

Regular meeting of the city council
Austin Texas March 4th 1901
Hon. Geo. H. McCall Mayor presiding.
Roll called

Present Aldermen Dunham Biscoe Glass Mortimer
Nolan Schneider ^{my} Strumpf 7
Absent none

On motion of Alderman Dunham, the
Mayor was excused from further attendance at this session
of the Council

Alderman Glass, President of the Council in the chair
On motion the minutes were approved as recorded by the
Clerk without reading

Petitions memorials etc

By Alderman Glass - Petition of R. M. Eastman asking that water
add light tax paid by him for 1899 be refunded - Read and on motion
referred to the Committee on claims and accounts

By Alderman Dunham Petition of E. M. Prass asking to have a
certain street changed - Read and referred to the Street Committee
and City Engineer

By Alderman Glass - Petition of citizens asking that a stone culvert
be built across Shoal Creek at the intersection of State Street
Read and referred to the Street Committee

The Chair laid before the Council a petition from the Austin Sewerage
Co asking that they be relieved from paying penalty and interest on
bills for 1898. Read and referred to the Finance Committee

The Chair laid before the Council a petition from P. L. Hopkins asking to be
appointed Bridge Keeper to fill the vacancy caused by the death of
W. J. Malone. Read and laid over to come up under the head of
New business

By Alderman Nolan Petition of Citizens of South Austin asking that
Fred Malone be appointed Bridge Keeper to fill the place made
vacant by the death of his father, W. J. Malone. Read and laid over
to come up under the head of new business

By Alderman Dunham Petition of the Lady Managers of the Eye, Ear
and Throat Hospital asking that curbing be put in on streets around
the Hospital Building - Read and laid over to come up with an
ordinance on the subject

Reports of City Officers

The Chair laid before the Council the reports of City Officers for the
month of Feb. 1901 which were on motion referred to their appropriate
Committees without reading, except the report of the Treasurer,
which was read.

The following is a synopsis of the reports
By the Auditor & Collector
No objections as follows.
over

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| From General Revenue Tax | \$ 3 270.26 |
| " License | 442.05 |
| " Fines in Mayor's Court | 274.50 |
| " Pound fees & Sales | 34.50 |
| " Drains Co (at Hospital) | 1500.00 |
| " Penalty, Interest & Costs (at Sales) | 176.30 |
| " City Clerk office fees. | 23.50 |
| " Burial for <u>un</u> dead animals | 4.00 |
| " Water works Tax | 369.76 |
| " Int Sinking fund red bonds | 306.01 |
| " School taxes | 1 486.99 |
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| | \$ 7 887.87 |

Total Collections
 Referred to Finance Committee
 By the City Clerk

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| Total amount of warrants issued against the General fund during the month | \$ 2 713.25 |
| Total amount of warrants issued against the Street and Bridge fund during the month | 3 028.88 |

Referred to the Finance Committee
 By the City Treasurer
 of General fund.

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| On hand Feb 1 st 1901 | \$ 11 595.90 |
| Used during the month | 3 270.26 |
| at Appraisal | 442.05 |
| " License | 274.50 |
| " Fines in Mayor's Court | 1 738.30 |
| " Miscellaneous | |
| Disbursements | |

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| Paid warrants during the mo. | \$ 3 609.85 |
| Transferred to Street fund | 665.57 |
| Balance | <hr/> 13 045.65 |

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| at Interest on red bonds | \$ 1 732.01 |
| Balance Feb 1 st 1901. In Cash | \$ 3 834.21 |
| " bonds. | 9000.00 |

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| Used during the month | |
| Balance Feb 28 th In cash | \$ 4 140.32 |
| " bonds | <hr/> 9 000.00 |

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| at interest fund W & L bonds | \$ 13 140.32 |
| Balance Feb 1 st 1901. In Cash | \$ 19 274.62 |
| Used during the month | 264.12 |
| Balance Feb 28 th 1901 | <hr/> \$ 19 536.74 |

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| at Sinking fund W & L bonds. Bal Feb 1 st 1901 | 8 835.95 |
| " bonds | 10 000.00 |

