

Regular Meeting of the City Council
 Austin, Texas Dec 17th 1904
 Hon Geo. D. McCall Mayor presiding
 Roll Called
 Present Aldermen, Dunham Fisher, Glass, Mortimer,
 Nelson, Schneider & Stumpff
 Absent None

On motion the minutes were approved as recorded
 without reading.

Petitions, Memorials etc

By Alderman Fisher Memorial of a Committee from
 the Trades Council asking that T. E. Lusk be appointed
 Engineer on the Steam Roller. The memorial was read
 and on Motion of Alderman Glass was referred to the
 Street Committee.

By Alderman Fisher, Communication from the City Clerk
 asking authority to appoint an Assistant for thirty days
 at a salary of \$75.00, to assist in writing up the books
 of the office and in making his annual report.
 On Motion the request was granted.

By Alderman Schneider, Petition from Ira H. Evans, Resident
 Austin Rapid Transit R.R. Co. asking permission to erect an Iron
 Chad Booth at the corner of Congress Avenue & 10th St for use of
 employees for lunch baskets etc and for a Telephone Station.
 On Motion the request was granted.

By Alderman Truitt - Petition of Mrs. H. E. Turner asking
 that certain funds be paid by her be refunded.
 On Motion the petition was granted.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following Communication
 Austin, Texas Dec 15th 1904

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Austin
 Gentlemen:

East Austin Hose Company would feel
 honored by your presence at their 15th Annual New
 Years Ball and Banquet to be given at East Austin
 Hall January 1st 1905. 8.30 PM

Yours Respectfully,
 William J. Dill
 Secy East Austin Hose Co.

On Motion of Alderman Glass the invitation was
 accepted, and the City Clerk instructed to notify
 the Company.

By Alderman Mortimer, Petition of East Austin
 Fire Co. asking that certain claims be made at
 their hall. On Motion the petition was referred to
 the Fire Committee.

By the Mayor - Communication from the City Clerk asking
 to have a fine assessed against him in the City.

Court be refunded. On motion the petition was granted.
 By Alderman Mortimer - Petition of Walter L. Hile to
 purchase a certain tract of land on the Colorado River conveyed
 to the City by W. L. Hile et al. in the year 1892.

On motion the proposition was referred to the Finance Committee
 and City Attorney.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following communication
 Austin Texas December 1890

Hon. R. L. Brooks

City Attorney Austin

Dear Sir:

City of Austin, Plaintiff in error vs. E. C. Bartholomew
 et al. Defendants in error.

Joseph Hille, Plaintiff in error vs. City of Austin
 Defendants in error.

This is to advise that the above entitled cases have been assigned
 for hearing before the Circuit Court of Appeals at New Orleans for
 January 8th. These are cases of grave importance to the City of
 Austin, and provision should be seasonably made by the City
 Council to provide necessary expense money for Council representing
 the City. I feel most sensibly the weight of responsibility
 resting upon me, and trust that both you and Judge Brown, my
 associate, can be present and participate in the presentation of the
 cases for the City.

I would suggest that at least \$125.00 be appropriated to
 cover expenses.

Yours Very truly

A. R. Fisher

On motion the communication was laid over to come up with
 an ordinance on the subject.

The Mayor laid before the Council a communication from
 the Hon. County Commissioners Court of Travis Co. asking the co-operation
 of the Council in repairing the bridge across Bouldin's branch.
 On motion the communication was referred to the Street
 Committee, with instructions to confer with the Hon. Commissioners
 Court and report at the next meeting of the Council.

By Alderman Mortimer - Petition of Citizens against dumping
 garbage on vacant lot on Navasota and 6th streets.

Read and on motion referred to the Sanitary Committee.

By Alderman Towner - Petition of Mill & Hipe asking for drain
 pipe the use of the stream water and for an appropriation of \$500
 for the bridge and sidewalk.

The petition was read and on motion was referred to the Street
 Committee with instructions to report at the next regular
 meeting of the Council.

