

Regular Meeting of the City Council

Austin Texas June 17th 1901

Hon W. D. Shelley President of the Council presiding.
Roll Called

Present Aldermen Crooker, Hume Low, Maddox Mortimer
Nitschke Redd Schneider Shelley Shumate Stumpff + Whit - 12
Absent Aldermen Davis and Gillis - 2

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

Petitions Memorials etc -

Pet - Wm Brass
to open alley
Block 37

By the Chair - Petition of G. W. Brass asking that the alley
in Block no 37 be opened - Read and on motion referred
to the Street Committee

Pet Citizens
for work on W.
12th Street

By Alderman Crooker Petition of Citizens asking that
certain street work be done on west 12th Street -
Read and on motion referred to the Street Committee.

Water Com. for
advance on W.C.
to be furnished

By the Chair - A communication from the Water and Light
Commission asking the Council to advance them the sum
of \$10,000 on water and light to be furnished for public use -
On motion the petition was granted

Rep St. Com on
building A.R.
R.R. Co.

Reports of Standing Committees -

Alderman Nitschke for the Street Committee to whom was
referred the resolution regarding the structure erected by
the Austin Rapid Transit R.R. Co. at the corner of Congress Ave.
and 6th Street presented a report recommending that
the Marshal be directed to request the R.R. Co to remove said
structure, on motion the report of the Committee was adopted

Rep Police on pets
Culver, Comestrey
& Hankley
Commissary

Alderman Stumpff for the Police Committee to whom was ref-
erred the petitions of L. W. Culver, Pat Comestrey & H. L. Hankley
for remission of pound fees presented a report recommending
that the petitions be granted

On motion the report was adopted

Redd excused

Alderman Redd was excused from further attendance on this
session of the Council

Report
Spec Com Union
Relig Com used
for home

Reports of Special Committees

Alderman Maddox for the Special Committee to whom was
referred the matter of sale of lots by the Austin City Cemetery
association, asked further time in which to make report -
which was granted -

Alderman Crooker moved to suspend the regular order
of business and to refer back to petitions etc - which
motion prevailed

Pet - resolution
for damage

Alderman Crooker presented an account of Mrs E. H.
Culver for repairs to roof of Gallery sto -
Read and on motion referred to the Street Committee

Rep E. Culver
damages

By Alderman Crooker Communication from E.
Culver regarding damages to home claimed by Mrs

Witte - Read and on motion referred to the Street Committee
New Business

minutes
printed -

By Alderman Crooker resolution instructing the City Clerk to furnish the Statesman with a copy of the proceedings of the City Council for publication - on motion the resolution was referred to the Printing Committee.

Alderman Crooker offered the following resolution which was read and adopted:

Resolution to
appoint
Com. to confer
with bond holders

Whereas the City of Austin is under a bonded indebtedness in or about the sum of 1,400,000⁰⁰; the proceeds of which bonds were expended in building a dam across the Colorado river, in the erection of a power house, and in the purchase of machinery to furnish power, for watering and lighting the City of Austin and - Whereas by cause of a great flood in the Colorado river, the dam was broken and the power house destroyed and the machinery injured, causing thereby a great financial calamity to the people of the fore said City, now

Be it resolved, on this the 17th day of June 1901 by the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Austin: - being desirous to arrive at some equitable settlement of the bonded indebtedness, hereby ordain that a committee be appointed by the Mayor of Austin, the Mayor being the Chairman of the same to consist of two members of the City Council - one member of the Water & Light Commission, and one representative Citizen of Austin, who are hereby empowered to open a correspondence with the bond holders and negotiate with the said bond holders for an equitable and fair settlement of the sum, the said Committee being hereby empowered to enter into and conclude such negotiations to the best interest of the people of Austin, and with fairness and satisfactory to the bond holders, providing that any such settlement arrived at must be confirmed by the City Council of Austin, and for this purpose the Mayor A. E. White is authorized to appoint said Committee -

Be it further resolved that said committee if they deem same necessary are hereby directed to visit New York City for the purpose conferring with said bond holders.