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| Used during the month | 108.64 |
| Bal Feb 28 th 1901. In Cash | \$ 8 931.51 |
| " bonds | <hr/> 10 000.00 |
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of Street Funds
 Balance Feby 1st 1901 \$ 3,077.57
 Recd during the month 665.51
 Paid warrants during the mo \$ 2,696.15
 Balance Feby 28th 1,046.87
 \$ 3,743.02 \$ 3,743.02

of Earnings Fund
 Balance Feby 1st 1901 \$ 12,196.32
 Recd during the month 4933.70
 Paid warrants during the mo. \$ 10,055.22
 Balance Feby 28th 1901. 7,074.80
 \$ 17,130.02 \$ 17,130.02

Referred to Finance Committee
 By the Marshal
 Total fines assessed in Mayor's Court \$ 495.00
 Paid in cash \$ 232.00
 worked out 208.00
 Carried over 55.00
 Back fines collected 2.50
 Pound fees collected 43.50

Referred to Police Committee
 By the City Physician
 Number patients in Hospital Feby 1st 1901 37
 " " admitted in " " 25
 " " dismissed " " 20
 " " died " " 5
 " " remaining " 28th " 37
 " Visits to paupers " " 125
 " Prescriptions " " 428
 " Cases small pox reported " " 56
 " " scarlet fever " " 2

Referred to Hospital Committee
 By the Doctor
 Number of deaths during Feby 1901 16
 White 15
 Neg 2
 Male 9
 Female 8
 Still Born 1

Referred to Cemetery Committee
 Reports of Standing Committees
 Alderman Fischer for the Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of the West Union Tel Co asking permission to extend its lines on Congress Avenue from 9th to 11th streets, presented a report recommending that the petition be granted, under certain conditions. On motion the report was adopted. Alderman Fischer moved to reconsider the vote just taken to adopt the committee report on the petition of the W.U. Telegraph Co

which motion prevailed

Alderman Fischer withdrew and amended the report after which it was adopted

5th Ward
North Austin
Council

Alderman Fischer for the street Committee to whom was referred an ordinance to authorize the Street & Tel Co to construct under ground conduits for laying and conducting its wires and cables along the streets and alleys of the City etc. presented a report submitting a substitute for said 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.

Municipal
Rep. Comm.

Alderman Fischer for the street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Citizens of South Austin, asking that each Monroe Street be opened - presented a report recommending that the petition be granted, the work to be done by the City teams and that the sum of \$50. be appropriated to pay for extra shovellers. The report of the Committee was adopted.

Greenwood
Council on
Chairs

Alderman Fischer for the street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Citizens to open Gregory Street, presented a report recommending that the City Engineer be instructed to investigate and ascertain the probable cost of the work and report to the Council. The report was adopted.

Justice
Council on
Coun. Tel

Alderman Fischer for the street Committee to whom was referred the petition of the Austin Sewerage Co asking for damages to pipes caused by the Steam Boiler, presented a report recommending that the petition be granted and that the sum of \$1200 be appropriated to pay said damages. The report of the Committee was adopted.

West
Council
reminded
Hilliard & Swain
see 3rd
Committee

By Alderman Worlimer Petition of J. S. Jackson, agent for the Baker, asking that certain board fees be remitted. The petition was granted.

Alderman Trumpf for the Finance Committee to whom was referred the propositions of H. P. Hilliard and W. S. Swain to sell bonds for the sinking fund of the water and light bonds of the city, presented a report recommending the acceptance of the proposition of Mr H. P. Hilliard and that the proposition of Mr W. S. Swain be rejected. The report was read and on motion laid over to come up with an ordinance appropriating the money to purchase the bonds.

Purchase Bell
+ erect Bell tower
North Austin
Council

Alderman Schneider for the Claims and Accounts (Fire) Committee to whom was referred an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$300. to purchase a Bell and to erect a Bell Tower for the North Austin Fire Company presented a report recommending the passage of the ordinance. The report was adopted.

Alderman Schneider for the Claims & Accounts Committee to whom was referred an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$100. for putting on roller bearings on Protection Store wayon, presented a report recommending the passage of the ordinance. The report was adopted.

