

Regular meeting of the City Council
Austin Texas Dec 3rd, 1900

Hon Geo & W. Call May on presiding.
Roll called

Harry Wilson

Roe called

Present Alderson Durham Fisher Glass Nolan Morrison
Schneider and Stumpf 2

Absent None.

Heinrich Heine

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

Petitions Memorials etc

Let: Cal & Cetyene
in regard to Cetyene

By the Mayor Petitions of Colored Citizens asking to have a certain portion of the City Cemetery cleaned up, and lots placed on sale

Mr. E. C. Parker
New York

On motion the petition was referred to the Cemetery Committee
By the Mayor, petition of E. E. Parker asking to have ground fees
refunded. On motion the petition was granted

St. of Citizens
to place well Canning
E. 6. 6 St. of Citizens

By Alderman Glass, Petition of Citizens asking permission to put
in a rock crossing on East opposite the Brickell Hotel.

On motion the petition was referred to the street Committee and City Engineer with power to act.

Wm. J. H. Carl &
J. E. Boynton to
build White house

By Alderman Grochen Petition of J. D. Earl and J. E. Boynton asking
a franchise for an Independent Telephone System.

The petition was read and an motion was laid over to come up with an ordinance on the subject.

Attest: J. H. Robertson
Treas. Trusts
Ref. enclosed.

By Alderman Discho Petition of John Robertson Esq asking that certain taxes paid by him refunded - The petition was read and on motion was referred to the Claims & accounts Committee

John Ed Kelley.
Cowan, La. N. 1890.

By the Mayor. Petition of Ed Kelley asking that a fine assessed against him in the Recorders Court be refunded. On motion the petition was granted.

Reb. of
City of

Reports of City Officers

The Mayor laid before the Council the reports of the City Officers for the month of November 1900. On Motion the reports were referred to their appropriate Committees without reading, except the

The following is a synopsis of the reports

of interest.

By the Auction Collection

Do Collections as follows.

11/10/19

From General Revenue Vtas

" Licence "

4 Fines in Mayors Court

• Pound fees sales

Penalties, Interest Costs (ap Taxes)

u Miscellaneous

Total General Revenue

a Int & Linking fund wth bonds

red

Technical course

Returned ^{Total Collections} to Finance Committee

333.29
 1895.10
 40.278⁻
 82.55⁻
 59.30
12.00
 2784.99
 146.66
 30.91
14028
 3106.83

By the City Marshal

Total Amount of fines assessed in Recorders Court \$590.00

Paid in Cash \$387.50

Worked out 134.00

Carried over 66.50

Escaped 2.00

Back fines Collected Cash \$10.00 \$590.00

Pound fees Collected 25.00

Burial permits issued 40.75

Referred to Police Committee 11.00

By the City Physician

Number patients in Hospital Nov 1900 19

" " admitted " " 23.

" " Dismissed 7

" " died 2.

" " Remaining Nov 30. 33

42 42

" Visits to paupers during the month 50

" Prescriptions " " " 257

" Cases of scarlet fever reported 9

" " Diphtheria 3

" " Small pox 32

Referred to Hospital Committee

By the City Doctor

Total Number of deaths 11

White 10

Col 1

Male 9

Female 2

11

11

11

Referred to Cemetery Committee

Reports of standing Committees

Alderman Fischer for the Street Committee presented the following report which was read and adopted

Austin Texas Dec 8th 1900

Syn Jas D McCall Mayor and Board of Aldermen, City of Austin Gentlemen:

Your Committee on streets to whom was referred the letting of the Bridge has leave to report that we received a bid from Jas Watson for the sum of \$3000. Also a plan and bid for a one arch bridge from Jas DeLeon for \$2880. On a full investigation we recommend that said bridge be re-advertised, for a one and two arch bridge bids to be opened Dec 10th 1900

Ed

Francis Fischer

Joseph Trumpf, H C Noien

Alderman Stumpf for the Finance Committee to whom was referred the proposition of S. A. McCall Esq. to collect back Taxes due the City by the Colorado Bridge Co. presented a report, together with an Ordinance on the subject and recommending the passage of the ordinance. On Motion the report was laid over to come up with the ordinance under head of new business.

Alderman Fischer for the Hospital Committee made verbal report stating that the Hospital Committee in connection with the City Marshal had agreed with the party who had been fracturing a cow belonging to the City Reo Hospital and who claimed that the City owed him \$11.25 for fracturing of the said cow, that the City would allow him \$8.00 and give him the cow in full settlement of his claim. The action of the Committee was approved.

Alderman Fischer for the special Committee to whom was referred the application of J. B. Gork and J. E. Boynton for a franchise for an independent Telephone system presented a report with an Ordinance granting the franchise and recommending the passage of the ordinance presented.

On Motion the report was laid over to come up with the ordinance under the head of new business.

Unfinished business

The Mayor laid before the Council An Ordinance levying Taxes for the year 1900. The ordinance was read the third time and passed by the following vote.

