

Regular Meeting of the City Council

Austin, Texas, January 7th, 1901.

Hon: M.A. Glass, President of the Council, presiding.

Roll called

Present: Alderman, Durkham, Glass, Mortimer, Holm, Stumpff - 6
Absent: Alderman, Fischer. - 1

On motion the minutes were approved as recorded by the clerk without reading.

Petitions, Memorials, etc.

By Alderman, Mortimer, petition of Jas. H. Robertson Esq. asking permission to put in a switch or spur track from the yards of the Houston & Texas Central Railroad Company in Block 28, across Brazos Street and across the track end of Lots 12 and 11, Block 31, of the city.

The petition was read and on motion was laid over to come up with a resolution on the subject under the head of new business.

By Alderman, Glass, petition of Mrs. Achille, asking to have certain pound fees refunded. On motion the petition was granted.

By Alderman, Stumpff, petition and proposition of Chas. Stephenson, for exchange of property. Read and referred to Street Committee and engineer.

By Alderman, Glass, petition of J. St. Barge, asking refunding of certain ground fees. On motion the petition was granted.

By Alderman, Mortimer, petition of Lewis Hill, asking to have a fine assessed against him in the Mayor's Court, remitted. The petition was read, and on motion was granted.

By Alderman, Glass, communication from J. H. S. complaining of the condition in which the streets were left by contractor for street work in the Sixth and Seventh wards, and asking that the Council take steps to have same put in good condition. On motion the petition was referred to the Street Committee and City Engineer with authority to act.

By Alderman, Glass, petition of Tra. H. Evans, receiver of the Austin Rapid Transit Railroad Company, asking correction of assessment for the year 1898. Read and referred to the Claims and accounts committee.

Reports of City Officers.

The chair laid before the Council, the reports of the City officers, for the month of December, 1900, which were, on motion referred to their appropriate committees without reading, except the report of the Treasurer, which was read.

Reports of Standing Committees.

Alderman Stumpff for the Street Committee, to whom was referred the petition of M. M. Shippe asking that certain drain pipe be put in, and that the steam roller be furnished, when needed, and an appropriation for \$500 be made to aid in completing the Speedway, from 19th Street to Hyde Park, presented a report recommending that the petition be granted. On motion the report was adopted.

Alderman Stumpff for the Finance Committee, to whom was referred the proposition of J. H. Brackbridge to sell certain water and light bonds of

the City, presented a report, recommending that the proposition be accepted.

On Motion, the report was adopted.

Alderman Starnitz for the Finance Committee, to whom was referred the proposition of W. L. White to purchase certain land from the City, presented a report recommending that the proposition be referred to the Water, Light and Power Commission of the City. The report was adopted.

Alderman Derrham for the printing committee presented a report, stating that the Committee had advertised and received bids for the City printing for the year 1904, and recommending the acceptance of the bid of the Station and Publishing Company for newspaper printing, and the bid of Von Brockmann Schutze & Co. for commercial printing. On motion the report was adopted, and the Mayor authorized to enter into contract with the parties, in accordance with their respective bids.

Alderman Mortimer, for the committee on purchases, presented a report stating that in conformity with the law governing same, they had advertised for bids for supplies for hospital, etc. and begged leave to report that they recommend the following bids be accepted:

Various groceries for hospital, as for specifications filed with City Clerk, to Criss & Buck, M. B. Smith, and Fischer Bros.; Sewer pipe A. J. Martin & Pro.; Wood for Hospital, J. W. Beard, Bid for City teams, Robinson & Pro.; Fueling prisoners, J. B. Adams; Dry Goods, M. B. Smith; Meat Mrs. Ullit; Mattresses and pillows, J. S. Eldins; On motion the report was adopted.

Alderman Derrham, called up from the table the report of the Auditing Committee, and on motion the same was referred to the Finance Committee.

New Business.

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 petition of Jas. H. Robertson asking permission to construct a railroad track across Brazos street, from Block 30, to and across the south end of Lots 12 and 11, in Block 31, of said City, be and the same is hereby granted, and the said Robertson or his lessee, or vendee, are hereby granted permission, to construct, under the supervision of the City Engineer and Street Committee of the City of Austin, a spur or switch railroad track from the yards of the Houston and Texas Central Railway Company in Block 30, across Brazos street, to and across the south end of Lots 12 and 11 in Block 31, to be used by the said Robertson or his lessee or vendee or the Houston and Texas Central Railway Company, solely for the purpose of passing cars over said track in delivery and removal of freight to and from said lots.

