

Regular meeting of the City Council
Austin Texas, April 20th 1903
Hon W. S. Shelley President of the Council presiding
Roll called

Present Aldermen Crook, Haynes, Hume, Mackin,
Maddox, Miller, Moore, Read, Schneider, Shelley, Shumate
Absent Aldermen Nitschke, Smith & Whit 3

On motion the minutes were approved.

Petitions

South Austin
water main

Peace Park
use of Peace Park

Reports of City Officers
Reports of Marshal for
March 1903

Reports City Com
Finance on bids
for water supply

Contract awarded
to Hume

Finance on exchange
of bonds

Petitions - memorials etc

The Chair laid before the Council a petition from Citizens
of South Austin, addressed to the Water Light Commission,
and by them referred to the Council, asking the extension
of water main and establishing additional fire hydrants
Read and referred to the Water Light Committee
By Alderman Shumate, petition of Colored Citizens
asking the use of Peace Park, for their 19th of June celebration
Referred to the Park Committee.

Reports of City Officers

The Chair laid before the Council the report of the City
Marshal for the month of March 1903, which was on
motion referred to the Police Committee without reading
Aldermen Nitschke, Smith & Whit entered the
Council Chamber.

Reports of Standing Committees

Alderman Maddox for the Finance Committee to whom
was referred the bids of H. A. True and H. B. Northam
for custody of the City funds presented a report
recommending the acceptance of the bid of H. A. True
his being the highest and best bid
The report of the Committee was adopted.
Alderman Maddox for the Finance Committee
presented the following report

Austin Texas April 20th 1903

Hon R. E. White Mayor
Board of Aldermen
City of Austin

Gentlemen:

We your Finance Committee beg leave to
report the exchange of \$40,500. bonds of the City of Austin Tex
as follows, To wit: Five per cent water and light bonds
Numbers 382 & 383, dated August 1st 1890, each for
\$1000⁰⁰ and issued in lieu thereof Refunding bonds
Numbers 1543 & 1544 dated July 1st 1901, and each for
\$1000⁰⁰ The said interest on bonds # 282 & 283 at
rate of 5% up to July 1st 1901 on \$175⁰⁰ at old rate
\$125⁰⁰ in which we paid out of "Bonded Indebtedness"
account and \$50⁰⁰ on which we paid out of "Red
Coupon account" and on Refunding bonds Numbers
1543 & 1544 at rate of 3% up to January 1st 1902 or \$11⁰⁰
at new rate

Second, Six per cent funding bonds #17,180-19, each for \$500.00 dated July 1st 1887 and six per cent bonds #1 to 80 each inclusive, each for \$500.00 and dated July 1st 1886, making a total of \$41,500.00 six per cent bonds refunded under your ordinance dated March 21st 1903. No interest had been paid on these bonds since January 1st 1898. The paid interest at rate of 3% up to July 1st 1901, out of the account "bonds issued prior to May 1st 1890" \$53.50 on each bond, or a total of \$4357.50. The issued and delivered in lieu of the above 83 bonds. Refunding bonds numbers 1789 to 1871, inclusive, each for \$500.00 dated July 1st 1901, upon which we paid interest out of "Bonded Indebtedness account" up to January 1st 1903, being a total of \$225.00 on each bond, or a total of \$1867.50, on a grand total of \$6490.00.

We beg to hand you said bonds as follows, to wit:
Five % Water and Light bonds Nos 382 & 383, with Coupons Nos 38 to 160, each inclusive attached

Six % funding bonds Nos 17, 18 & 19 with Coupons Nos 34 to 40 each inclusive attached

Six % bonds Nos 1 to 80 each inclusive with Coupons Nos 28 to 40 each inclusive, which Coupons and bonds we have caused to be cancelled by perverting same

On the refunding bonds issued and delivered in lieu of the above bonds, viz: Nos 1543 & 1544, and Nos 1789 to 1871 each inclusive we hand you Coupons Nos 1, 2 & 3, which are paid and cancelled in same way

All of which is respectfully submitted

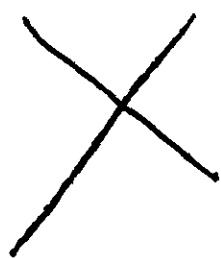
G. W. Maddox

H. L. Haynes

J. P. Schneider

Finance Committee

Com. app. to destroy
bonds & coupons



On motion a Committee of three consisting of Alderman Sherman, William McNamee were appointed to verify said report and to destroy said bonds & coupons. Alderman Maddox moved that a Committee of five be appointed to fix the number of, and salaries of, Policemen for the ensuing two years, which motion prevailed, and the Chair appointed Alderman Maddox, Brocken Haynes, Mackin & Schneider as such Committee. The special Committee appointed to verify the report of the Finance Committee, presented the following report which was read and adopted.

