

Called Meeting of the City Council  
Austin, Texas, June 23<sup>rd</sup> 1902  
Hon R.E. White Mayor presiding  
Roll Called

Present Aldermen Brown Hume Low Maddox Mortimer Nitschke  
Shelley Shumate Shumoff & Whit 10  
Absent Aldermen Davis Redd & Schneider 3

The following Call of the Council was read.

Austin, Texas, June 21<sup>st</sup> 1902

A Called Meeting of the City Council of the City of Austin, is hereby called to meet in the Council Chamber at City Hall on Monday June 24<sup>th</sup> 1902, at 8<sup>30</sup> o'clock P.M. for the purpose of considering and Ordinance providing for the sprinkling of certain streets in the City of Austin

R.E. White Mayor

J. Shumate Alderman 6<sup>th</sup> Ward

Joseph Shumoff

Thos Low

7<sup>th</sup> Ward

Austin, Texas, June 20<sup>th</sup> 1902

I hereby certify that all of the Aldermen has been served with this Call by having it read to them in person, with the exception of Alderman Davis he being out of the City, a true copy was left at his place of business

W. H. Owens

Sergeant of Police

Alderman Shumate for the special Committee, to whom was referred an Ordinance to provide for the sprinkling of certain streets in the City of Austin, presented the following report

To the Hon Mayor and City Council, of the City of Austin:

Report of Special Committee Your special Committee appointed for the purpose of looking into the practicability of sprinkling certain streets of Austin beg leave to submit the following proposition

It is undoubted a fact that the question of sprinkling, or sprinkling has given the members of this Council and the citizenship of Austin considerable concern. It is a matter which requires immediate action and we trust the Honorable members will adopt the suggestions, as it will bring our people relief at a nominal cost

The duty delegated to the Committee was to ascertain if possible if there were any available funds that could be used for the purpose of sprinkling the streets. As is known by our honorable body practically all the revenues of the City have been budgeted, and we have tried to meet this condition by recommending a plan that will involve only a nominal outlay and which we trust will be acceptable to you

It has been claimed by some that this Council has not the power to sprinkle certain streets to the exclusion of certain others, notwithstanding the fact that the thorough fares, namely, Congress Avenue and 6<sup>th</sup> Street, have ninety-nine one hundredths of the water and create ninety-nine one hundredths

of the dust throughout the entire City. After Consulting with the City Attorney we find that this Council has the power to sprinkle such streets as their discretion and judgement dictates.

For the sake of suffering humanity, we therefore recommend the following resolutions, and trust that you will adopt same, and authorize that the work be done without delay, so as to abate a nuisance that is not only detrimental to the comfort but health of the community.

A Conference has been had with the Sanitary Officer, Mr Schneider, who states that he would do the work in accordance with the following resolution, provided this Council authorizes him to do so.

Resolved - That the City Council of the City of Austin do hereby authorize the Sanitary department to proceed to sprinkle with fire hose on Congress Avenue from and including 11<sup>th</sup> Street to First Street and Sixth Street from Red River to Lavaca Streets, and all the intervening streets so far as the water from the hose can be made to reach.

That he use any means at his Command so long as the work of the Sanitary department is not in any manner interfered with. That he make application to the fire department who are hereby authorized to give him such hose as is not in service in the Austin fire departments, including couplings so that it can be attached to the fire hydrants. That the work be done between the hours of 11 o'clock at night and seven o'clock in the morning.

That if the Sanitary Officer cannot do the work without in any manner crippling his department that he be allowed to expend not exceeding \$40.00 per month for the purpose of sprinkling as herein provided for.

J. M. Thumate Chairman  
J. B. Nitschke

Alderman Schneider entered the Council Chamber.

On Motion of Alderman Nitschke, Mr E. M. Carbrough who was present in the Council Chamber, was invited to address the Council, on the matter of sprinkling streets. After remarks by Mr Carbrough the report of the Committee together with the resolution submitted by them, were adopted.

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

Resolved that the City Council of the City of Austin do hereby grant the Merchants of Austin at their own expense the privilege of sprinkling certain streets herein after mentioned with oil, same to be made in the name of an experiment.

11<sup>th</sup> Street west from Congress Avenue to Colorado thence North to 13<sup>th</sup> thence west to Lavaca thence North to 19<sup>th</sup>

Resolution  
authorizing  
the use of oil  
for sprinkling  
streets.

West 6<sup>th</sup> from Lavaca to West Avenue.

East 6<sup>th</sup> from Red River 3 blocks east

East 1<sup>st</sup> from Congress Avenue 2 blocks east

Alderman Mortimer called attention of the Council to a case of destitution in the eastern portion of the City.

The Mayor stated that the matter would be investigated.

On motion the Council adjourned.

Jno. Johnson  
City Clerk