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Alderman Stumpf, called attention to the fact that at a former meeting of the Council, a Committee of three, had been appointed to count and destroy certain bonds, which had heretofore been purchased for the sinking fund, and stated that the Committee were now ready to proceed with the duty assigned them. The clerk was directed to turn over to the Committee the bonds referred to.

On motion the Council took a recess awaiting the report of the Committee

Council called to order by the President

By Alderman Dunham An Ordinance authorizing and confirming the Sale by the School Board of 80 acres of land out of the S. & S. & S. Survey in Llano County

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

Yeas Aldermen Dunham Fischer Glass Mortimer Nolan Schneider and Stumpf

Nays None.

Unfinished business

San Antonio
granted money
to put...

The Chair laid before the Council the report of the Street Committee on the Ordinance granting the Hotel Del Co. permission to lay underground conduits etc. together with the substitute offered by the Committee

The substitute was read and on motion was adopted in lieu of the original Ordinance. The Ordinance was then passed under suspension of the rules by the following Vote

Yeas Aldermen Dunham Fischer Glass Mortimer Nolan Schneider and Stumpf

Nays None.

The Chair laid before the Council An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$100. to place Roller bearings on the Wagon of Protection Hose Co No 3.

Protection Hose
Roller bearings

The Ordinance was passed under suspension of the rule by the following Vote

Yeas Aldermen Dunham Fischer Glass Mortimer Nolan Schneider and Stumpf

Nays None.

\$300
Bell
North Austin

The Chair laid before the Council An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$300. to purchase a Bell and erect a Bell Tower for North Austin Hose Co No 6. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rule by the following Vote

Yeas Aldermen Dunham Fischer Glass Mortimer Nolan Schneider and Stumpf

Nays None

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Alderman Stumpf for the Select Committee appointed to examine a destroyed certain bonds heretofore purchased for the sinking fund of the Water Light bonds of the City, presented the following report which was read and adopted 'The Hon the Mayor and His Council of the City of Austin Gentlemen.'

Your undersigned special committee appointed for the purpose of destroying bonds heretofore purchased for the sinking fund of the Water Light bonds of the City, beg leave to report that they have on this date destroyed said bonds, same being particularly described as follows. Viz

- No 215, 261, 262, 263, 264, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279,
- 280, 282, 274 674 & 675 of the Water Light bonds of the City of Austin

Joseph Stumpf
 J. O. Schneider
 H. E. Nolan

New Business

\$3000 To purchase bonds for sinking fund

By Alderman Stumpf An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$3600. To purchase bonds for the sinking fund of the Water Light bonds of the City

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

Yeas Aldermen Dunham Fischer Mortimer Nolan
 Schneider and Stumpf 6

Nays Alderman Glass 1

\$200 To work 2nd Ward

By Alderman Schneider an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$200. for street work in the second ward

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

Yeas Aldermen Dunham Fischer Glass Mortimer Nolan
 Schneider Stumpf 7

Nays None

\$50 To shovelers for street work

By Alderman Nolan An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$50. to pay for shovelers for street work. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote

Yeas Aldermen Dunham Fischer Glass Mortimer Nolan
 Schneider Stumpf 7

Nays None

\$50. To put in curb

By Alderman Dunham An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$50. to put in curbing near the Eye, Ear & Throat Charity Hospital. The Ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote

Yeas Aldermen Dunham Fischer Glass Mortimer Nolan
 Schneider Stumpf 7

Nays None

\$50. To put in drain pipe

By Alderman Stumpf An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$50. to put in drain pipe on Speedway

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

Yeas Aldermen Dunham Fischer Glass Mortimer Nolan
 Schneider Stumpf 7

Nays None

By Alderman Fischer An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$300. to grade White Avenue from 7th to Laurel streets

The Ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following Vote
Yeas Aldermen Dunham Fischer Glass Mortimer Nolan
Schneider and Stumpf 7
Nays None

By Alderman Stumpf An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$41- to pay the salaries of sanitary employees for the months of Feb'y & March 1901. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following Vote
Yeas Aldermen Dunham Fischer Glass Mortimer Nolan Schneider and Stumpf 7
Nays None