Austin, Texas, April 20th 1903

Wm. W. Kelley act. Mayor and Board of Aldermen
City of Austin

Your special Committee to whom was referred the report of the Finance Committee as to expending of funds etc. by leave to report that we have examined

Report of special
Committee to destroy
bonds.

same carefully, and found same correct, except as
to the 60% bonds issue of 1884, No of Coupons should be 28
to 40. instead of 21 to 40. Said bonds have been destroyed in the
presence of the Council

Respectfully Submitted
J M Shumate
W O Miller
Geo. J. Kene.

Finance report of
City Officers

The special Committee to Count Coupons and verify the report
of the Finance Committee thereon, asked for further time in
which to make its report. On Motion the request was granted
Alderman Madden for the Finance Committee whom
was referred the reports of the Assessor & Collector, the Clerk
and the Treasurer for the month of Feb, 1903, presented
a report stating that same had been examined and
found correct. On motion the report was adopted

Report Park Com
Improvements Pease
Park

Alderman Shumate for the Park Committee, presented
a verbal report as to improvements made in Pease Park,
stating that the amount \$250. appropriated for the
improvements on said Park has been expended and
the work done having been approved by the Park Committee
and City Engineer.

Hospital & on Physicians
report

Alderman Reed for the Hospital Committee to
whom was referred the report of the City Physician
for the month of March 1903, presented a report
stating that same had been examined and
found correct. The Committee's report was adopted

Alderman Nitschke for the Street Committee
presented the following report.

Austin, Texas, April 2nd 1903

To the Hon. H. D. Shelley, Acting Mayor and Board of Aldermen
of the City of Austin.

Gentlemen:

Street Com on
contract for
storm sewer

Your Committee on streets to whom was
referred the matter of drawing a contract for the
constructing of a storm sewer on Congress Avenue
beg leave to report and state that said contract
has been drawn and signed by the Mayor and
City Engineer. The further beg to report that the City
Engineer recommends that the shape of the sewer
to be constructed be changed from a tubular
shape to a horse shoe shape and as the contractor
has expressed the willingness to observe the wishes
of the Council in the matter of the shape of the
proposed sewer we recommend the adoption by
the Council of the views of the City Engineer

J. B. Nitschke
Committee on Streets

On motion the report of the Committee was laid over to come up with a resolution on the subject, under the head of new business.

Alderman Maddox, for the special Committee appointed to fix the number of, and the salaries to be paid to Policemen, presented the following report:

Austin, Texas, April 20, 1903

To the Hon W. D. Shelley, acting Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Austin.

Spec Com on No
+ Salaries Policemen

Gentlemen:

Your special Committee to suggest the number of Policemen and their salaries etc, beg leave to report as follows:

First that the Police force shall consist of:

1st One Sergeant at a salary of	\$90.00 per month
2nd Five Mounted men at a salary of	75.00 " "
3rd Eight Footmen " " "	60.00 " "

We further recommend that said officers when elected shall serve for two years, unless removed for cause

Respectfully submitted

A. M. Maddox

L. W. Crocker

H. L. Haynes

Joe Mackin

J. P. Schneider

On motion the report of the Committee was adopted.

Alderman Maddox moved that the Council now proceed to the election of a City Treasurer, which motion prevailed.

H. A. Throe elected
City Treasurer

Alderman Maddox nominated H. A. Throe, Alderman Crocker moved that nominations close, and that the clerk be directed to cast the entire vote of the Council for H. A. Throe for City Treasurer, which motion prevailed.

The clerk cast 14 votes for H. A. Throe for City Treasurer and the Chair declared him duly elected City Treasurer for the ensuing two years.

Board of City Treasurer
was approved

Alderman Maddox moved that the Council now take up for approval the bond of H. A. Throe as City Treasurer, which motion prevailed.

The Chair laid before the Council the bonds of H. A. Throe as City Treasurer. One for \$50,000.00 as Custodian of the City funds and one for \$50,000.00 as Custodian of the funds of the Water Light & etc.

The bond for \$50,000.00 as Custodian of the City funds was approved by the Council and the other was referred to the Water Light & Commission for their approval.

Resolution regarding
Storm Sewer Contract

Alderman Mackin offered the following resolution
Whereas, the Council, at its last meeting, adopted a
certain resolution, instructing the Street Committee to
enter into Contract with J. W. Field for the construction of
a storm sewer on Congress Avenue, and;

Whereas, while said Contract has been drawn, and signed,
same is not yet - ~~in~~ ^{not} ~~presented~~ ^{presented} in reason of the fact
that the bond provided for by said Contract has not
been approved or filed and the shape of said sewer has not
been determined, and,

Whereas, grave public doubt exists as to the wisdom of
making said Contract in the manner and form that same
is about to be made. Therefore

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, that the
action of the Council in authorizing the making of said
Contract be and same is hereby reconsidered and the matter
is re-committed to the Street Committee and City Engineer
for further investigation, particularly on the question of
whether or not the capacity of said proposed sewer will
be sufficient to properly drain the area tributary
to Congress Avenue.