Yeas Aldermen Durham Fischer Glass Naortimen Nolan Schneider
Paul Stumpf
Nays None

The Mayor laid before the Council the following Veto Message
Mayors Office Austin Texas Nov 28th 1900

To the Honorable City Council;

Gentlemen:

I herewith return without my approval the resolution adopted by your honorable body on the 19th of November directing the City Teams to be worked in the 5th 6th 7th and 10th Wards etc, under the direction of the Alderman for each Ward, for the following reasons. There has been appropriated by the Council \$1500. for street work in each of these wards.

To now take the City Teams and put them in these wards to the exclusion of the other wards would be making a distinction in favor of these wards against those not mentioned in the resolution, and as there is no provision specifying any particular work or limit of time for any ward the Alderman of the ward in which the Teams were working could hold them under the resolution indefinitely.

Respectfully,

S. D. McCall, Mayor

On Motion the Vote by which the resolution was passed was reconsidered and the Motion put shall the resolution now pass notwithstanding the Mayors objections, which Motion was lost by the following Vote

Yeas Aldermen Durham Mortimer and Stumpf 3
 Nays Alderman Fischer Glass Nolan & Schneider 4

New business

By Alderman Fischer An Ordinance granting to J.B. Earl and J.E. Boynton their associates and assigned the right to build operate and maintain a system of telephones and a telephone exchange in the City of Austin etc

The Ordinance was read the first time and a motion made to suspend the rule and place it on its second reading, which motion was lost by the following vote

Yeas Aldermen Fischer Nolan & Schneider & Stumpf 4
 Nays Aldermen Durham Glass & Mortimer 3

The Mayor laid before the Council the following communication from the Water Light Commission, which was read and on motion was referred to the Water Light Committee

Austin Texas Dec 3rd 1904

Honorable City Council:

Gentlemen:

Herewith I beg to transmit to your honorable body a copy of a resolution passed by the Water Light and Power Commission at its meeting on this date, which is as follows

"On motion duly seconded and carried it was resolved that the City Council be requested to advance to this Commission the sum of ten thousand dollars, the same to be repaid by credit each month for one half the amount due this department by the City for Water and Light"

Respectfully

D. W. Doorn

Secretary Water Light and Power Commission

By Alderman Fischer An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$115.93 to pay approved accounts street Dept. 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 Durham Fischer Glass Mortimer Nolan Schneider and Stumpf 7

Nays None

The Ordinance was read the second time Alderman Glass moved to amend the ordinance by adding "To pay extra labor and teams for East 5th Street bridge \$27.50" which motion prevailed

Alderman Glass moved to further amend by adding "To pay Inspectors of Street work in the several wards of the City" they being employed under resolution of the Council \$86.25

The amendment was adopted, and the ordinance as amended was passed by the following vote

Yeas Aldermen Durham Fischer Glass Mortimer Nolan Schneider & Stumpf 7

Nays None

Comm. for City
 Commission

Resolution

Ord. which
 \$115.93 to pay
 app'd acct
 street Dept.

amended

Handwritten
Notes on City

The Mayor laid before the Council the following report from the Auditing Committee, which was on motion of Alderman Dunham, ordered printed in the minutes and laid on the table subject to call.

Austin Texas, Dec 1st 1900
Hon. J. W. McLeall Mayor, and Board of Aldermen
of the City of Austin

Gentlemen:

The your Committee appointed to audit the books of the various departments of the City of Austin, beg leave to submit the following report.

After a careful painstaking and laborious examination and comparison of the books and reports of the various departments, we beg to call your attention to the fact that the dispatch of our labors has been materially retarded by having to contend with so many clerical errors, together with the different methods of the different departments in making their reports, entries, etc, hence our inability to complete our labors sooner, we were most anxious to correct and rectify all errors, if clerical and give you an intelligent, reliable and correct report of the status of each department, therefore our time was largely given to the research and locating of these errors, which we have as far as able corrected and still after corrections are made, we find the books in the main to be correct, and the few errors not corrected are of such small moment as to in no way materially change the result.

We will now proceed with each department separately, and show the result of our investigation in the same.

Assessor and Collector Office

Having given a thorough and careful examination of the receipts of this Office from all sources, we find that they agree in every particular with the receipts of the City Treasurer, as filed by Wm. H. Stirling, the Assessor and Collector, with his monthly reports made to your Hon. Body.

We have also examined all the unpaid tax receipts in this Office for the years 1895, 1896, 1897 and 1898, and have made lists of the same, most of this amount of unpaid taxes are in the hands of the City Attorney for suit, and a large portion of the property on which taxes are due and unpaid has been sold to the City, hence we recommend that the amounts as shown in Exhibit "A" be credited to Fred Stirling, Assessor and Collector, in consequence of their having been charged to him in the tax rolls of the respective years, the receipts for which are on file in his office and unpaid. We also recommend that the amounts as shown in Exhibit "B" be charged to Fred Stirling, Assessor and Collector, as said amounts have not been charged in the tax rolls of the respective years they being judicially and assessed after the rolls were made up.

