

Regular Meeting of the City Council

Austin Texas, August 19th 1904.

Hon: A. B. White Mayor presiding.

Roll called.

Present: Aldermen. Hume, Maddox, Mortimer, Nitschke, Ridd, Schneider, Shelly, Stumpf and Ullit. 9.

Absent: Aldermen. Crocker, Davis, Gillis, Low, and Shumate. 5.

On motion of Alderman Maddox, the minutes were approved, as recorded by the clerk, without reading.

Memorials, Petitions etc.

By the Mayor: Petition of G. M. Brass, asking change in certain streets. Read and on motion referred to the Street Committee.

By Alderman Nitschke: Petition of C. L. SoRelle asking to have certain Pound fees paid by him, refunded. Read and referred to the Committee on claims and accounts.

Regular Order. Alderman Maddox, moved to suspend the regular order of business and to take up and consider: An Ordinance granting authority to the H & T. & P. R. Co. to put in certain switches etc. Which motion prevailed.

Alderman Davis entered the Council Chamber.

By Alderman Maddox: An Ordinance, granting the Houston and Texas Central R. R. Co. permission to change certain side tracks, construct others and to construct, Brick Passenger station, 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, Davis, Hume, Maddox, Mortimer, Nitschke, Ridd, Schneider, Shelly, Stumpf and Ullit. 10.

Nays: None. 0.

Alderman Shumate entered the Council Chamber.

The Ordinance was read the second time. Alderman Davis moved to amend by adding at the end of section 3: the following "and approved by the City Engineer and Street Committee".

The amendment was adopted, and a motion made to suspend the rule and place the Ordinance on its third reading, and final passage, which motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas: Aldermen, Davis, Hume, Maddox, Mortimer, Nitschke, Ridd, Schneider, Shelly, Shumate, Stumpf and Ullit. 11.

Nays: None.

The Ordinance was read the third time and passed unanimously. The Council returned to the regular order of business.

By the Mayor: Petition of Isaac Edwards, asking to have certain Pound fees paid, by him refunded.

Report of City Officers.

The Mayor laid before the Council reports of the City Engineer on completion of J. F. Houston and N. E. Fisher, also a report stating that he had laid out and plotted certain streets etc.

Report of Standing Committees.

Alderman Shelley for the Claims and Accounts Committee, presented the following reports. On the petitions of Mrs. J. C. Orr, A. P. Scott, H. E. Henson and W. E. Harwood, to have certain Pound fees refunded, they recommended that the petitions be granted, and the petition of Mrs. J. E. Whipple asking correction of Assessment for 1900, they recommended that the petition be granted. The several reports of the Committee were adopted.

Alderman Crocker entered the Council Chamber. Alderman Stumpf for the Ordinance Committee, to whom was referred the memorial of M. Von Rosenberg Jr. Esq. regarding the putting into operation the Corporation Court of the City of Austin, presented a report, stating that at this time they did not think it advisable to put the Court in operation.

The report of the Committee was adopted.

Alderman Stumpf for the Ordinance Committee to whom was referred a Resolution for the creation of Special Committee to be known as the Committee on permanent street improvement, presented a report recommending that the Resolution, "do not pass." The report of the Committee was adopted.

Alderman Shelley for the majority of the Police Committee to whom was referred, an Ordinance, prescribing details for the organization of the Police force, presented a report, recommending the passage of the Ordinance, with an amendment proposed by the Committee.

Alderman Stumpf for the minority of the Committee, presented a report recommending that the Ordinance "do not pass." Alderman Stumpf moved to adopt the minority report which motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas: Alderman, Crocker, Harman, Nitschke, Schneider, Stumpf, Alt, 6
Nays: " Davis, Maddox, Mortimer, Read, Shelley, Stumath & the Mayor, 7.

Alderman Nitschke moved that the report lie over to come up with the Ordinance, under the head of unfinished business. Which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas: Alderman, Crocker, Davis, Maddox, Mortimer, Nitschke, Read, Shelley, Stumath, and Alt, 9
Nays: Alderman, Harman, Schneider and Stumpf, 3.