This privilege is granted, upon the condition that the said Robertson and the person constructing said track across said street shall hold the City harmless from all damages that may result to any person by reason of the construction of said railroad track across said street.

That this resolution take effect from and after its passage.

By Alderman Starnitz an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1,000 for the purpose of purchasing bell and making lower for mail.

Austin Horse Company. The Ordinance was read the first time and on motion was referred to the Finance Committee.

By Alderman Stumpff: An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$100⁰⁰ for the purpose of having rollers bearing rollers placed on Protection Horse Wagon.

The ordinance was read the first time, and on motion was referred to the Finance Committee.

By Alderman Stumpff: An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$5000⁰⁰ for the purpose of aiding in the completion of the Hyde Park sidewalk, from 19th Street to Hyde Park.

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

Yeas: Alderman: Durham; Glass, Mortimer, Nolan and Stumpff 5.
Nays: " Schneider 1.

By Alderman Schneider: An Ordinance to permit owners of real estate and personal property purchased by the City of Austin at foreclosure sale, to redeem the same at any time within ninety days from the passage of this Ordinance.

This was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:

Yeas: Alderman: Durham, Glass, Mortimer, Nolan, Schneider and Stumpff. 6.
Nays: " None 0.

By Alderman Stumpff: An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$175⁰⁰ for the purpose of paying approved accounts, Street Department.

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

Yeas: Alderman: Durham, Glass, Mortimer, Nolan, Schneider and Stumpff - 6.
Nays: " None 0.

Alderman Stumpff: offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted. By it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, that the city engineer and is hereby instructed to place the street teams at work making the approaches to the bridge on West 5th Street, where same crosses Congress Avenue, and to continue said teams at said work from the time said bridge is completed until said approaches are also completed.

By Alderman Stumpff: An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1600⁰⁰ for the purpose of paying 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: Alderman: Durham, Glass, Mortimer, Nolan, Schneider and Stumpff. 6.
Nays: " None 0.

The ordinance was read the second time.

Alderman Glass moved to amend the ordinance by adding the following: J. A. Barger, for found. fees refunded. \$1⁰⁰. Achilles, for found. fees. refunded \$1⁰⁰; Lewis Hill, fine in Mayor's Court, refunded. \$5⁰⁰.

The amendments were adopted, and the Ordinance as amended was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:

Yeas: Alderman: Durham, Glass, Mortimer, Nolan, Schneider and Stumpff. 6.
Nays: " None 0.

By Alderman Stumpff: An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$175⁰⁰ for the purpose of paying the salaries of Special Justices for the month of December, 1900.

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

Yeas: Alderman: Durham, Glass, Mortimer, Nolan, Schneider and Stumpff. 6.
Nays: " None 0.

By Alderman Schneider: An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$250⁰⁰ for the purpose of making sewer connection with 5th Street from Hall and City Streets.

The Ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following Vote:
Yeas: Aldermen, Dunkham, Glass, Mortimer, Nolew, Schneider & Stumpf. . 6.
Nays: None . 0.

By Alderman Nolew: An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$125.00 for the purpose of refitting, the horse wagon of the Dutch Auction Horse Company.
The Ordinance was read the first time and on motion was referred to the Finance Committee.

By Alderman Stumpf: An Ordinance, appropriating the sum of \$11,500.00 for the purpose of purchasing bonds for the sinking fund of the Water and Light bonds of the City.
The Ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following Vote:

Yeas: Aldermen, Dunkham, Mortimer, Nolew, Schneider, and Stumpf . 5.
Nays: Alderman, Glass . 1.

By Alderman Glass: An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$500.00 for the purpose of completing bridge and approaches across Waller Creek on East 5th Street on Waller Creek.
The Ordinance was read the first time and on motion was referred to the Street Committee.

Alderman Nolew offered the following resolution:

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, that the Street Committee of the Council be and is hereby instructed to at once submit to the Commissioners Court of Travis County, the following propositions for obtaining for the use of the City, the county road teams for the next three months, Viz: The City will take charge of said teams, for said period, pay all expenses for properly shing saws, pay the pay roll for the fore working saw, and return all of said property to the county at the expiration of said time, in as good condition as when received, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The resolution was adopted by the following Vote:

Yeas: Aldermen, Dunkham, Mortimer, Nolew, Schneider, and Stumpf . 5.
Nays: Alderman Glass . 1.

