

Regular Meeting of the City Council

Austin, Texas May 20th 1901

Hon R. E. White, Mayor presiding

Roll Called

Present Aldermen Crocker, Davis, Hume, Low, Mitschke, Redd, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf and Ulit - 10

Absent Aldermen Hillis, Mad dog, Mortimer, & Shumate 4

On motion the minutes were approved as recorded by the Clerk without reading.

Petitions, Memorials &c

Petition of Wm Eckols to operate a gas steam engine on street

By the Mayor - Petition of Wm Eckols asking permission to operate a gas steam engine on the streets to haul sea mts and pop corn

Read and on motion referred to street committee

L. W. Culver petition bond fee

By Alderman Shelley - Petition of L. W. Culver to remit pound fees -

Read and referred to Police Committee -

Judge Von Rosenberg asking to have Records Court established

By the Mayor - a communication from Judge Wm Von Rosenberg stating that he had been duly elected as Recorder of the Corporation Court of the City of Austin on the 1st day of April 1901 and asking when it was the pleasure of the Council that he should proceed to the discharge of his duties.

Alderman Stumpf moved to refer the communication to the ordinance committee

Alderman Davis moved as a substitute that the communication be laid on the table - The motion to table was lost - by the following vote.

Yeas Aldermen Crocker, Davis, Low and Stumpf - 4  
Nays Aldermen Hume, Mitschke, Redd, Schneider, Shelley and Ulit. - 6

The communication was then referred to the ordinance committee

Pat Comiskey and W. F. Hankey petition pound fees

By Alderman Stumpf - Petition from Pat Comiskey and W. F. Hankey asking remission of pound fees -

Read and on motion referred to Police Committee -

Report of Com on A. Wilke

Reports of Standing Committees -

Alderman Mitschke for the Street Committee - to whom was referred the petition of A. Wilke for damages to horse presented a report recommending that the petition be not granted. The report of the Committee was adopted.

Report of Com on W. W. Williams

Alderman Mitschke for the Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of W. W. Williams Jr for damages presented a report recommending that the petition be not granted. The report was adopted.

9:30

Alderman Mitschke for the Street Com. committee to whom was referred an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$5000 for street work presented to the Street Com. presented a report offering an amendment to said ordinance and recommending the passage of the ordinance as with

said amendments

The report of the committee was adopted -

St. Ann  
Petition

Alderman Nitschke for the Street Committee to whom was referred a petition of Mrs. E. H. Sutton asking that the council refer to her an amount paid by her for repairing sidewalk damaged and she claimed by the City in removing cobble stones from gutter, presented a verbal report recommending that the petition be not granted.

On motion the petition was referred back to the Street Committee.

Finance  
Ordinance

Alderman Stumpf for the Finance Committee to whom was referred an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$50000 to complete East Austin Fire Hall, presented a report recommending the passage of the ordinance.

The report was adopted -

Ord. 300  
St. Ann

Alderman Stumpf for the ordinance Committee, to whom was referred an ordinance prescribing and defining what shall constitute a days work on all public works of the City of Austin - presented a report recommending the adoption of the ordinance -

The report of the Committee was adopted -

Ord 302-30  
Penal Code  
Committee

Alderman Stumpf for the ordinance Committee to whom was referred an ordinance repealing articles 35 and 36 of the revised Penal ordinances of the City, presented a report recommending the passage of the ordinance -

The report of the Committee was adopted -

Alderman Maddox entered the Council Chamber -

Purchasing  
Committee

Alderman Stumpf for the purchasing committee presented the following report

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To The Hon. R. E. White Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Austin:-  
Gentlemen:-

Your committee on Purchases beg leave to report that they have advertised for, and received bids for supplies etc for the City for the quarter ending August 31st 1901, and would recommend the acceptance of the following bids viz

- For supplies City and County Hospital Messrs Gen. S. Criser & Co. St B Smith and Fischer & Bro.
  - For feed for City Teams Robinsons Bros
  - Shoeing City Mules Evans Martin
  - Coal for City J. P. Bergstrom
  - Meats for City prisoners The Great Hope Oil Co
- and would further recommend that the Mayor be authorized to enter into contract with the parties named in

accordance with their respective bids, upon their filing with the City Clerk's bonds as required, which bonds must be approved by the Mayor

J. P. Schneider -  
Joseph Stumpf

On motion the report of the Committee was adopted.