On motion Alderman Shelley was excused from further
attendance at this session of the Council

Alderman Vitschke was called to preside over the Council

Alderman Haynes moved that action on the shape
of the proposed sewer on Congress Avenue, be postponed
until the next regular meeting of the Council, which
motion prevailed

Resolution regarding
Salary City Physician

Alderman Madgat offered the following resolution
Whereas, in enrolling the bill recently adopted by the
28th Legislature, for the purpose of changing the method
of electing a City Treasurer, and fixing his salary, a
clerical error was made which seems to change
the salary provided by Charter for the City Physician, and;
Whereas, a change of the salary of the City Physician
is not one of the subjects, or any part of any subject,
expressed by the action of said bill; and,

Whereas, said bill is therefore inoperative and void in
so far as it proposes to change the salary of the
City Physician; now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin,
that the City Clerk is hereby directed to draw in
favor of the City Physician warrants for the payment
of his salary for the same amounts as were fixed
by the Charter before the enactment of the amendment
above mentioned, and the Mayor is requested
to sign and the Treasurer to pay said warrants
as directed.

The resolution was adopted by the following Vote
Yeas Aldermen Crooken Haynes Hume Mackin Maddox
Miller Moore Nitsocke Redd Schneider Shelley Shumate
Smith & Uch

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Nays None.

Ordinance organizing
Police force

By Alderman Schneider An Ordinance prescribing
rules for the organization of the Police force of the City of
Austin. The Ordinance was passed under suspension
of the rules by the following Vote
Yeas Aldermen Crooken Haynes Hume Mackin Maddox
Miller Moore Nitsocke Redd Schneider Shelley
Shumate Smith & Uch

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Nays None.

Invitation Colorado
June 2nd to enter annex

The Chair laid before the Council an invitation from
Colorado Horse Co. No. 2, inviting the Mayor, Board of Aldermen,
City officials and their families to attend their 33.
anniversary entertainment to be given at their Hall, 7014 4
West 8th Street on May 1st 1903.

Bonds of assessors
& Marshal approved

On motion the invitation was accepted with thanks.
The Chair laid before the Council the official bonds of
Fred Storz, Assessor & Collection of taxes elect & that of
the Marshal H. Montgomery - which were approved
by the Council.

Appointments of
Assessors & Collectors
confirmed by Council

The appointments of Henry Zillen and H. M. Uliby as
ass. Assessors & Collectors by Fred Storz, Assessor
and Collector, were approved, and confirmed by the
Council.

Mayor instructed
not to approve bond
of Field Construction
Company, Denver.

Alderman Haynes moved that the Mayor and
Actg Mayor be instructed not to approve the bond of
Wm. J. Field for construction of the sewer on Congress
Avenue until the next regular meeting of the Council,
which motion prevailed.

Pay of judges & clerks
of election fixed

The City Clerk stated that he had prepared the pay
Roll of Judges and clerks of election held April 6th 1903.
and desired instructions from the Council as to the amount
to be paid to each.

Alderman Maddox moved that the amount to be paid to
each be fixed at \$5.00, which motion prevailed.

Appr Mayor, judges
& clerks of election

By Alderman Maddox, An ordinance appropriating
the sum of \$206.25 to pay expenses of the election held
April 6th 1903. The Ordinance was passed under
suspension of the rules by the following Vote
Yeas Aldermen Crooken Haynes Hume Mackin Maddox
Miller Moore Nitsocke Redd Schneider Shelley Shumate
Smith & Uch

Nays None.

By Alderman Moore, An Ordinance to regulate
the street cars in the City of Austin.

Ordinance regulating
running between cars
charging rate of fare

to fix rates of fare to be charged for the carriage of persons
thereon, and to prescribe penalties for violations of the provisions
herein contained

The ordinance was read the first time and on motion was
referred to the Ordinance Committee

Alderman Moore for the Committee on charity presented
the following communication

Communication from
Committee on Charity

To the Mayor and City Council

Your Committee on charity beg leave to file the following
recommendations, appreciating the fact that in the
issuing of Charity Certificates for groceries or other merchandise
and appreciating also the fact that the Mayor or acting Mayor
is not always in a position to investigate each separate case
with the same degree of care that would be exercised
in case the matter was submitted to parties in close
touch with charity organizations

We therefore recommend that instead of the former
method of distributing charity that we at least experiment
by turning over a sum of money to be appropriated by
this Council monthly to the United Charities Association,
to be disbursed by them and a careful and accurate
report made by them to this Council monthly

