.

Alderman Fischer moved that a Committee of two be appointed to count and verify the coupons presented and if found correct to destroy same, which motion prevailed, and the Mayor appointed Aldermen Fischer and Mortimer as such Committee.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following Communication from the City Engineer

Austin Texas Aug 6th 1900
To the Honorable Jno. D. McCall Mayor and
Board of Aldermen of the City of Austin
Gentlemen

Report City
Engineer
Street 1886
City

You having purchased a stream Wallen & Street Graden I herewith submit for your consideration an estimate of the cost of grading & balling Congress Avenue from the Bridge to the north line of 11th Street & also Pecan Street from the west line of West Avenue to the east line of East Avenue. The distance from the Bridge to the north line of 11th Street is 3916 feet and this by 78' wide and 6" inches deep = 5656 Cubic Yards and 5656 Cubic Yards @ 40¢ per yard = 2262⁰⁰

and replaced by Concrete gravel @ 75¢ per yard 4242.00
 and spreading & rolling 5656 yards @ 10¢ 565.60
 Total for Congress Avenue \$ 7069.60

The distance from the west line of West Avenue to the East line of East Avenue is 4952. by 42 feet wide and 6 inches deep to be graded

The amount of Material to be moved and placed on other streets is 3850 Cubic yards @ 40¢ per yard = 1440.00
 and 3850 Cubic yards of Concrete gravel @ 75¢ per yard 2887.50
 and 3850 Cubic yards of gravel to be spread & rolled @ 10¢ per yard 385.00
 Total on Ocean Street \$ 4712.50

Respectfully Submitted

J. K. McFadden City Engineer

Repts. rept. 1856
 Com.

On Motion the Communication was referred to the Streets Committee with instructions to report at the next regular Meeting of the Council

Repts. City Atty
 on Mark & S. square

The Mayor laid before the Council a Communication from the City Attorney regarding the getting possession of certain lots known as the Market Square. On Motion the report was ordered filed.

Unfinished Business

\$1000. City Atty
 work

The Mayor laid before the Council An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1000. for the purpose of paying for extra street labor and teams. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rule by the following Vote.

Yeas Aldermen Blunkham Fisher Glass Martinson Nolan 5
 Nays None

New Business

The Mayor laid before the Council the following Special Message
 Mayors Office Austin Texas August 6th 1900
 To the Honorable City Council

Gentlemen:

Special Message
 Mayor, Mr. L.
 to Council

In reference to your resolution of June 4th 1900, inviting the bondholders or their duly accredited representatives to come to Austin to confer with the City Government, and instructing the Mayor to appoint a Committee consisting of himself, seven Aldermen and the City Attorney, to confer with such bondholders as may come or send representatives to Austin.

I have honor to report the following: I forwarded Certified Copies of the resolution to the address of those bondholders that were known to me, also to Messrs Fairbanks of New York, and Jones of St. Louis, who, as I understood, represented the bondholders Committee, and to Messrs Hornblower, Byrne, Miller & Patton, Attorneys representing said Committee. The only answers I have received are the two enclosed from

the attorneys, in one of which they say, "the Committee have entire confidence in the firm of Baker, Botts, Baker & Lovett, and if there is any cause for or benefit to be obtained from a personal interview rather than by correspondence between the representatives of our Committee and the City officials we would suggest that you communicate with that firm and request them to have a member of the firm come to Austin. The Committee fails to see how they can make any proposition to the City concerning the said bonded indebtedness."

In response to this letter I wrote Messrs Baker, Botts, Baker & Lovett asking if they would send one of their firm to Austin so far I have had no answer from them.

It was understood by citizens of Austin who talked with some of the bondholders in New York, that they would send representatives here. After repeated invitations they have failed to do so. It is my opinion that neither the bondholders nor their representatives will come to Austin or make any proposition to the City Council. I would, therefore, suggest that your honorable body make such a proposition to the bondholders or their representatives looking to the settlement of this question, as in your wisdom you deem would be just to the bondholders and the City.