Alderman Schneider for Special Committee to whom, was referred the communication of the Hon. Commissioner's Court, presented a report of the Committee, stating that it is the opinion of the Committee that all wire should be placed under said bridge or on the abutments and Piers. On motion the report of the Committee was adopted.

Unfinished Business.

The Mayor laid before the Council, an Ordinance, prescribing details for the organization of the Police force of the City of Austin. The Ordinance was read the second time and a motion made to sustain the rule and place it on its third reading and final passage, was lost by the following vote:
Yeas: Alderman, Davis, Maddox, Mortimer, Nitschke, Read, Shelley,

Stumate and Utit

Nays: Alderman. Crocker, Hume and Stumpf

8.

11.

New Business.

Ordⁿ 10
to
repeal
Ordⁿ 10
and
to
pass
Ordⁿ 11

By Alderman Maddox. An Ordinance to permit owners of real estate purchased by the City of Austin, at foreclosure sale, to redeem the same at any time within ninety days from the taking effect of this Ordinance, by paying to the City Tax Collector, the amount of the taxes due, and board costs and all penalties, with interest from the date when such sums became due at six per cent per annum, together with all taxes penalties, and interest that may be due on same. The Ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following Vote:

Yeas: Alderman, Crocker, Davis, Maddox, Mortimer, Nitschke, Ridd, Schneider, Shelly, Stumate, and Utit. 10.

Nays: Alderman, Hume and Stumpf. 2.

Ordⁿ 11
to
appropriate
the sum of \$26,000
for the purpose of
paying the laborers
in laying off the
Cemetery.

By Alderman Utit. An Ordinance, appropriating the sum of \$26,000 for the purpose of paying the laborers in laying off the Cemetery lots. The Ordinance was passed, under suspension of the rules, by the following

Vote: Yeas: Alderman, Crocker, Davis, Hume, Maddox, Mortimer, Nitschke, Ridd, Schneider, Shelly, Stumate, Stumpf and Utit. 12.

Nays: None.

Ordⁿ 12
to
appropriate
the sum of \$15,000
for the purpose of
buying fixtures for
Cemetery gates.

By Alderman Utit. An Ordinance, appropriating the sum of \$15,000 for the purpose of buying fixtures for Cemetery gates. The Ordinance was passed, under suspension of the rules, by the following Vote: Yeas: Alderman, Crocker, Davis, Hume, Maddox, Mortimer, Nitschke, Ridd, Schneider, Shelly, Stumate, Stumpf and Utit. 12.

Notice of Closing
lots on sale

On motion of Alderman Shelly, the Assessor and Collector was directed to give notice through the public press, that the City now has Cemetery lots on sale.

Reⁿ to repeal
Pound Ordⁿ
and
abolish office
of Pound Master
tabled

Alderman Schneider offered the following resolution. Be it Resolved, by the City Council of the City of Austin: that all Pound Ordinances of the City, be and are hereby repealed and that the office of Pound Master, be and is hereby abolished. Alderman Mortimer moved to lay the Resolution on the table, which motion prevailed.

10.50 am leave of
absence for City
Clerk
Ordⁿ 13
to
appropriate
the sum of \$95.00
to purchase a typewriter
for the Marshal & Clerk
The Ordinance was read the second time and a motion made
to suspend the rule and place the Ordinance on its third reading
which motion was lost by the following Vote:

On motion of Alderman Shelly, leave of absence for ten days, beginning on the 24th inst: was granted to the City Clerk.

Alderman Maddox. Called up the Ordinance, appropriating the sum of \$95.00 to purchase a typewriter for the Marshal & Clerk. The Ordinance was read the second time and a motion made to suspend the rule and place the Ordinance on its third reading which motion was lost by the following Vote:

Yeas: Alderman, Maddox, Mortimer, Schneider, and Shelly. 11.
Nays: " " Crocker Davis, Hume, Nitschke, Ridd, Stumate, Stumpf and Utit. 8.

On Motion the Council adjourned

City Clerk