Alderman Towner read the following resolution which was
 read and adopted.

Resolved, That the Council of the City of Austin

These cases
 were brought
 before the
 City Council
 on December
 1890.

That the Chief of the Fire Department is hereby authorized to correspond with parties dealing in fire alarm apparatus, and such other parties as he may deem necessary with a view of getting information and probable cost of a fire alarm system for the City of Austin.

Alderman E. A. Nolen offered the following resolution which was read and adopted.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin: That the City Marshal be and is hereby instructed to lease or have the owner lease an empty lot on vacant lot corner of Wilcox & Waller Street.

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

Be it resolved that the street committee be directed to wait upon the County Commissioners Court and see if the City can get the use of the Counties teams during the time for which they are to be laid off to the County authorities, the City agreeing to feed the teams and return the property in good condition as when received upon notice by the said County Commissioners Court.

Reports of Standing Committees

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

Austin Texas Dec 16th 1904

To the Honorable Geo. A. McCall Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Austin:

Gentlemen:

Your Committee on streets having duly advertised for a stone bridge on E 7th St, across Waller Creek, having received four bids, we leave to report that we recommend the acceptance of A. Fuhrman (bid) to build said bridge for the sum of \$2627.⁰⁰ and also request that the Mayor be and is hereby instructed to enter into contract with said A. Fuhrman provided he furnish a bond in the sum of \$800.⁰⁰

1890 Francis Fischer

Joseph Stump

H. C. Nolen

Committee

The Mayor laid before the Council the following communication
Austin Texas Dec 17th 1904

Geo. A. McCall Mayor

Gentlemen:

Office to all

to the City Council

H. C. Nolen

Mr. McCall

Twenty thousand dollars of the water right bonds with the coupons attached for fourteen thousand five hundred dollars

Respectfully

Geo. A. McCall - Mayor

On motion the communication was referred to the Finance Committee with instructions to advertise for such bonds as are allowed to be purchased for the sinking fund of the water bonds.

Alderman Schneider for the Claims and accounts Committee to whom was referred the petition of E. M. Brown agent for Amelia Brown asking that the water light tax paid or then for the year 1900, be refunded, presented a report recommending that the petition be not granted. The report of the Committee was adopted.

By Alderman Nolen Communication from Ag. Thorpe City Marshal stating that an old Confederate Soldier named Jackson was fined in the Mayo's Court on a charge of intoxication, that the old man was lame and infirm and unable to perform any work for the City and was trying to make his way to Fort Worth where he could be cared for, and that, under the circumstances he had turned him loose and allowed him to go his way - He asked that the Council remit the fine.

On motion the request was granted.

Unfinished business

The Mayor laid before the Council the following veto message

Mayors Office Austin Texas December 11, 1900

To the Honorable City Council:

Gentlemen:

I herewith return without my approval an ordinance entitled "An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$500.00 for the purpose of purchasing two pairs of Mules for the use of the street force" The purchase of these mules would necessitate the buying of two wagons, and other expenses. The City now has three teams, which with judicious handling can do the refrain work necessary on the streets. The history of the City has been that when we had more teams some of the mules were in the fracture most of the time. For these reasons I cannot approve the ordinance.

Respectfully,

J. A. McCall

Mayor

On motion the vote by which the ordinance was passed was reconsidered and the motion put "shall the ordinance pass notwithstanding the Mayo's objections" which motion was lost by the following vote

Yeas Aldermen Dunham, Clark & Mortimer 3

Nays Aldermen Fisher, Nolen, Schneider & Humphreys 4

The Mayor then laid before the Council the following veto message

Mayors Office, Austin Texas, Dec 11, 1900

To the Honorable City Council:

Gentlemen:

I herewith return without my approval an ordinance passed by your honorable body on December 8th 1900 authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with J. A. McCall to assist the City Attorney in the collection of the taxes on the Colorado River bridge. The City Attorney is able and well qualified

to prosecute the suit without assistance, besides the Court's Case against the same parties will settle the question, To pay an assistant 10% on the amount collected when it is not necessary would be an useless expenditure of money.