Respectfully

Jno. R. McCall

Mayor

On motion the Message was referred to the special Committee heretofore appointed to be considered by them at a meeting to be held on Friday August 10th 1900.

\$500 to purchase fire apparatus By Alderman Mortimer An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$500. to purchase a chemical tank etc for the fire Dept.

The Ordinance was read the first time and on motion was referred to the fire Committee.

\$1800 to repair fire listers By Alderman Glass An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1800 to repair certain fire listers. The Ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following Vote

Yeas Aldermen Dunham Fisher Glass Mortimer & Nolan
Nays None.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following communication
Austin Texas August 6th 1900

Resignation
W. Morris

To the Hon City Council of the City of Austin
Gentlemen:

I hereby tender my resignation as Alderman from the Second Ward, Effective at once
Wilton Morris

On motion of Alderman Fisher the communication was laid on the Table subject to call.

By Alderman Glass An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$100 for payment of extra Sanitary Labor

The Ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following Vote
Yeas Aldermen Dunham Picken Glass Mortimer & Nolan 5
Nays None.

App. Sp. Com. Alderman Mortimer for the Special Committee appointed to Count, Verify and destroy Coupons paid on High School Bonds. Comptroller H. B. presented a report stating that they had counted the Coupons, found them correct and had burned same. On motion the report was received and ordered filed.

App. of St. Dept. By Alderman Picken An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$274.05 to pay approved accounts Street Dept.

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

Yeas Aldermen Dunham Picken Glass Mortimer & Nolan 5
Nays None.

\$13209 Sp. Police By Alderman Picken An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$13209 for the purpose of paying Salaries of Special Policemen for the month of July 1900. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following Vote

Yeas Aldermen Dunham Picken Glass Mortimer & Nolan 5
Nays None.

\$12533 App. of St. By Alderman Picken an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$12533.31 to pay approved accounts. The ordinance was read the first time and on motion the rule was suspended and the ordinance placed on its second reading by the following Vote

Yeas Aldermen Dunham Picken Glass Mortimer & Nolan 5
Nays None.

H. J. Williams The Ordinance was then read the second time. Pound fees refunded. Alderman Mortimer moved to amend the ordinance by adding "Dorifund to W. J. Williams for stock sold from pound \$25.50. The amendment was adopted and the ordinance as amended was then passed under suspension of the rule by the following Vote

Yeas Aldermen Dunham Picken Glass Mortimer & Nolan 5
Nays None.

Ord. Jan. Levy 1899. amending Alderman Glass moved to take from the Table an ordinance amending an ordinance levying taxes for the year 1899 which motion prevailed and the ordinance passed under suspension of the rule by the following Vote
Yeas Aldermen Dunham Picken Glass Mortimer & Nolan 5
Nays None.

Res. H. B. Alderman Nolan offered the following resolution which was read and adopted

That it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin: Section 1 That it is the sense of the Council, that the tax heretofore levied to pay interest and sinking fund on the Water and Light Bonds of the City for the

year 1899 should be repealed for the reason that the City is unable, under present conditions, to pay those obligations according to their present legal tenor and effect.

Section 2 That it is further the sense of the Council that the Water and Light Tax of 1899 which has already been collected should ultimately be adjusted and same accounted for in some way to the tax payers who paid the same, but that at present, the same necessity which compels the repeal of the tax, in so far as same is uncollected, prevents the refunding of such portion of the money as has already been collected.

On motion the Council adjourned until 8 o'clock PM Friday, August 10th 1900.

Geo. O. Johnson City Clerk

Adjourned Regular Meeting of the City Council
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Roll Called

Present Aldermen Dymally Isaac Mortimer & Trump 4
Absent Aldermen Ficken Morris & Nolan 3

St. Rollen to go to the Parks Alderman Trump moved that the Steam Roller be put to work on Lampasas street Hyde Park for two days, which motion prevailed.

Auditing Com Auderman Isaac moved that the Auditing Committee 30 days addl be continued for 30 days longer on so much thereof as time may be necessary, which motion prevailed.

On motion the Council adjourned

Geo. O. Johnson
City Clerk