Alderman Stumpf offered the following resolution which was read and referred to a special committee of three -

Res to
investigate
administration

Whereas, The Sexton of the City Cemetery did on the fourth day of June, 1901, discharge Fritz Klages from employment in said cemetery; and did on said date advise the said Klages in writing that he and his children had been discharged by order of the Cemetery Committee on account of complaints made by ladies to the Council and

Whereas, it is denied that any such complaints were made to the council, or that the Cemetery Committee ever gave such an order, or that it had the legal right, power, or authority to give such order, if it were in fact attempted to be given, and,

Whereas, the said Fritz Kluges has long been a faithful employee of the City, and depending on his daily wages for support of himself, wife and ten children, therefore,

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, that a special committee of three Aldermen be appointed by the Mayor to inquire into the facts of the above mentioned case, under instructions to report the facts thereof to the Council with such recommendations, if any, as they may see fit to make in the premises.

Alderman Schneider moved that the recommendation of the City Engineer be adopted, and that the Mayor be authorized to enter into contract with the party mentioned upon his filing the proper bond, which motion prevailed -

Contract for Rep. E. A. Hall

By Alderman Maddox, an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$10,000 to be advanced to the Water and Light Commission and water and light to be furnished the City for public purposes.

\$10,000 advanced on water

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.

Ayes Aldermen Crooker Hume Low Maddox Mortimer Nitchke Schneider Shelley Shumate Stumpf + Elliot 11

Nays none 0

The ordinance was read the second time

Alderman Maddox moved to amend the ordinance by striking out in Section 2 the words "one half" which motion prevailed

The ordinance as amended was then passed under a suspension of the rule by the following vote.

Ayes Aldermen Crooker, Hume Low Maddox Mortimer Nitchke Schneider Shelley Shumate Stumpf + Elliot 11

Nays none -

By Alderman Low an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$500 to pay for extra sanitary labor -

\$50. Extra Sanitary Labor

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

Ayes Alderman Crooker Hume Low Maddox Mortimer Nitchke Schneider Shelley Shumate Stumpf and Elliot 11

Nays none

The Chair laid before the Council the following invitation which was read and accepted

Invitation to the Honorable Mayor & Board of Aldermen

Austin Texas June 17th 1901

To the Honorable Mayor & Board of Aldermen, and City Officers of the City of Austin.

Respectfully:

You are hereby cordially invited

to attend a spread, Thursday evening June 20th 1901 at 9:30 P.M.
at Union Hall Corner Congress Avenue and 10th Street given by
Federal Labor Union No 8786.

Trusting you will favor us with your presence

I remain very truly

Yours
Joe Arnstead.

Presdt #8786

A.R. Sinclair
Austin Gas
Co.

By Alderman Schneider an ordinance granting the
Austin Gas Company authority to put in a rail road switch
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 Hume Low Maddox Mortimer Nitschke
Schneider Shelley Shumate Stimpf and Elliot - 11

Nays none - 0

The ordinance was read the second time - Alderman Mortimer
moved to amend by adding the following -

Section 3 - Said construction to be done under the supervision
of the City Engineer

The amendment was adopted -

Alderman Mortimer moved to further amend the original
ordinance by striking out the figure "3" in section 3 and
inserting in lieu thereof the figure "4" which amendment
was adopted and the ordinance as amended passed
under suspension of the rule by the following vote -

Yeas Alderman Crooker Hume Low Maddox Mortimer
Nitschke Schneider Shelley Shumate + Elliot - 10

Nays Alderman Stimpf - 1

City Clerk
To have
minutes
printed
nil

Alderman Crooker moved that the City Clerk be directed
to furnish the Austin Daily Statesman with a copy of
the official proceedings of the City Council for publication
which motion was lost by the following vote -

Yeas Aldermen Crooker Low Mortimer Shumate and Stimpf - 5
Nays Alderman Hume Maddox Nitschke Schneider Shelley + Elliot - 6

The Chair announced the appointment of the following
Special Committee on the resolution to investigate the
matter of the discharge of Fritz Klages by the City Sexton
viz Alderman Stimpf Maddox + Shumate

On motion the Council adjourned

Jno. O. Johnson
City Clerk