

Regular meeting of the City Council
Austin Texas January 21st 1901.
Hon Geo. D. McCall Mayor Presiding
Roll called

Present Aldermen Dunham Glass. Mortimer Nolan
and Strumpf 5

Absent Aldermen Fischer and Schneider 2

On Motion the minutes were approved as
recorded by the clerk without reading

Petitions, Memorials etc

Pet W.D. & A
Duncan for
damages

By the Mayor Petition of W.D. and J.A. Duncan asking damages
caused to wagon, caused by fire hose wagon running into it
On Motion the petition was referred to the Committee
on claims and accounts.

Pet A. W. Litten
to correct assessment

By the Mayor Petition of Mr Frank Litten to correct assessment
Read and referred to the Claims & accounts Committee

Pet J. H. W. R. R. Co
Appeal of the Board of Equalization

By the Mayor Petition of the I & N R R Co appealing from the action
of the Board of Equalization. Read and referred to the Committee on
Claims and accounts

Pet H. H. L. Co
to put in R. R.
switch

By Alderman Glass. Petition of H. H. L. Co asking
permission to construct a railroad spur on switch from the
I & N R R Co side track across E. 5th street to warehouse on Oak
St No. 10. Div. "A". Read and laid over to come up with a
resolution granting the request

Pet H. H. L. Co
to erect wooden
building in
fire limits

By Alderman Mortimer Petition of H. H. L. Co asking
permission to tear down and rebuild a wooden building
within the fire limits. Read and referred to the Fire Committee

Pet Mrs. Harrell
Pound 9.00

By Alderman Mortimer Petition of Mrs A. D. Harrell, asking
to have certain pound fees remitted. On Motion the petition
was granted

Alderman Schneider entered the Council Chamber

Reports of City Officers

The Mayor laid before the Council his annual report, which
was on Motion ordered recorded in the minutes and the
reading of same was dispensed with

The following is the report

Mayor's Office Austin Texas, Jan 21st 1901

To the Honorable, the City Council of the City of Austin,
Gentlemen:

Mayor's
Annual
Report

I herewith transmit for your information
the report of the City Officers for the past year ending
December 31st 1900

The year 1900 will go down in history as an eventful one;
it has brought both disaster and prosperity to this State, and
especially has the City of Austin suffered the one, and enjoyed
the other. Our business men say that they have not had
such a run of trade in years, and in some instances they
have not been able to supply the demands for their goods.

The bank statements show unprecedented deposits, and the building permits amount to \$183,330.75 expended for the improvement of real estate; and while some of the cities of the State have not been able to meet their ordinary running expenses in cash, the City of Austin has not only been able to do this, but has a balance on hand at the end of the year in the City Treasury. The loss of the Dam, and the destruction of the City's natural power, which was used in operating her Water and Light Plant, was a serious blow to the community, but in comparison with the destruction of life and property in our sister City of Galveston, and other towns along the coast, our loss does not seem so great a calamity, except for the unfortunate at the power house. The question of property loss is one that can be overcome, the property can be replaced, but when it comes to the destruction of human life, that is the end of it here. That cannot be replaced.

The Dam was destroyed on the 7th of April, and on the 15th of May, within 38 days, the Commission had established a steam plant and was pumping water through the City's mains. This was made possible from the fact that the Commission had already established a pumping station and filtering trenches to furnish pure water independent of the lake, except for power, and when this power was destroyed the Commission at once installed steam power, and put the pump in motion. While there has been unfavorable criticism about the establishment of the pumping station and filtering trenches, it must be now admitted by all thinking people that they have been the salvation of the City, as it were, since the failure of the dam. The Commission should have the thanks of the citizens for the rapid manner in which they hastened the furnishing of water to the consumers, and for fire protection, and to the City Council for their assistance in the matter.

The report of the Assessor and Collector shows that during the year there has been collected \$237,326.81, as follows: from ad valorem taxes \$97,380.06; license tax \$9,570.48; fines in Mayor's Court \$2,909.80; Miscellaneous Collections \$64,83.33; Interest and sinking fund Water Light bonds \$76,386.36; Bonds issued prior to May 1st 1890 \$7,042.13; School Taxes \$37,614.65, which will make the total of \$237,326.81.

