

Regular Meeting of the City Council  
of Austin, Texas, Oct 7<sup>th</sup> 1901.

Hon R. E. White Mayor presiding  
Roll called

Present Aldermen Crooker Davis Hume Low Maddox  
Mortimer Nitschke Redd Schneider Shelby Shumate  
Stump & Witt 13

Absent Alderman Gillis 1

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

The Mayor laid before the Council the following communication  
to the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen  
City of Austin

Gentlemen:

It is with deep regret that I find it necessary  
to tender my resignation as Alderman of the first ward  
of the City of Austin. Owing to my ill health, do not  
feel that I can serve the City and her best interests as a  
member of your honorable body, as they should be served

I therefore, respectfully request that you act upon  
this, my resignation, at your earliest convenience

Yours Respectfully  
R. A. Gillis

Austin Texas  
Oct 7<sup>th</sup> 1901.

On motion the resignation was accepted

Petitions, Memorials etc

By the Mayor. Petition of Lee Clayton to have certain found  
fees refunded. On motion the petition was referred to  
the Police Committee

By the Mayor - Petition of J. Bernman, asking that certain  
found fees be refunded. Read and on motion referred  
to the Committee on claims & accounts

By Alderman Redd - Petition of A. Stetson asking that the City  
Assessor & Collector be authorized and directed to correct a  
clerical error in his assessment for taxes for the year 1899

On motion the petition was granted and the Assessor and  
Collector directed to make the correction in accordance  
with the request of petitioner

Reports of City Officers

The Mayor laid before the Council the reports of City  
Officers for the month of Sept 1901, except the report of  
the Marshall. On motion the reports were referred  
to their appropriate committees without reading and the  
different committees to whom these reports were referred  
were directed to report thereon at the next regular  
meeting of the Council.

The following is a synopsis of the different reports -  
By the Assessor & Collector

Resignation  
Alderman  
Gillis

Accepted

Pet Lee Clayton  
to have found fees  
refunded

Pet J Bernman to  
refund found fees

Pet A Stetson to  
correct assessment

Reports of  
City Officers



By the City Engineer

Total paid out during the month for street improvement

\$218.35

Referred to Street Committee

Reports of Standing Committees

Street Com. Report on Petition

Alderman Nitschke for the Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of G. W. Pross to change street in Belle View Park presented a report, recommending that the petition be granted, provided the said Pross. grade said streets, and obtain the consent of the County Commissioners Court to the said change. The report of the Committee was adopted

Street Com. Report on claimants for work

Alderman Nitschke for the Street Committee presented a report recommending that the claim of John Hilding on Town for street work done by them, amounting to \$45.95 be compromised by paying them one half the amount claimed provided said petitioners accept same as full payment of their claim. The report of the Committee was adopted

Street Com. Report on pet. Wick

Alderman Nitschke for the Street Committee to whom was referred the claim of A. Wick for damages to home, caused by stepping into a hole in street on Lavaca street, presented a report recommending that the sum of \$10.00 be paid the said Wick in full settlement of said claim. The report of the Committee was adopted

Finance Com. Report on Bond purchase for sinking fund

Alderman Maddox for the Finance Committee presented a report stating that the Finance Committee had purchased for the sinking fund of the Water Light bonds, 13 Water Light bonds of \$1000. each, and recommending that said bonds be cancelled or destroyed by the Council. The report of the Committee was adopted

Com. Com. Report on Com. Ordinance

Alderman Whit for the Cemetery Committee to whom was referred an Ordinance amending an ordinance regulating Cemeteries within the City, etc, presented a report recommending the passage of the ordinance. On motion the report of the Committee was adopted

Water Com. Report on Light at oil mill

Alderman Hume for the Water Light Committee to whom was referred a petition of citizens requesting that the light at the oil mill be retained, presented a report recommending that the petition be granted, and that the Water Light Commission be requested to continue said light. The report of the Committee was adopted

Unfinished business

Ord. committee

The Mayor laid before the Council an Ordinance, Amending an Ordinance regulating Cemeteries in the City of Austin. 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 Hume Low Maddox  
Mortimer Nitschke Reda Schneider Shelby Thumate Younger  
Nays None

The ordinance was then read the third time and passed

New business

Ord prohibiting  
desecration of  
grave in  
Cem

By Alderman Shelley An ordinance prohibiting the desecration of  
graves in the City Cemetery. The ordinance was read the first time  
and on motion was referred to the Cemetery Committee

Res to appoint  
auditing Com

Alderman Shumate offered the following resolution, which was  
read and referred to the Ordinance Committee

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, that the Mayor  
be and is hereby instructed to appoint from the members of the  
City Council a Committee of three whose duty it shall be to audit  
the accounts of every officer of the City charged with the duty of  
collecting, receiving, or paying out funds of the City, and the said  
Committee shall make thorough reports of their action to the  
Council

Ord to pay  
expenses of City  
vs Bartholomew  
Nalle Receiver

By Alderman Maddox An ordinance appropriating the sum of  
\$40.00 for the purpose of paying expenses incurred and to be  
incurred in the case of the City of Austin vs Bartholomew  
Nalle Receiver. The ordinance was read the first time

and  
a motion made to suspend the rule and place it on its second  
reading, which motion prevailed by the following vote

Yeas Aldermen Crocker Davis Hume Low Maddox Schneider  
Shelley Shumate Stumpf & Witt 10  
Nays Aldermen Mortimer Nitschke & Redd 3

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

Yeas Aldermen Crocker Davis Hume Low Maddox Mortimer  
Nitschke Redd Schneider Shelley Shumate Stumpf & Witt 13  
Nays None

