

Regular meeting of the City Council
Austin Texas Feb 24th 1901

Hon Geo. D. McCall Mayor Presiding
Roll Called

Aldermen Dunham Fischer Glass Mortimer Nolen Schneider
and Struff

Absent None

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

Petitions, Memorials etc

Austin Sewerage Co for damages to pipes for pipe bursted by the steam Railer
By the Mayor Petition of the Austin Sewerage Co. asking
Read and on motion referred to the claims and accounts
Committee

A.C. Ellis for damages to Base Ball grounds
By Alderman Fischer Petition of A.C. Ellis asking the use
of steam Railer to roll the Base Ball Diamond On motion
the petition was granted

G.H. Prouse vs. B.D. Key
By Alderman Struff Petition of G.H. Prouse, appealing from
the action of the Board of Equalization - Read and on motion
referred to the Committee on claims and accounts

J.D. Jackson vs. remit fine
By the Mayor Petition of J.D. Jackson asking that a fine assessed
against him in the Mayor's Court be refunded. On motion the
petition was granted

J.B. Rennie vs. remit fine
By the Mayor Petition of J.B. Rennie asking that a fine assessed
against him in the Mayor's Court be remitted. On motion the
petition was granted

Citizens of South Austin to open street
By Alderman Nolen Petition of Citizens of South Austin
asking that a certain street in South Austin be opened
Read and on motion referred to the street Committee

Samuel Glass vs. remit fine
By Alderman Dunham. Petition of Samuel Glass asking that
a fine assessed against him in the Mayor's Court be refunded
On motion the petition was granted.

Geo. Fountain for damages to horse and wagon
By Alderman Glass. Petition of Geo. Fountain asking damages
caused by filling in a hole in the street
Read and motion the petition was granted

W.C. Miller to remit penalty
By Alderman Fischer - Petition of W.C. Miller asking that the
Council remit the penalty charged against him on taxes for
the year 1899. Read and on motion referred to the Committee
on Claims & accounts

J. Alline Brown
By Alderman Struff Petition of J. Alline Brown asking that
certain bond fees paid by him be refunded. On motion
the petition was granted

Reports of City Officers

The Mayor said before the Council the reports of the City
Officers for the month of January '01. On motion
the reports were referred to their appropriate committees
without reading, except the report of the Treasurer,
which was ordered read

of Street fund
 Bal Jan 2nd 1901 \$ 1,256.40
 Recd during the month 946.24
 Disbursements
 Paid Warrants during the Mo. \$ 2,195.13
 Balance Jan 31st. 3077.51
 \$ 5,202.64

of Earnings fund
 Bal Jan 2. 1901. \$ 12,196.40
 Recd during the month 5486.71
 Disbursements
 Paid Warrants during the Mo. \$ 5,486.79
 Balance Jan 31, 1901 12,196.32
 \$ 17,683.11

Referred to Finance Committee

By the Marshal
 Total amt of fines assessed in Mayor's Court \$ 420.00
 Paid in Cash \$ 268.00
 Worked out 129.50
 Carried over 22.50
 \$ 420.00

Collected on back fines 6.50
 Total number of arrests made 95
 Pound fees Collected 34.50
 Burial permits for dead animals 4.00
 Referred to Police Committee

By the City Physician
 No patients in Hospital Jan 1, 1901 31
 " " admitted in " " 31
 " " dismissed " " 24
 " Deaths " " 4
 " remaining " 31 " 34
 " Visits & Nurses " " 98
 " Prescriptions " " 475
 " Cases Small pox reported " " 78
 " " Scarlet fever " " 6

Referred to Hospital Committee
 By the Sexton
 Total No of deaths 31
 White 27
 Neg 2
 Col 2

Male 5
 Female 10
 Referred to Hospital Committee

Reports of Standing Committees
 Alderman Stump for the Finance Committee to whom was referred an ordinance ordering an election to obtain the consent of

two-thirds of the tax-paying voters of the City of Austin to an increase of the levy of taxes for the support of the public free schools of the City presented a report and submitting a substitute for the ordinance and recommending the adoption of the substitute.