The City Treasurer's report shows the condition of the various funds during the year, as follows:
 Balance hand January 1st 1900. receipts during the year from all sources; The disbursements during the year; and the transfer of one fourth of the taxes of 1899 and 1900 to the Street and Bridge fund; also the balances on hand January 1st 1901.

Fund.	Balance Jan 1, 1900	Receipts	Totals
General Revenue	\$ 39,935.37	\$ 116,283.67	\$ 156,219.04
Street and Bridge		21,066.83	21,066.83
Bonds issued prior to May 1st 1890	9,567.48	10,267.13	19,834.61
Int Water Light-bonds	2,750.30	54,561.87	57,312.17
Sinking fund Water Light-bonds	13,982.64	22,320.44	36,255.08
Earnings fund Water Light Plant	2,617.32	102,365.44	106,982.76
Grand Total of balances on hand and receipts during the year			\$ 397,670.44
Disbursements during the year.			
General Revenue Warrants paid		\$ 122,753.08	
" " Transfer to Street & Bridge		21,066.83	\$ 143,819.91
Street & Bridge			16,810.43
Bonds issued prior to May 1st 1890			7,399.11
Interest Water Light Bonds			38,337.50
Sinking fund " "			3,049.11
Earnings fund Water Light Plant			94,786.36
Total Disbursements and transfers during the year.			\$ 304,202.42
Balances to the several funds Jan 1st 1901			
General fund	\$ 12,399.18		
Street fund	4,256.40		
Bonds issued May 1st 1890	12,435.50		
Interest fund Water Light Bonds	1,897.62		
Sinking fund " "	33,205.97		
Earnings fund " " Plant	12,196.40		
Total balances on hand of all funds.			\$ 93,468.02
Total disbursements, Transfers & balance on hand.			\$ 397,670.44

Note: On January 11th 1901, there was purchased for the sinking fund the following 5% Water Light-bonds of the City of Austin, Numbers 215, 261, 262, 263, 269 to 280 both inclusive, 342, 674, 674 and 675 amounting to \$20,000.00 for \$14,500, which was paid out of the \$33,205.97, balance to the sinking fund on January 1st 1901.

The City Marshal's report shows the arrests during the year to be 1085, of this number 891 were convicted, 103 acquitted, 79 dismissed, 12 judgement withheld. Amount of fines imposed in these cases in the Mayor's Court \$4863. These fines were disposed of as follows: Collected in cash \$3079.30, worked out on the streets \$1699.10, due to appeals and escapes \$88.00, Carried over \$86.00 Total \$4863.00.

There were 589 Animals impounded, on which was collected \$1150., disposed of as follows: \$665.40 was paid to the City and \$485.10 was paid to the keeper of the pound. There was also collected from the sale of old plunder \$6.00, Cash received from burial permits of Animals \$105.00, and back fines collected \$22.75. In this connection I desire to say that the Police force of the City of Austin has done good work during the year, when we take into

Considering the population of the City and its area, and then understand that the City has only eight Policemen for active, continuous duty, supplemented by a few specials on extraordinary occasions for the time being, it seems remarkable that they have secured such good results in maintaining order and suppressing crime.

Health Reports

This report shows the total amount of warrants drawn during the year against the various funds to be \$ 176,600.61, as follows:

Amount drawn against the General fund		\$ 110,645.76
divided as follows.		
Salaries of City Officers, Policemen & Sexton	\$ 24,820.40	
Fire Department	12,743.05	
Sanitary Dept	6,597.01	
Meals for prisoners	646.19	
City & County Hospital	5,423.73	
Charity	1,384.48	
Printing Stationery & Postage	1,364.71	
Streets and Bridges	4,913.37	
Water and Light	46,662.25	
Miscellaneous	6,090.57	\$ 110,645.76