The ordinance was then read the third time and  
passed by the following vote

Yeas Aldermen Crocker Davis Hume Low Redd Schneider  
Shelley Shumate Stumpf & Witt 10  
Nays Aldermen Maddox Mortimer & Nitschke 3

Alderman Maddox offered the following resolution which was  
read and adopted

Res to have  
des appropriation  
Comm on  
Appropriation

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin that no  
appropriation shall be passed to pay any bill or account until  
same is approved by the proper Committee or Committees

Alderman Maddox offered the following resolution which was  
read and adopted

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin that it is  
the sense of the Council, that the members of the various standing  
Committees should meet before noon on the first Monday in each  
month for the purpose of approving accounts against the City, thus  
allowing the Clerk time to prepare and submit the ordinance  
paying approved accounts

Alderman Shumate offered the following resolution which was

Res to refund  
Council

read and adopted - Resolved that it is the sense of this Council that the amount paid by J. A. Miller on occupation license as a retail liquor dealer in Hyde Park, be refunded to him  
Alderman Schneider presented the following communication, which was read and on motion referred to the Committee on Sanitation and Sewerage

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Hon A. E. White, Mayor  
Austin Texas

Dear Sir:

We beg to call your attention to the provisions of Chapter 163 page 236 General Laws 25th Legislature, entitled "an act to require Cities to provide for a board of Plumbers to be known as the examining and supervising board of plumbers; to regulate the duties of said board, and to provide penalties for the violation thereof", and request that you take such steps as may be necessary to adopt and put in force the provisions of said act in the City of Austin

Very Respectfully  
Aug. Hansen  
J. J. Donnelly  
J. R. Clough

Sanitary Committee of Plumbers Union 203 Austin Texas

550. in extra  
Sewerage

By Alderman Nitschke An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$500.<sup>00</sup> to pay for extra street labor & teams. The Ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following Vote  
Yeas. Alderman Crocker Davis Hume Low Maddox Mortimer Nitschke  
Opp'd Schneider Shelley Shumate Strumpf Ulit  
Ways None.

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Res. from  
Amendments  
provision

Alderman Mortimer offered the following resolution  
Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, that 250 copies of the Amended Charter of the City of Austin be printed and distributed for the information of all concerned

Alderman offered as a substitute that the City Clerk be directed to obtain from the Hon Secy of State a copy of the bills amending the Charter of the City of Austin and that he have printed in pamphlet form for the use of the City and its Citizens - The substitute was adopted

Ordinance  
in the amount  
provision

By Alderman Maddox An Ordinance providing for the issuance of refunding bonds of the City of Austin, for the purpose of refunding its bonded debt and to provide for the assessment and collection of a tax sufficient to pay the interest thereon and to create an annual sinking fund of two per centum (2%) of the principal thereof  
The ordinance was read the first time and on motion was referred to the Finance and Water Light Committee, each member of said Committee to be furnished with a copy of the ordinance  
On motion Alderman Shumate was excused from further attendance at this session of the Council

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By Alderman Ulit An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1100.<sup>00</sup> to pay approved accounts



ord. read  
at 10:30

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 Davis Hume Low Maddox Mortimer Nitschke Redd Schneider Shelley Strumpf Ulich 12  
Nays None.

The ordinance was read the second time

Alderman Maddox moved to amend by adding "to refund to J A Miller for liquor license \$25.00" The amendment was adopted  
Alderman Maddox moved to amend by adding "to pay the pendium of the Board of Equalization for 1901. \$121.50" which amendment was adopted  
Alderman Nitschke moved to amend by adding "to pay the claim of John Hildgen son of \$20.00" which amendment was adopted  
Alderman Nitschke moved to further amend by adding "to pay the claim of A Willie for damages to horse \$10.00" which was adopted -

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

Yeas Aldermen Crocker Davis Hume Low Maddox Mortimer Nitschke Redd Schneider Shelley Strumpf Ulich 12  
Nays None.

app. ac street  
sept

By Alderman Maddox An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$163.47 to pay approved accounts street Dept. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote

Yeas Aldermen Crocker Davis Hume Low Maddox Mortimer Nitschke Redd Schneider Shelley Strumpf Ulich 12  
Nays None

\$129.68 to  
hon. Coms. Engins  
W & C bonds

By Alderman Maddox An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$129.68 to pay commissions on payments of interest Coupons W & C bonds July 1899 to July 1901. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote

Yeas Aldermen Crocker Davis Hume Low Maddox Mortimer Nitschke Redd Schneider Shelley Strumpf Ulich 12  
Nays None

at 11:30 am  
2nd Council  
City Sec 504

The Mayor laid before the Council a statement of the affairs of the City with the Water & Light Commission for water & Light furnished to Sept 30<sup>th</sup> 1901. which was read and on motion was referred to the Water & Light Committee

Com to select  
committee

Alderman Shelley moved that a committee of three be appointed by the Mayor to destroy bonds purchased by the Finance Committee for the sinking fund of the water & Light bonds, as shown by the report of that Committee submitted to the Council, which motion prevailed.

The Mayor appointed Aldermen Schneider Redd and Shelley as such Committee.

The Council took a recess pending the report of the Committee. The committee being ready to report the Council was called to order by the Mayor when the following report of the special Committee was presented and read

Austin Texas Oct 7<sup>th</sup> 1901

Com Report to Hon R. E. White Mayor and City Council  
 Austin

Your special Committee appointed to destroy water and  
 Light bonds purchased by the City beg leave to report that they have  
 X destroyed the following 5% bonds and Coupons, Nos 45, 220 & 256. and  
 6% bonds Nos 50, 57, 164, 165, 166, 176, 177, 178, 179 & 180, in the presence of the  
 City Council

J. P. Schneider  
 H. D. Shelley  
 H. C. Redd

On motion the Council adjourned

J. O. Johnson  
 City Clerk