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

Unfinished business

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance ordering an election to obtain the consent of two-thirds of the tax-paying voters of the City, to the levy and collection of an additional amount for the maintenance and support of the public free schools of the City together with the report on same by the Finance Committee and the substitute offered by said Committee. On Motion the report of the Committee was adopted. The substitute offered by the Committee was read and adopted.

On Motion of Alderman Durham the ordinance was amended by filling the blanks in section 1 - "the 1st of March" thus making the day of election on that date.

Alderman Nolan moved to amend by inserting in the blanks under head of 1st Ward the following "South Austin Fire Hall" and "A. N. Patents, E. B. Caffron and J. D. Udden Jr."

Alderman Schneider moved to amend by making "208 W East" the place for holding election and J. W. Maddox, W. K. Richardson Jr and S. S. Kingsbury Judges in the 2nd Ward.

Alderman Fischer moved to amend under head of 3rd Ward by making the place for holding the election, "at Mayor's office" and the Judges J. D. Shelley & M. Odell & Otto Bengstrom.

Alderman Stumpf moved to amend under head of 4th Ward making Dixons Store the place and Aug. Thilbachen & Marcuse and Ed Hurley the Judges of said Ward.

Alderman Durham moved to amend on as to make Bellmans Store the place and Theo. Rasmussen & Franklin and James Belgen the judges in the 5th Ward.

Alderman Mortimer moved to amend under head of 6th Ward making the County Court House the place for holding the election and Art Newton & P. Ford & W. Chambers judges in said Ward.

Alderman Glass moved to amend under head of 6th Ward on as to make E. D. Walters residence the place and Abe Frank & H. Kreisle and H. W. Williams judges in said Ward.

The several amendments were adopted and the ordinance as amended was passed under suspension of the rule on the following Vote

Yeas Aldermen Durham Glass Mortimer Nolan Stumpf 5
Nays Aldermen Fischer Schneider 2

New Business.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following Message which was read ordered published in the official Minutes and referred to the Finance Committee.

Mayors Office Austin Texas July 4, 1901
 To the Honorable City Council
 Gentlemen:

I herewith submit for such action as you may deem best for the City's interest the estimates of receipts and disbursements on account of the general revenues of the City for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1901. The taxable values of the City being \$8,831,837 and the tax levy being 70 cents on the \$100 valuation, will yield the amount of \$61,822.85, one fourth of which under the charter is available for the street and bridge fund; this amount being \$15,475.57, would leave a balance available for the general fund of \$46,367.84. In addition to this the assessor & collector estimates the receipts from other sources as follows: Taxes of prior years \$6000.; Occupation Taxes, \$9500.; Fines in the Mayor's Court, \$2500.; Account of interest and penalties \$2500.; Travis County on account of Hospital \$3000.; Pound fees \$500.; Registration of dogs \$500, and Miscellaneous \$2000, making a total available for the general fund \$71,067.84.

The estimated expenses for the year are as follows: Salary of Officers, Policemen and Sexton \$21,800; Fire Department \$11,000.; Sanitary Dept \$5500; Meals for prisoners \$500.⁰⁰; City and County Hospital \$5000; Charity \$1200; Printing Stationery and Postage \$1300; Miscellaneous \$4000; Water and lights \$20,000. Total expenditures \$73,300. It will be seen from the above estimates that the estimated expenditures exceed the estimated receipts by \$2232.16, but this amount can be met, if it is necessary, by the cash in the treasury at the beginning of the year. From these estimates it will be seen that the utmost care should be exercised in keeping our expenditures within our receipts.

For the payment of expenses there must be revenue, to accumulate revenue taxes must be levied, no taxes can be imposed that are not more or less disagreeable and onerous, yet no taxpayer will complain if the burden rests equally alike on all, and he knows that the money paid by him will be properly and judiciously expended as the public good may be thought to demand.

Respectfully
 J. W. McCall

Mayor

Alderman Mortimer offered the following resolution which was read and adopted

Austin Texas Oct 4th 1901

Whereas the condition of the street or alley running east and west between Congress Avenue and Colorado Streets North of the Capitol grounds in front of Swedish Methodist Church is in an impassable condition for vehicles to use

great inconvenience and annoyance to the members and friends of said house of worship, therefore be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin: That the City Engineer be and is hereby instructed to repair same during the present week.