In concluding our report for this office we desire to commend to your Hon body the neatness and care with which the books of this office are kept, and that in his entire accounts we find him correct methodical plain and concise

Police Department

Owing to time consumed in other departments, we have been unable to go as far back in this department as we intended, but we find from a complete examination of the books, under the supervision of A. J. Shook City Marshal that the books are in proper shape and correct, as far back as we extended our investigation of the books under the supervision of Jas. E. Sney, in the main we find the books correct, in as far as the Cash handled

Water and Light Department

We have carefully examined the books of this department from the time the Water and Light Commission took charge of the plant to the 1st of October 1904, compared the Vouchers, on file in this office, for amounts paid out, with the books; also the deposits with the City Treasurer and the daily Cash receipts, after correcting the clerical errors the books in the main are correct, upon examination of the various contracts made by this department, we find that the amounts expressed in these contracts agree with amounts paid, as shown by the books, except the contract made and entered into with Braden & Mullen, in which there is a discrepancy between the contract and the amount charged on the books.

We have examined the reports of the City Treasurer, and find that they agree with with the other departments, as to the amounts deposited by them.

City Clerk's Office

In this office there is a general Ledger on which are kept the accounts of all other departments, except those of the Water and Light since the creation of the Commission, we have carefully examined the reports of all the departments, and compared them with the entries as made upon the Journal and Ledger, and we find that owing to the complication of the entries, in making them up many errors have been found therein, which gave us much trouble to locate.

Data should be furnished this office to enable the Clerk to check the proper accounts with the other departments, but owing to the absence of reports not furnished, we find a small discrepancy, which we have been unable to locate, there is no money handled in this department, consequently this clerical error in no way affects the money accounts in the other departments.

But the Assessor and Collector making his reports to the first of each month and the Treasurer making his on the day of the meeting of the City Council, has given us much trouble and loss of time checking and comparing the two accounts. We find upon the ledger many accounts which are not now used, such as the Rail Road to Dam, Engineering expenses, etc, which should be closed by proper entries.

but the Clerk is not authorized to do so without direction from your Honorable body. The records of this office are in good shape and well kept.

Respectfully submitted

E. A. Wheatley

By Alderman Stumpf An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1407.76 to pay approved accounts - 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 Fischer Glass Mortimer Nolen Schneider Stumpf 7

Nays None.

The Ordinance was read the second time

Alderman Stumpf moved to amend the ordinance by adding "to pay the per diem of the Auditing Committee \$100." and to add under the head of Sanitary Dept. "to bill the bill of C.D. Griffin for blacksmithing \$15.25". Both amendments were adopted and the ordinance as amended was passed under a suspension of the rule by the following vote

Yeas Aldermen Dunham Fischer Glass Mortimer Nolen Schneider and Stumpf 7

Nays None

Ord. 1900
\$128.00 to pay the salaries of extra Policemen for the month of Nov 1900

By Alderman Stumpf An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$128.00 to pay the salaries of extra Policemen for the month of Nov 1900

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

Yeas Aldermen Dunham Fischer Glass Mortimer Nolen Schneider and Stumpf 7

Nays None

Ord. 1901
Mayer & Co. to assist the City Attorney in the collection of back taxes due the City by the Colorado Bridge Co.

By Alderman Stumpf An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with D. A. McFall Esq. to assist the City Attorney in the collection of back taxes due the City by the Colorado Bridge Co.

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

Yeas Aldermen Dunham Fischer Glass Mortimer Nolen Schneider and Stumpf 7

Nays None.

By Alderman Glass. An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$150.00 to build a culvert on Congress Avenue at the point where West 5th Street intersects same. The Ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote

Yeas Aldermen Dunham Fischer Glass Mortimer Nolen Schneider and Stumpf 7

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 the City Engineer is hereby instructed to at once place the City teams, and street force at work for the period of fourteen days in the following wards of the City in the order named viz 4th Ward, 5th Ward, 6th Ward, 7th Ward, 1st Ward Second Ward, 3rd Ward; The work in said various wards to be done at such places as may be designated from time to time by the Alderman of said wards.

By Alderman Glass. An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$500 - to purchase two pairs of Mules for the use of the street force.

The Ordinance was read the first time and a motion made to suspend the rule and place it on its second reading which motion prevailed by the following Vote

Yeas Aldermen Durham Fischer Glass Mortimer Nolen and Shumpp 6
Nays Alderman Schneider 1

The ordinance was read the second time and on motion was amended by adding the following "That the street Committee shall advertise for bids to furnish said mules"

The Ordinance as amended was then passed under a suspension of the rule by the following Vote

Yeas Aldermen Durham Fischer Glass Mortimer Nolen
Schneider and Shumpp 7

Nays None

Alderman Glass offered the following resolution which was read and adopted. Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin that the City Engineer is hereby requested to build a Culvert and grade approaches to same at the intersection of West 5th Street and Congress Avenue at as early a date as possible

On Motion the Council adjourned

J. W. Johnson
City Clerk

Resolution to
build Culvert
Cong. Ave. & 5th St.

adjourned