Street & Bridge fund	17,169.13
Interest fund, Water Light - bonds	38,337.50
Sinking fund " " "	3,049.11
Bonds issued prior to May 1st 1890	7,399.11
Total amount of all warrants drawn	\$ 176,600.61

Total Number of Warrants drawn 2471. Also 355 building permits issued, amounting to \$183,330.75

Fire Department

The total number of fire alarms during the year were 56, of which 17 were false, 20 were extinguished without the aid of the departments, and 18 were controlled by the department. The value of the property involved was \$94,300- on which the actual loss was \$18,500, nearly all of which was covered by insurance. The members of the five companies are volunteers and are all volunteer firemen they are the best, and will fight to a finish any fire that occurs. The work of the Austin fire departments proves it to be the equal, if not the superior, of any in the State. They should be fostered and encouraged in every way that tends to advance their efficiency in work. The chief in his report calls the attention of the Council to the needs of the department.

City Physician's Report

This report shows that the City has been free from epidemics, and that the health of the City has been good, and as a health report there is no better location. Patients admitted to the Hospital during the year were 578, of this number 30 died.

The number of cases of diphtheria reported 14, Number of cases of scarlet fever 76, Number of cases of small pox 107
City Sanitary Report

This report shows the number of internments to be 210, of this number 12 were still born, 106 were whites, 27 Colored, 17 mixed, there were 120 males and 90 females
City Attorneys Report

This report is full and comprehensive, containing valuable information, and your early attention is particularly directed to this report

Respectfully submitted

Jno. W. McCall - Mayor

Reports of Standing Committees

Alderman Nolan for the streets Committee presented the following report

Austin Texas Jan'y 21st 1901.

Hon Jno. W. McCall Mayor and Board of Aldermen City of Austin Gentlemen: Your Committee on streets beg leave to make the following report

Report of
St. Com on
Gravel for
Avenue
1901

We have carefully investigated all the material offered for filling Congress Avenue and 6th streets, work to be done by the County teams and beg leave to report, that we recommend that the City use for filling said streets 6 inches of gravel to be taken from the land of Mrs Pease the fruit for at the rate of 10¢ per yard and that the balance of 3 inches to be put on said streets be taken from the pit of H. B. Walsh, or a similar gravel to be taken from some other place at a price not to exceed 10¢ per yard

We further recommend that the Mayor enter into contract at once with Mrs Pease or her agent for that part of the gravel to be taken from her land

Francis Fischer
H. B. Nolan

The report of the Committee was adopted by the following Vote
Yeas Aldermen Durham Mortimer Nolan Schneider 4
Nays Aldermen Glass Stumpf 2

Alderman Stumpf moved to suspend the regular order of business to allow him to present a petition which Motion prevailed

By Alderman Stumpf
Petition of
W. W. Graham

Petition of R. M. Castleman and W. W. Graham, a Committee from the School Board, asking the Council to submit to a vote of the people a proposition to levy an additional tax of 8¢ for the support of the Public free schools.

On Motion Mrs Castleman Graham & Cochran were invited to address the Council on the proposition, After remarks by these gentlemen the petition was laid over to come up with an ordinance ordering the election

By Alderman Stumpf for the Finance Committee to whom
 was referred the report of the Auditing Committee, resolution
 a report recommending that the report be received, filed
 and that the Assessor & Collector be credited with the amount
 as shown in exhibit "A" of the report and that he be charged
 with the amount as shown in exhibit "B" in the report
 On motion the report was adopted

New business

By Alderman Glass. Resolution Authorizing S. Ketter, a Peiseman
 to construct a spur on switch tracks from the siding
 of the H. & N. E. R. Co. across east 5th street to Warehouse
 On motion the resolution was adopted

By Alderman Stumpf An Ordinance appropriating the
 sum of \$500. to pay for extra street labor and teams.
 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 Glass Mortimer Nolan Schneider
 and Stumpf 6

Nays None.