By Alderman Fischer An ordinance authorizing the L. H. Del Rio Co to put in conduits etc. The ordinance was read and on motion of Alderman Stumpf was referred to the Street Committee and City Attorney.

Alderman Schneider offered the following resolution which was read and adopted

Be it resolved by the City Council that the L. H. Del Rio Co be granted the privilege to continue work on their conduits until the next regular meeting of the Council

The Mayor laid before the Council a proposition from W. S. Swain to sell bonds for the sinking fund.

Alderman Glass moved to refer the proposition to the Water Light Committee, Alderman Dunham moved as a substitute that it be referred to the Finance Committee. The substitute was adopted.

On motion of Alderman Fischer the Finance Committee were directed to advertise for the purchase of bonds for the sinking fund of the water Light bonds - to the amount of funds now in the sinking fund of said bonds.

The Mayor laid before the Council a communication from the Hon A. S. Burleson U.S. regarding the measurement of the water in the Colorado river, which was read and on motion was referred to the Water Light Commission and the City Clerk directed to acknowledge receipt of same and to return the thanks of the Council to Mr Burleson for his prompt attention to the matter.

By Alderman Stumpf An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1213.35 to pay 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 Dunham, Fischer, Glass, Mortimer, Nolan, Schneider, Stumpf

Nays None.

The ordinance was read the second time

Alderman Schneider moved to amend the ordinance by adding under the head of fire dept "Hays & Co of Wm Maufries for repairing fire bucket \$2.00. The amendment was adopted.

Alderman Glass moved to amend the ordinance by adding under the head of Miscellaneous the following: To J. J. Jackson and Sam A Glass & refund them for fines assessed in Mayor's Court \$15.00 and to refund to

Vertical text on the left margin, possibly a list of names or topics: Alderman, Mayor, Council, Finance, Water, City Clerk, etc.

Alline Brown for pound fees paid for amendments were adopted and the ordinance as amended was passed under a suspension of the rules by the following vote
 Yeas Aldermen Dunham Fisher Glass Mortimer Nolan Schneider & Stumpf 7
 Nays None.

By Alderman Stumpf An Ordinance prohibiting the running at large of goats within the Corporate limits of the City of Austin. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote
 Yeas Aldermen Dunham Fisher Glass Mortimer Nolan Schneider & Stumpf 7
 Nays None

By Alderman Stumpf An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$500. for the purpose of erecting two bridges in the fourth ward of the City of Austin. The Ordinance was read the first time. Alderman Schneider moved to refer the ordinance to the streets committee, which motion was lost. Alderman Stumpf moved to suspend the rule and place the ordinance on its second reading, which motion prevailed by the following vote
 Yeas Aldermen Dunham Fisher Glass Mortimer Nolan Schneider & Stumpf 7
 Nays None.

The Ordinance was read the second time. Alderman Schneider moved to Amend by adding "\$200. for a bridge over gutter on West 2nd and Congress Avenue" The amendment was adopted. Alderman Fisher moved to amend by adding "\$200. for bridge at East 10th St & Congress Avenue. The amendment was adopted.

Alderman Glass moved to amend by adding "\$200. for pipe on the Arago streets. The amendment was adopted and the ordinance passed under a suspension of the rule by the following vote
 Yeas Aldermen Dunham Fisher Glass Mortimer Nolan Schneider & Stumpf 7
 Nays None.

By Alderman Stumpf An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$367.45. to pay approved accounts street dept. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following
 Yeas Aldermen Dunham Fisher Glass Mortimer Nolan Schneider & Stumpf 7
 Nays None

By Alderman Stumpf An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$85.80 to pay the salaries of Special Policemen

Opp. part
 10000.00

10000.00

For the month of January 1901.

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

Yeas	Aldermen	Burham	Glass	Mortimer	Nolan	Stumpf	5
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Nays	Aldermen	Fisher	Schneider				2
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In motion the Council adjourned

J. O. Johnson
City Clerk