Unfinished business

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance repealing acts 35 & 36 of the Revised Penal ordinances of the City, together with the report of the ordinance Committee recommending its passage.

The ordinance was read the second time and, on motion, the rule was suspended and the ordinance placed on its third reading and final passage by the following vote.

Yeas: Aldermen, Crocker, Davis, Low, Maddox, Mitschke, Redd, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, and Elliot - 10

Nays: Alderman Hume - 1

The ordinance was then read the third time and passed.

The Mayor then laid before the Council an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$5000. to repair East Austin Fire Hall, the ordinance was passed under suspension of the rule by the following vote -

Yeas: Aldermen Crocker, Davis, Hume, Low, Maddox, Mitschke, Redd, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf and Elliot - 11

Nays: none - 0

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$5000 for street work on East 6<sup>th</sup> Street together with the amendments proposed by the Street Committee

The ordinance was read the second time -

Alderman Schneider moved to amend the ordinance by striking out all after the word "6<sup>th</sup> Street" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "from Haller Street West"

The amendment was adopted and the ordinance as amended was passed under suspension of the rule by the following vote -

Yeas: Alderman Crocker, Davis, Hume, Low, Maddox, Mitschke, Redd, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf and Elliot - 11

Nays: none - 0

New Business

(By Alderman Davis an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$400.00 for certain street work. The ordinance was read the first time and on motion was referred to the Street Committee.

(By Alderman Shelley an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$72,000.00 to pay salaries of officers and employees from May 1<sup>st</sup> to Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 1901

Ordinance  
repealing acts  
35 & 36

Ordinance  
East Austin  
Fire Hall

Ordinance  
Street work  
East 6<sup>th</sup>

Ordinance  
Street work

Ordinance

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

Yeas Aldermen Crooker, Davis, Hume, Low, Maddox, Mitschke, Redd, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf and Ellit 11  
Nays none 0

Said sum  
employee

By Alderman Shelley an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$2564.00 to pay salaries of employees of Sanitary Dept from May 1st to December 31st 1901 -

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

Yeas Aldermen Crooker, Davis, Hume, Low, Maddox, Mitschke, Redd, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf and Ellit 11  
Nays none 0

Said Drivers  
of Teams

By Alderman Shelley an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$460.00 to pay salaries of Drivers of Street Teams from May 1st to December 31st 1901 -

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

Yeas Aldermen, Crooker, Davis, Hume, Low, Maddox, Mitschke, Redd, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf and Ellit 11  
Nays none 0

Said Engineer  
on Roller

By Alderman Shelley an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$600.00 to pay the salaries of the Engineer on Steam Roller from May 1st to Dec 31st 1901.

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, Crooker, Davis, Hume, Low, Maddox, Redd, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf and Ellit - 10  
Nays Alderman Mitschke 1

The ordinance was read the second time.

Alderman Schneider moved to strike out <sup>in</sup> the caption and in section 1 of the ordinance the words "six hundred" and insert in lieu thereof the words "seventy five"

The amendment was adopted by the following vote -

Yeas Aldermen, Crooker, Hume, Mitschke, Redd, Schneider and Ellit 6  
Nays Aldermen Davis, Low, Maddox, Shelley and Stumpf - 5

Alderman Schneider moved to further amend the ordinance by striking out in section 1 of the ordinance the words from "May 1st to Dec 31st" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "for the month of May" which motion prevailed. The ordinance was then passed under suspension of the rule by the following vote

Yeas Aldermen, Crooker, Davis, Hume, Low, Mitschke, Redd, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf and Ellit 10

Mayor Alderman Mad. dox

Alderman Schneider offered the following resolution which was read and adopted.

