

Regular Meeting of the City Council
Austin Texas August 20th 1900
Hon Geo. W. Ball Mayor presiding
Roll Called

Present Aldermen Fischer Glass Mortimer Nolan and
Stump

Absent Alderman Buchanan

On Motion the Minutes were approved as
recorded by the Clerk without reading.

Petitions, Memorials to

The Mayor laid before the Council a petition from S. L.
McCulloch asking that he be allowed to pay taxes for 1898
on which suit had been brought and judgment rendered
by paying the tax, with interest and penalty, and that
the costs be remitted. Alderman Glass moved that
the petition be referred to the Committee on claims & accounts.
Alderman Fischer moved as a substitute that the petition
be not granted. The substitute was adopted.

The Mayor laid before the Council a petition from E. Wagon
Guardian & Mrs. Cora Henkels, a petition asking that the
assessment on certain lots belonging to the Estate of
L. Henkels be reduced. On Motion the petition was
referred to the Committee on claims & accounts.

By Alderman Glass, Petition of R. D. Hansen President and
Archie J. J. of Colorado Hose Co No 2, asking that
the amount deducted from salary of John Wallace of said Co
during the time the Company was suspended by the
Chief of the Fire Dept, be paid him. On Motion the
petition was granted and the Clerk directed to place the
amount in the ordinance to pay approved accounts at
the next meeting.

By Alderman Glass Petition of the Austin Oil Manufacturing Co
asking that Thicon Street be graded & macadamized for
a distance of five blocks. Read and on Motion referred to the
Street Committee.

By Alderman Stump Petition of R. V. Dixon asking permission
to put in a wagon scale on Guadalupe Street in front of
Lot 35 Section "D". On Motion the petition was
granted, the work to be done under the supervision of the
City Engineers.

By Alderman Fischer Petition of Citizens asking that certain
work be done on Ruiz Street. Read and referral to the Street
Committee.

By Alderman Mortimer Petition of Geo. A. Brash asking
that the Council remit interest due on taxes for 1898.
On Motion the petition was referred to the Committee
on claims & accounts.

By Alderman Fischer, Petition of the Austin Oil Manuf Co

asking the extension of the water Pipe on Chicon street
Read and referred to the water & Light Commission

Reports of Standing Committees

Alderman Fischer for the streets Committee to whom was
referred the report of the City Engineer, giving estimate
of the cost of grading & grading Congress Avenue & street
presented a report recommending that the City Engineer
be authorized to gravel & grade Congress Avenue from the
Centre of 3rd street to the North line of 5th street
The report of the Committee was adopted

Alderman Fischer for the streets Committee to whom was
referred the petition of the Austin Ice & Baiting Co for permission
to construct a R.R. Switch from the H & A R.R. Co to their factory
presented a report recommending that the petition be granted
The report was adopted

Alderman Fischer for the streets Committee presented the
following communication which was read and adopted
To the Hon Mayor and City Council of the City of Austin
Gentlemen:

In view of the fact that the City authorities have
purchased a Road Roller and Grader. We respectfully call
your attention to the fact, to get the best service with these tools,
we recommend the employment of some practicable road
builder, to act as streets Commissioner who shall have
control of all street forces as it is expedient that we should
get a system, in our street work, and as our City Engineer
has not the time to attend to all this work

Respectfully
Francis Fischer
Joseph Shurpf
H. C. Nolan

Mayor to advise Alderman Glass moved that the Mayor be authorized to
advertise for a man to fill the place suggested in the above
resolution, which motion prevailed

Alderman Mortimer for the fire Committee to whom was
referred An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$500.00 to
purchase a Chemical Tank for South Austin Hose & No 6 and other
fire apparatus for the fire Dept - presented a report
recommending the passage of the Ordinance - The report of
the Committee was adopted

Alderman Mortimer for the claims and accounts Committee
to whom was referred the petition of Mrs A. Barrell to have
certain found fees, amounting to the sum of \$5.00 remitted
presented a report recommending that the petition be
granted - The report of the Committee was adopted

Unfinished business

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance
appropriating the sum of \$500 to purchase a chemical tank

\$5000 app for South Austin Road No. 6. and other fine apparatus for
fire department. The ordinance was passed under a
suspension of the rule on the following Vote
Yeas Aldermen Fischer Glass Mortimer Nolan & Stumpf 5
Nays None

New Business

By Alderman Stumpf An Ordinance appropriating the
sum of \$2000.00 for street work in the 4th Ward
The ordinance was read the first time and on motion was
referred to the Streets Committee

By Alderman Stumpf An ordinance ordering an election
for Alderman of the 2nd Ward to fill the vacancy caused
by the resignation of Alderman William Morris
The ordinance was read the first time.

