

Regular Meeting of the City Council  
Austin Texas March 18<sup>th</sup> 1901

Hon Geo. D. McCall, Mayor presiding  
Roll called

Present Aldermen Dunham Fischer Glass Mortimer Nolan  
and Strumpf 6

Absent Alderman Schneider 1

On motion of Alderman Dunham the minutes  
were approved as recorded by the clerk without reading  
Petitions Memorials etc

By the Mayor Petition of Otto Schmidt asking that a fine  
assessed against him in the Mayor's Court be remitted

On motion the petition was granted

By the Mayor, Petition of E. E. Gilbert asking to have certain  
Porch fees paid by him refunded. On motion the petition  
was granted

Alderman Fischer offered the following resolution which  
was read and adopted

Whereas there is an amendment proposed to the City  
Charter of Austin now under consideration by the Legislature  
of Texas, which amendment seeks to eliminate from the  
boundaries of Austin Texas that portion of land lying in the  
Western and North Western portion thereof; and is accompanied  
by a petition of the freeholders residing in said territory

And whereas it is the universal opinion that said territory  
should never have been included in the City limits; and 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 water  
and light bond issuance was expended in any manner on  
any internal improvements made,

And whereas by including this territory in the City limits a  
great injustice was done the owners of said property, who  
have been burdened with the City taxation for over ten years,  
without receiving the least benefits - and that this property  
was included for no other purpose than taxation;

Be it resolved - that the City Council of Austin, Texas in  
regular session assembled, believe that the property in  
question is entitled to the relief as prayed for, and should  
be eliminated from the boundaries of Austin, - and  
therefore recommend our Representatives to offer the proposed  
amendment to the City Charter of Austin, Texas, and that they  
insert the same and make the proposed amendment as to  
boundaries a part of the Austin Charter. It is further  
recommended that the petition and amendment as to  
boundaries be favorably considered by the House and Senate of the  
27<sup>th</sup> Legislature - and the territory situated in the Western and  
North Western parts of Austin, Texas which is composed of  
small farms and pastures be excluded

attested  
City Clerk  
George D. McCall  
Mayor

Witness my hand  
this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1901

The Mayor laid before the Council a report from the City Engineer as to the cost of opening Gregory street. which was read and on motion the same was ordered filed, and the City Engineer directed to ascertain what amount of money would be subscribed by citizens who were interested in said street, towards opening same.

Alderman Fischer offered a resolution instructing the City Engineer to use the unexpended balance of an appropriation made to build two bridges in the 4th Ward, in grading the approaches to said bridges. The resolution was adopted.

The Mayor laid before the Council a communication from the City Engineer, stating that the bridge across Wallen Creek on East 7th street had been completed, and submitting an estimate of the probable cost of grading the approaches to the same. On motion the report was received and ordered filed.

Alderman Fischer offered a resolution instructing the City Engineer to use the unexpended balance of an appropriation made to build wagon bridges at 2nd & 10th streets and Congress Avenue, to grade the approaches to said bridges. The resolution was adopted.

Alderman Schneider entered the Council Chamber.

On motion of Alderman Whortimer the regular order of business was suspended, and he allowed to present the petition of Mrs W Oglesby asking to have certain former fees remitted. The petition was read and on motion same was granted.

Alderman Schneider presented a petition from E. M. & Amelia Brass, asking that certain water light tax paid by them for the 1899 be refunded. On motion the petition was referred to the Committee on Claims & accounts.

By Alderman Trumpf - Petition of W. A. Pitts asking to have a street sign placed on Pitts Avenue and that his house number be restored to him. On motion the City Engineer was directed to give him the proper number for his house, and Alderman Trumpf was appointed a Committee of one to see that the same was properly done.

By Alderman Whortimer - Petition of Ed Griffin asking permission to add to bridge across the gutter at corner of W 6th street and the Avenue and that he be permitted to use same as a candy stand. On motion the petition was referred to the street Committee and City Engineer.

Alderman Fischer moved to take from the Table and Consider an Ordinance ordering an election for the various City Officers to be held the 1st Monday in April 1901, which motion prevailed. The ordinance was read the second time and on motion the various blanks as to places of holding the election and the Judges, in the different wards were filled.

Alderman Trumpf moved to further amend by striking out in the caption and in the body of the ordinance the words "and a City Recorder" which amendment was adopted.