Respectfully

Geo. D. McCall, Mayor

on motion the vote by which the ordinance was passed was reconsidered and the motion put "shall the ordinance pass notwithstanding the objections of the Mayor and the ordinance passed by the following vote: Yeas Aldermen Durham Fisher Glass Mortimer Nolan Schneider and Trumpf

Nays None

New business

By Alderman Glass, An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$500- for the purpose of filling in approaches to bridge across Waller Creek on east 5th Street. The ordinance was read the first time and on motion was referred to the Street Committee.

By Alderman Nolan An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$150- for the purpose of continuing street work in the first ward. The ordinance was read the first time and on motion was referred to the Street Committee.

By Alderman Trumpf An Ordinance ordering an election to obtain the consent of two thirds of the qualified tax paying voters of the City to the levy of a tax of fifty cents on each one hundred dollars for the support of the Public Free Schools of the City.

The ordinance was read the first time and on motion of Alderman Fisher was laid on the table, awaiting action by the Board of School Trustees.

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

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, that Dr. Dorn and the City Attorney be requested to attend the next session of the Circuit Court of appeals of the United States for the 5th Circuit for the purpose of assisting J. R. Fisher Esq. in presenting to that Court the Case of Joseph Nalle Reeves et al vs the City of Austin et al as for the prosecution of those gentlemen on file.

By Alderman Fisher An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$125- for the purpose of paying traveling expenses of J. R. Fisher Esq. to and from the City of New Orleans La in attending to the submission there of the Case of Joseph Nalle Reeves et al vs the City of Austin et al.

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

Yeas Aldermen Durham Fisher Glass Mortimer Nolan Schneider and Trumpf

Nays None

By Alderman Fisher An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$500- for the purpose of repaving and improving Ruiz Street.

Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$150.⁰⁰ for the purpose of continuing street work in the first ward, was referred to the Street Committee which motion prevailed.

The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote.

Yeas Aldermen Dunham Bischoff Glass Mortimer Nolan Schneider
and Stumpf 7

Nays None

By Alderman Bischoff An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$750⁰⁰ to pay the salary of an Assistant to the City Clerk for 30 days. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote.

Yeas Aldermen Dunham Bischoff Glass Mortimer Nolan Schneider
and Stumpf 7

Nays None

The Mayor laid before the Council the following special Message

Austin Texas, Dec 17th 1902

To the Honorable City Council:
Gentlemen:

I Nominate W. D. Hartman and
D. D. Down to be members of the Water, Light and Power Commission of the City of Austin

Respectfully

J. W. McCall, Mayor

Nominations

Confirmed

On Motion of Alderman Dunham the nominations made by the Mayor were confirmed.

Ord. City

156th to make

sewer connections

at City Hall

By Alderman Schneider an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$150.⁰⁰ for the purpose of making sewer connection to eight streets five feet.

The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote.

Yeas Aldermen Dunham Bischoff Glass Mortimer Nolan
Schneider and Stumpf 7

Nays None

Ord. City

157th to pay

for street work

in the second ward

By Alderman Schneider an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$200.⁰⁰ for the purpose of paying for certain street work to be done in the second ward.

The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote.

Yeas Aldermen Dunham Bischoff Glass Mortimer Nolan Schneider
and Stumpf 7

Nays None

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

Resolved in the City Council of the City of Austin, that the Honorable Secretary of the Interior be requested to instruct

Amal to be
the same

the Hydrographic Division of the U.S. Geological Survey to take such measurements of the Colorado River at Austin Texas, as will determine its minimum and reliable flow throughout the year and that this information be communicated to the body.

And it is
now to be
in

Be it further resolved that the Hon A. S. Burlison be requested to use his influence to carry this resolution into effect.
And that the City Clerk be instructed to forward copies of this resolution to the said Secretary, and Hon A. S. Burlison.

On Motion the Council adjourned

Geo. O. Johnson
City Clerk