The chair laid before the council:

Communications from Hon: J. L. Campbell, Assistant Secretary of the Interior, Washington D. C. and from Hon: A. S. Duvleson, member of Congress from this district, acknowledging receipt of copy of resolutions passed by the honorable City Council on December 17, 1900, and stating that the matter referred to in the resolution would have attention. Alderman Glass moved that the communication be referred to the Water and Light Commission, which motion prevailed.

On motion the council adjourned.

Jno. O. Johnson
City Clerk.

The following is a synopsis of the Reports of the City Officers.

By the Auditor and Collector.

To Collections as follows.

From General Revenues Tax,	\$ 7,780.87
" License	680.00
" Fines in Mayor's Court	394.50
" Polls Tax & Sale	110.70
" Penalties interest & cost (of of Justice	1,170.94
" Marshal, burial permits (dead animals)	11.00

Total General Revenue \$ 9,531.61.
 From Interest and Sinking Fund, W & L Bonds. 7,579.01.
 " " " " " " " " 705.05.
 " Schools Taxes. 3,921.57.
 Total Collections. \$ 22,033.32.

Referred to Finance Committee.

By the City Clerk.

City Clerk

Total amount of Warrants drawn against the General Fund. \$ 6,037.00
 " " " " " " " " Street " 2,481.18

Referred to Finance Committee.

By the City Treasurer.

City Treasurer

General Fund of
 Balance Dec 1st 1900 19,719.15.
 Received during the month, Ad Valorem Tax 7,280.87.
 " " " " Licenses 680.50.
 " " " " Fines of Mayor's Court 397.50.
 " " " " Miscellaneous 1,472.74

Disbursements.

Warrants paid during, month of Dec: 1901. 16,221.05
 1/4 of Bond Pay to Street Fund 4,600.58
 Balance 12,399.13.
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 \$ 29,080.76 \$ 29,080.76

Street Fund of

Balance Dec 1, 1900.

Receipts

1/4 Bond Pay

Disbursements.

Warrants paid during, month of Dec: 1901. \$ 2,475.18
 Balance 4,256.40
 \$ 6,731.58 \$ 6,731.58

Earnings Fund

Balance Dec 1- 1900.

Received during the month

Disbursements.

Warrants paid during Month of Dec: 4,905.06.
 Balance 12,196.40.
 \$ 17,101.46 \$ 17,101.46

Interest and Sinking Fund, Old Bonds.

Balance Dec 1. Cash

Bonds

Received during, the month, of Dec:

Disbursements. None.

Balance, Cash 21,350.00.

Bonds.

9,000.00

\$ 19,135.50

2,730.42.

9,000.00.

705.08

\$ 19,135.50

Interest Fund of Water & Light Bonds.
 Balance Dec 1st 1900. 13,563.58.
 Received during the month of Dec 5,410.74.
 Balance 18,974.62.
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Shipping Fund of W & L Bonds.
 Balance Dec 1st 1900. Cash. 21,041.67.
 " " " Bonds. 10,000.00.
 Received during the month of Dec: 1900. 2,164.30.
 Balance Cash 23,205.97
 " Bonds 10,000.00
 * 33,205.97. 33,205.97.

Referred to the Finance Committee,
 By the City Marshal.

City Marshal

Total amt of Fines assessed in Recorder's Court. 450.00
 Paid in Cash 273.00.
 Worked out 120.50.
 Carried over 27.50.
 Escaped 9.00.
 Remitted by Council 15.00
 " New trial 5.00
 450.00. 450.00

Back fines collected in Cash. 57.25
 " " " " " " " " 47.00
 Fines collected 78.75.
 Burial permits (dead animals) 11.00.
 Sale of old Plowden 600.

Referred to Police Committee,
 By the City Physician.

City Physician

Number of Patients in Hospital, Dec 1, 1900 33.
 " " " admitted to Hospital during Dec: 72.
 " " " dismissed from " " 18.
 " " " Deaths in Hospital " " 06.
 " " " patient remaining in Hospital 31.
 55.

" Visits made paupers in City during Dec 1900. 62.
 " Prescriptions written for paupers during Dec 320.
 " Cases Small Pox reported in City in Dec: 36.
 " Scarlet Fever 04.

Referred to Hospital Committee,
 By City Surgeon.

City

Total number of deaths 114.
 White 13.
 Colored 01
 Males 11.
 Females 03
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Referred to the Cemetery Committee.