Alderman Glass moved to postpone further consideration
of the ordinance until the 1st Monday in September 1900
which motion was lost by the following Vote

Yeas Aldermen Glass & Mortimer 2
Nays Aldermen Fischer Nolan & Stumpf 3

Alderman Fischer moved to suspend the rule and place
the ordinance on its second reading which motion was
lost by the following Vote

Yeas Aldermen Fischer Nolan & Stumpf 3
Nays Aldermen Glass & Mortimer 2

\$500 fund for work passed By Alderman Fischer An ordinance appropriating the
sum of \$500. for extra street work
The ordinance was passed under suspension of the
rules by the following Vote

Yeas Aldermen Fischer Glass Mortimer Nolan & Stumpf 5
Nays None

\$600 to pay Auditors passed By Alderman Glass. An ordinance appropriating the sum
of \$600. for the purpose of paying the per diem of the
Auditing Committee The ordinance was passed under
suspension of the rules by the following Vote
Yeas Aldermen Fischer Glass Mortimer Nolan & Stumpf 5
Nays None

Alderman Mortimer offered the following resolution
which was read and adopted

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin:
That Joe Beaumont be and is hereby employed as Engineer
of the City Steam Baler at a salary of \$75.00 per month to and
including Dec 31st 1900. provided however that his work
is satisfactory and performed in a workmanlike manner

By Alderman Mortimer An ordinance appropriating
the sum of \$63.50 for the purpose of paying the salary of
the Engineer of the Steam Baler. 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 was lost by the following vote
Yeas Aldermen Glass Mortimer & Stumpff 3
Nays Aldermen Fischer & Nolan 2

By Alderman Mortimer An Ordinance to permit
owners of property purchased by the City at foreclosure sale
to redeem the same at any time within 60 days from date
by paying the amount of such taxes and costs and penalties
as well as all other taxes due the City on such property with
6 per cent interest from date of such sale

The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rule by
the following vote
Yeas Aldermen Fischer Glass Mortimer Nolan & Stumpff 5
Nays none

Alderman Mortimer offered the following resolution
which was read and adopted

Whereas the Council, by an ordinance which became
effective on the 17th day of August 1900, repealed the tax levy
for 1899, of one dollar upon each one hundred dollar worth of
property situated within this City and subject to taxation for
the purpose of paying interest on and creating sinking fund
for the outstanding Water Light bonds of the City and

Whereas the Auditing Committee of the City is still in session,
therefore,

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin:
Section 1 That said Auditing Committee is hereby instructed
to make out and file in the office of the City Clerk an
itemized list of all tax payers who have not paid said tax;
and said list shall show the amount of the tax in each case;
and said Committee shall report its action hereunder to the
Council

Section 2 That when said list shall have been filed the Auditing
Committee shall credit the account of the City Collector with
the amount of taxes shown by said list to be unpaid by reason
of said repeal

Alderman Nolan offered the following resolution which
was read and adopted

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin: That the
City Engineer and the City Marshal be and are hereby
instructed to have removed all electric light and other
poles on Congress Avenue south of the Colorado River to the
outside of the railing along said highway and to prevent in
the future the erection of such poles within said railing

The Mayor laid before the Council the following
communication

Austin Texas August 8th 1900
Hon Geo. B. McCall Mayor
Dear Sir

on 14th of
Aug at
the City

Auditing Com
to list of
persons who
are relieved from
paying Mill
Tax for 1899

To collect in
all office &
give at C. Prob
for audit

To remove
poles on
south side
Colorado
River

Bonds H.S.
Cancelled &
destroyed

Bonds Nos 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30 issued by the City, for the purpose of building a High School. Not having been sold, and now in your hands, and not being needed in the construction of the High School building, I am instructed by the Board of Trustees, to ask the City Council to have the same the Coupons attached hereto cancelled and destroyed.

Very Respectfully,

J. H. Graham

Deey School Board

Alderman Fischer moved that a Committee of four be appointed to verify the reports and if found correct to destroy the bonds & Coupons mentioned, which motion prevailed and the Mayor appointed Aldermen Fischer and Glass as such Committee.

Born from
J. H. P. 1000
Same question

The Mayor laid before the Council a Communication regarding the dam which was read and ordered filed. The special Committee appointed to count and if correct to destroy the 10 High School Bonds & Coupons, presented a report stating that they had compared the report and bonds and had found same correct and had burned the bonds & Coupons in the presence of the Council. The report was read & ordered filed.

On motion the Council adjourned.

J. H. Johnson
City Clerk