To determine the  
of weights and measures  
to be used in the

Be it resolved that the ordinance Committee be requested to present to the Council an ordinance to regulate the inspection of weights and measures

The Mayor laid before the Council a deed from the W. J. Lemp Co. to a certain strip of ground to be used for street purposes, together with the following resolution--

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, that the act of the William J. Lemp Brewing Company by its deed of date the 25th day of April, A.D. 1901, in dedicating to the City of Austin for the purpose of street use, that certain strip fifteen feet in width along and on the West end of the tract of 2 7/100 acres conveyed to said Company by Paul Pressler et al by deed of date February 6th 1893, in out-Lot No. one, in Division "Z" of the City of Austin, Texas, be and the same is hereby accepted. The field notes of said strip being set out in said deed of dedication and calling to begin on the North line of said out-Lot at the N. W. corner of said two and 7/100 acre tract, and to run Easterly, with West Sixth Street fifteen feet, thence S. 25 W. to the North line Fifth Street, thence Westerly fifteen feet to the S. W. corner of said two and 7/100 acre tract, and thence with its West line to the place of beginning.

Be it further resolved that said strip with the adjoining land, 25 feet in width, dedicated by August H. Pressler et al, adjoining the same on the West, be designated and known by the name of Pressler Street.

On motion the resolution was adopted.

Bill on water and light  
April 1901

The Mayor laid before the Council the bill of the Water and Electric Light and Power plant of the City, for Water and Light furnished the City for the month of April 1901-- which was read, and on motion referred to the Water and Light Committee.

Com. on  
to investigate  
Austin Cem.

Alderman Mad. dox presented and had read by the Clerk an extract from the Evening News regarding sale of lots by the Austin City Cemetery association.

On motion the matter contained in the extract was referred to a special Committee of three and the City Attorney for investigation.

The Mayor introduced Alderman Mad. dox's bill, which was read and adopted.

The Finance Com. before Council etc. matters received by the Municipal for repairs on the City Hall, which were on motion referred to the Finance Committee without reading.

On motion the appointments of Mr Henry Giller and H. M. Milby as assistant assessors and collectors by the Assessor and Collector were confirmed. By Alderman Nitschke an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$200<sup>00</sup> to pay for extra street labor and teams. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote -

Yeas	Aldermen Crocker, Davis, Hume, Low, Maddox, Nitschke, Redd, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf and Ulit	11
Nays	none	0

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H. M. Milby  
Confirmed as  
assessors  
& Collector  
\$200. for extra  
st labor teams

Alderman Crocker moved that the Council now proceed to the election of a Dog Catcher and one Assistant Dog Catcher which motion prevailed. The Mayor appointed Aldermen Redd, Ulit and Nitschke as tellers.

Alderman Davis nominated Los Evans. The Mayor laid before the Council a petition of Citizens asking the appointment of R. H. Oglesby as dog catcher. Alderman Nitschke nominated G. F. Guttie. The Tellers announced the following as the result of the ballot for dog catcher: Evans 9 - Guttie 2. The Mayor declared Los Evans duly elected Dog Catcher for the ensuing term.

Los Evans  
A. W. Oglesby  
G. F. Guttie  
nominated  
for dog catcher  
Los Evans  
elected

Alderman Maddox nominated Hal Mason for assistant Dog Catcher.

The Clerk was directed to instruct to cast the entire vote of the Council for Hal Mason, which was done and the Mayor declared him duly elected as assistant dog catcher for the ensuing term.

On motion of Alderman Maddox the City Assessor and Collector was authorized to employ two additional clerks for ten days to assist in his office. The Mayor announced the following as the standing Committees for the term:

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authorized to  
employ 2 clerks  
for 10 days

- Water & Light - Hume, Schneider and Shelley.
- Streets - Nitschke, Hume, and Maddox
- Finance - Maddox, Hume, Schneider
- Fire Department - Schneider, Redd & Stumpf
- Police - Shelley, Stumpf and Morrison

Standing  
Committees  
appointed

- Ordinances
- Claims and Accounts      Stumpf Crooker and Maddox
- Low, Shelley, and Ellit -
- Printing      Crooker Maddox and Shumate -
- Cemetery      Ellit, Gillis and Crooker
- Markets      Redd, Crooker and Hume
- Sanitation and Sewerage      Low Crooker and Stumpf -
- Hospital      Gillis, Crooker and Davis
- Charity      Mortimer Mische and Shumate
- Purchase      Shumate, Maddox and Hume
- Parks      Davis, Shumate and Low

On motion the Council adjourned

Geo. O. Johnson  
City Clerk