The Ordinance was read the second time
 Alderman Mortimer moved to amend the ordinance
 by striking out in the caption and in section 1. of same
 the words "Five hundred" and inserting in lieu thereof
 the words "two hundred." The amendment was adopted
 and the ordinance as amended was passed by the
 following vote

Yeas Aldermen Dunham Glass Mortimer Nolan
 Schneider and Stumpf 6

Nays None

By Alderman Stumpf An Ordinance appropriating
 the sum of \$1500 - for street work and material, work to
 be done by the County Teams

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

Yeas Aldermen Dunham Glass Mortimer Nolan Schneider
 and Stumpf 6

Nays None.

By Alderman Stumpf An Ordinance
 appropriating the sum of \$100. for the purpose of paying
 the salaries of drivers of street teams for the month of
 January 1901. The ordinance was passed under
 suspension of the rules by the following vote

Yeas Aldermen Dunham Glass Mortimer Nolan
 Schneider and Stumpf 6

Nays None

By Alderman Dunham An Ordinance
 ordering an election to be held to obtain the consent of

\$1500. work to be done by County Teams

\$100. for the purpose of paying the salaries of drivers of street teams for the month of January 1901.

of the property tax paying voters of the city to the levy of an additional school tax of 8 2/3¢ on each one hundred dollars worth of property for the support of the public free schools of the city

The Ordinance was read the first time and on motion was referred to the Finance Committee and the City Attorney

By Alderman Stumpf An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$75.00 for the purpose of paying the salary of the Engineer on the Steam Rollen for the month of January 1901

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

Yeas Aldermen Dunham Glass Mortimer Nolan Schneider and Stumpf
Nays None

By Alderman Stumpf An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$2486.21 for the purpose of paying the salaries of officers and employes for the month of January 1901

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

Yeas Aldermen Dunham Glass Mortimer Nolan Schneider and Stumpf
Nays None

By Alderman Stumpf An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$320.50 for the purpose of paying the salaries of employes of the Sanitary Dept for the month of January 1901

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

Yeas Aldermen Dunham Glass Mortimer Nolan Schneider and Stumpf
Nays None

Alderman Mortimer offered the following resolution which was read and referred to the Streets Committee

Whereas: It is necessary to have two Superintendants on boxes, with the County Teams, now being worked by the City - One to be on the streets where the grading is being done and one at the gravel pit to superintend the loading of wagons and to check out same.

Therefore: Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin: That the Street Committee and the City Engineer be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to appoint a man for that position to act as such until the Hon County Commissioners Court shall elect a successor to Wm. A. Moore, deceased. The man so appointed shall receive the same salary as is now paid by the County for like services

Alderman Mortimer offered a resolution instructing that the County teams be sent to work on East 3rd street and continue there until that street between Congress Avenue and Robinson street be placed in satisfactory condition

On Motion the resolution was referred to the Street Committee

Roll of the City

To be read

This to copy

to be read

by the following Vote
Yeas Aldermen Dunham Nolan Schneider and Stumpf 4
Nays Aldermen Glass & Mortimer 2

Alderman Mortimer offered the following resolution which was read and adopted

Whereas: Small pox exists to a considerable extent in the City & County and Whereas, there is more or less danger of contact from unknown sources & whereas, a known menace exists by the City pest wagon & driver of same being allowed to come in and remain on one of our main business streets, viz Waller between 6th & 7th streets each night

Therefore: Be it resolved that the City Marshal be and is hereby instructed to have said wagon & driver removed at once from said locality and compelled to remain away from said locality

The Mayor laid before the Council the following communication, which was read, and on motion was referred to the Water & Light Commission, and the City Clerk was directed to acknowledge receipt of same and to return the thanks of the Council for the Courtesy of the Dept^t of the Department of the Interior

United States Geological Survey

Washington D.C. Jan 14th 1901.

Mr John O Johnson
City Clerk
Austin Texas.

Dear Sir:
Your letter of December 20th, enclosing resolution of the City Council, asking that measurements of Colorado River at Austin be made by the Hydrographic Division of this Survey. In making plans for the future the attempt will be made to carry out this work as requested.

Yours with respect
Chas. D. Talbot.

Director

On Motion the Council adjourned

Jno O Johnson
City Clerk

Council record
with report
presented by
City Clerk