On motion the rule was suspended and the ordinance placed on its third reading by the following vote

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Yeas Aldermen Dunham Fisher Glass Mortimer Nolan  
Schneider and Stumpf 7  
Nays None.

The ordinance was then passed.  
Alderman Glass offered the following resolution which was  
read and adopted

Whereas many tax payers of this City will be unable to pay  
their City taxes by the 1st day of April 1901. therefore  
Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin that the  
time for payment of City taxes shall be extended from April 1st to  
July 1st 1901. and that no penalty shall accrue for a failure to pay  
said taxes until after said last named date

Alderman Fisher offered the following resolution which was  
read and adopted

Whereas: There being no longer any doubt of President McKinley  
and Cabinet visiting the Pacific Slope and in doing so, passing  
through Texas  
And whereas: Austin the Capital City of this Great Lone Star State  
is the proper place at which the President and Party should  
receive a Welcome, therefore:

Be it resolved: That his Honor the Mayor is hereby requested to  
telegraph an urgent and cordial invitation to the President and  
Party to visit our beautiful City during his tour.

By Alderman Dunham An Ordinance appropriating the sum  
of \$188.75 for the purpose of grading alley between 13th & 14th streets  
and between Pruzos and San Jacinto streets

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

Yeas Aldermen Dunham Glass Mortimer Nolan Schneider  
and Stumpf 6  
Nays Alderman Fisher 1

By Alderman Mortimer an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$75.00  
for the purpose of building gates for the City Cemetery

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

Yeas Aldermen Dunham Fisher Glass Mortimer Nolan  
Schneider and Stumpf 7  
Nays None.

By Alderman Mortimer An ordinance appropriating the sum  
of \$1000. for the purpose of grading approaches to bridge across  
Walker Creek on E. T. street

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 Fisher Glass Mortimer Nolan  
Schneider and Stumpf 7  
Nays None

The ordinance was read the second time  
Alderman Mortimer moved to insert in section 1. the words "Street Bridge"

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Alderman Nolan moved a substitute to insert the word "General" the substitute was adopted and the ordinance as amended, was then passed 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 \$50.00 to purchase bonds for the sinking fund of the water light bonds of the City of Austin  
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

approp. for  
on bonds

By Alderman Stumpf an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$2175.00 for the purpose of paying interest due April 1st 1901 on the Funding bonds of the City. 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.

approp. for teams  
etc

By Alderman Fischer an Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1600.00 for the purpose of paying for labor, supplies and material for street work by the County Teams  
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

approp. for laying  
iron pipe  
speedway

By Alderman Fischer an Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$17.80 to pay for laying drain Pipe on the speedway -  
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.

excused

In motion of Alderman Nolan the City Attorney was excused from further attendance at this session of the Council

approp. for street work

By Alderman Fischer an Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$200.00 for the purpose of paying for extra labor & team for street work  
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 Nolan an Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$05. for the purpose of re-imbursement for City

for a wall and 125 yards of grading, washed away on the 7<sup>th</sup> of April 1900. The Ordinance was read the first time and on motion was referred to the Street Committee

By Alderman Schneider An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$500 for the purpose of repairing Hall St East Austin Hoke Company

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

Yeas Aldermen Dunham Fisher, Glass Mortimer Koser Schneider and Stumpf

Nays none

Alderman Schneider moved to suspend the regular order of business and he be permitted to make reports from the Claims & Accounts Committee, which motion prevailed

Alderman Schneider for the Claims & Accounts Committee to whom was referred the petition of Mrs S. E. Latta Geo. E. Silworth protesting against the action of the Board of Equalization in assessing certain credits etc. and asking that said assessment be set aside, presented a report, recommending that the petition be granted. The report of the Committee was adopted

Alderman Schneider for the Claims & Accounts Committee to whom was referred the protest and petition of the I & N R R regarding assessment of property by the Board of Equalization presented a report recommending certain changes in the assessment. On motion the report of the Committee was adopted.

Alderman Mortimer offered the following resolution  
Whereas claim is made that the County teams in procuring material for Brushy Street in East Austin between East Avenue & East Marcos Sts, damaged the property adjacent thereto, therefore,

Be it resolved - that the City Engineer be and he is hereby instructed to investigate the matter and report back to the City Council at its next regular meeting, the result of his investigation

On motion the resolution was referred to the Street Committee & City Engineer

On motion the Council adjourned

Jno. O. Johnson  
City Clerk

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