Respectfully submitted

E. W. Moore Chairman

J. M. Shumate

J. B. Nitschke

Alderman Shelley moved that the matter of dispensing
charity be placed in the hands of the Charity Committee
exclusively

Alderman Maddox moved that the communication
be referred to the Ordinance Committee and City
Attorney which motion was lost by the following vote
Yeas Aldermen Mackin Maddox Nitschke Redd
And Smith

Yeas Aldermen Crooken Haynes Hume Miller Moore
Schneider Shelley Shumate Smith

Alderman Haynes moved as a substitute for the
motion of Alderman Shelley, that the Mayor or
acting Mayor alone be authorized to issue Charity
Orders, which motion was lost by the following vote
Yeas Aldermen Haynes Hume Miller Moore Nitschke
Quoted

Yeas Aldermen Crooken Mackin Maddox
Schneider Shelley Shumate Smith

Alderman Schneider moved the adoption of the
motion made by Alderman Shelley which motion
was lost on the following vote

Yeas Aldermen Crooken Mackin Schneider Shelley Shumate

Ways Aldermen ^{Haynes} Shume Maddox Miller Moore Nitschke
Redd Smith & Ullib

Refer to clearing down

Alderman Maddox moved to refer the matter to the
Street Committee

Alderman Schneider moved as a substitute that the matter
be referred to the Charity Committee for further investigation
and report, which motion prevailed

On motion Alderman Miller was excused
from further attendance at this session of the Council

\$200. for extra labor

By Alderman Nitschke, An Ordinance appropriating
the sum of \$200. for the purpose of paying for extra
labor and teams. The ordinance was passed under
suspension of the rules by the following Vote

Yeas Aldermen Crocker Haynes Shume Mackin
Maddox Moore Nitschke Redd Schneider Shelley
Shumate Smith & Ullib 13

Ways none.

1.50. Purchase
in lots

By Alderman Nitschke, An Ordinance appropriating
the sum of \$150. for the purpose of purchasing lots 114 2 13 200 1
3 Out Lot 42 Division "B" of the City of Austin. 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 Crocker Haynes Shume Mackin Maddox
Moore Nitschke Redd Schneider Shelley Shumate Smith
& Ullib 13

Ways none.

The Ordinance was read the second time
Alderman Maddox moved to amend the ordinance
by striking out in section one the words "street improvement"
and inserting in lieu thereof the word "General", which
motion prevailed, and the ordinance as amended
was passed under suspension of the rule by the following Vote

Yeas Aldermen Crocker Haynes Shume Mackin
Maddox Moore Nitschke Redd Schneider Shelley
Shumate, Smith & Ullib 13

Ways none.

Pay special Policemen

By Alderman Maddox, An ordinance appropriating
the sum of \$95.00 for the purpose of paying the salaries
of special Policemen for the month of March 1900
The Ordinance was passed under suspension of the
rules by the following Vote

Yeas Aldermen Crocker Haynes Shume Mackin
Maddox Moore Nitschke Redd Schneider Shelley
Shumate, Smith & Ullib 13

Ways none

By Alderman Maddox An ordinance appropri-
ating the sum of \$111.75 for the purpose of

approved accounts
ordinance

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

Aldermen Crocker Haynes Hume Mackin Maddax
Moore Nitsooke Redd Schneider Shelley Shumate Smith
& Meik 13

ways none

The ordinance was read the second time
Alderman Shumate moved to amend the ordinance by striking out in the amount to be paid to stenographer for examining trial the amount of "\$25.00" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$12.50" which motion was lost by the following vote

Yeas Aldermen. Crocker Haynes Hume Nitsooke
Schneider & Shumate 6

Nays Aldermen Mackin Maddax Moore Redd
Shelley Smith & Meik 7

Alderman Schneider moved to strike out of the ordinance the item of \$25. to pay stenographer, which motion prevailed by the following vote

Yeas Aldermen. Moore Nitsooke Redd Schneider
Shumate Smith & Meik 7

Nays Aldermen Crocker Haynes Hume Mackin
Maddax & Shelley 6.

The ordinance was then passed under suspension of the rule by the following vote

Yeas Aldermen Crocker Haynes Hume Mackin
Maddax ^{Moore} Nitsooke Redd Schneider Shelley Shumate
Smith & Meik 13

Nays none.

Approved after 10 Sept

By Alderman Maddax, an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$472.81 for the purpose of paying approved accounts street dept. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote

Yeas Aldermen. Crocker Haynes Hume Mackin Maddax
Moore Nitsooke Redd Schneider Shelley Shumate
Smith & Meik 13

Nays none.

ordinance designating
a market place

By Alderman Shumate, an ordinance designating a market place in the City of Austin.

The ordinance was read the first time and on motion was referred to the Market Committee

On motion the Council adjourned.

Geo. O. Johnson
City Clerk