By Alderman Stumpf An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$ 1544.50 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 Aldermen Dunham Fischer Glass Mortimer Nolan Schneider and Stumpf 7
Nays None

The Ordinance was read the second time
Alderman Mortimer moved to amend the ordinance by adding to refund pound fees to Mrs Baker. \$ 2.00. The amendment was adopted and the ordinance as amended was passed under a suspension of the rule by the following Vote
Yeas Aldermen Dunham Fischer Glass Mortimer Nolan Schneider and Stumpf 7
Nays None

By Alderman Fischer An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$ 150. to pay the salary of the Engineer on the Steam Bollen for the months of Feb'y & March 1901. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following Vote
Yeas Aldermen Dunham Fischer Glass Mortimer Nolan Schneider and Stumpf 7
Nays None

By Alderman Stumpf An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$ 246. to pay the salaries of drivers of street teams for the months of Feb'y and March 1901. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following Vote.
Yeas Aldermen Dunham Fischer Glass Mortimer Nolan Schneider and Stumpf 7
Nays None

By Alderman Fischer an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$ 178.59. 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 Dunham Fischer Glass Mortimer Nolan Schneider and Stumpf 7
Nays None

The Ordinance was read the second time

motion

amended

See drivers of Teams

affairs

Alderman Fischer moved to amend the ordinance by striking out in Section 1 the words "Street and Bridges" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "General" which motion prevailed, and the ordinance as amended was then passed under suspension of the rule by the following vote
 Yeas Alderman Dunham Fischer Glass Mortimer Nolen Schneider and Stumpf 7
 Nays None

By Alderman Stumpf An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$4972.42 to pay the salaries of officers and employes for the month of Feb'y & March 1901. 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

of the Councilman

By Alderman Stumpf An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$134.33 to pay the salaries of special policemen for the month of Feb'y 1901. 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 Fischer offered the following resolution which was read and referred to the Street Committee
 Austin Texas March 4th 1901

Amendment to City Charter

Whereas there is an amendment proposed to the City Charter of Austin, now under consideration by the Legislature, which amendment seeks to eliminate from the boundaries of Austin, Texas that portion of land lying in the western and northwestern portion thereof and is accompanied by a petition of the free holders residing in said territory, West of the Spear League line and north of the outlots 12 to 15 div 3 or extension of 15th Street West of Spear Lea

And whereas it is the universal opinion that said territory should never have been included in the City limits and that for the past ten years no improvements were made of any kind by the City, and not a dollar of the money raised by the issuance of the bonds sold in 1891 and later, was expended for water, light or internal improvements

And whereas by including this territory in the City limits, a great injustice was done the owners of the property, who have been burdened with the City taxation for over ten years, without receiving the least benefit - And whereas the Representatives of Travis County refused to suggest to Committee of Cities and Town the rights

these people claim, which should have been done, in order that said Committee could have passed upon the proposed amendment.

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas, in regular session assembled believe that the property in question is entitled to relief as prayed for, and therefore recommend to the favorable consideration of the members of the House and Senate of the 27th Legislature of Texas the petition and amendment offered by the citizens of the Western and North Western Territory of Austin, (which said Territory is composed of small farms and pastures and suggest, that it is the opinion of the City Council that the petition should be granted

Alderman Mortimer offered a resolution, instructing the City Engineer to advertise for bids for repairing East Austin fire Hall and changing stairway - The resolution was adopted

By Alderman Mortimer An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$100. to put in drain pipe at the crossing of Walton and Prushy streets The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote
Yeas Aldermen Dunham Fischer Glass Mortimer Nolan Schneider and Struff
Nays None.

By Alderman Nolan An Ordinance ordering an Election for City Officers to be held on the first Monday in April 1901 The Ordinance was read the first time and on motion was laid on the table subject to call

Alderman Nolan offered the following resolution which was read and adopted
Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin: That the employment of Fred Malone as Bridge Keeper of the City date from the day of his Father's death and that his salary begin and run from said date.

On Motion the Council adjourned
Geo. O. Johnson
City Clerk

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