

Regular meeting of the City Council  
Austin Texas Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 1902  
Hon R.E. White, Mayor presiding  
Roll Called

Present Aldermen Crooker Davis Low Maddox  
Mortimer Nitschke <sup>Redd</sup> Schneider Shelley Shumate Ulit 11  
Absent Aldermen Hume & Stumpff 2

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

Petitions, memorials etc

Kalgren &  
Lundahl  
Wagon scale  
Hall  
ground fees

By Alderman Crooker - Petition of Kalgren & Lundahl for  
permission to put in a wagon scale on 15<sup>th</sup> street, between  
Lavaca & Colorado. On motion the petition was granted  
By the Mayor petition of Hall asking that certain ground  
fees paid by him be refunded. Read and on motion  
referred to the Committee on claims & accounts

Reports of City Officers

Semi-annual  
report Chief  
of Fire Dept

The Mayor laid before the Council the semi-annual  
report of the Chief of the Fire Dept, which was read  
On motion of Alderman Maddox - Mr W.H. Harrison  
Porter for the City Hall was granted a leave of absence for  
two weeks, on account of sickness in his family

Reports of Standing Committees

Finance re  
Pet of Pearce

Alderman Maddox, for the Finance Committee to whom was  
referred the petition of J.B. Pearce et al, asking a correction of  
assessment for taxes for the year 1901, presented a report  
recommending that the petition be granted in so far as  
same relates to lot 10 and the east half of lot 11, in Block 29/108  
The report of the Committee was adopted

Cemetery  
Sexton's report

Alderman Ulit for the Cemetery Committee to whom was  
referred the report of the City Sexton for the month of August 1902  
presented a report stating that same had been examined  
and found correct. The report of the Committee was adopted

Hospital  
Physicians  
report

Alderman Redd for the Hospital Committee to whom was  
referred the report of the City Physician for the month of  
August 1902, presented a report stating that same had  
been examined and found correct.

The report of the Committee was adopted

Unfinished business

Res increasing  
Salary of  
Sexton Thompson

The Mayor laid before the Council a resolution increasing  
the salary of Laith Thompson, driver of a street team  
and guard for City prisoners, from \$40.<sup>00</sup> to \$60.<sup>00</sup> per month  
The Resolution was read the third time and passed by  
the following vote

Yea Aldermen Crooker Davis Low Mortimer Nitschke  
Redd Shelley Ulit 8  
Nays Aldermen Maddox Schneider Shumate 3

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance appropriating

Salary  
Dog Catchers

the sum of \$120.<sup>00</sup> for the purpose of paying the salaries of dog  
Catchers from August to Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 1912  
The ordinance was read the third time and passed by the  
following Vote

Yeas Aldermen Crooker Davis Low Waddas Nitschke Redd  
Schneider Shelley Shumate & Ulit 10  
Nays Alderman Mortimer 1

Examined  
Hamilton  
Reconsidered  
Report not  
adopted

Alderman Schneider stated to the Council, that some time  
since the Council adopted a report made by the Committee  
on claims and accounts, upon a petition of Hamilton appealing  
from the action of the Board of Equalization, which report sustained  
the appeal and directed the Assessor & Collector, to make the  
necessary correction and to issue tax receipt in accordance  
therewith. Alderman Schneider then presented and had read  
an opinion from the City Attorney in which he advises the Assessor  
& Collector that the Council had no authority to alter valuations  
on the tax rolls when same had been regularly and legally  
fixed by the Board of Equalization.

Alderman Schneider stated that the Assessor & Collector desired  
further instruction from the Council as to his duty in the premises.

Alderman Waddas moved to reconsider the vote by which  
the Council at a former meeting adopted the report of the  
Committee on claims and accounts, upon the petition of  
Hamilton in which he appeals from the action of the Board  
of Equalization, which motion prevailed.

Alderman Davis moved to recommit the petition to the  
Committee on claims and accounts, which motion was lost  
by the following Vote

Yeas Aldermen Crooker Waddas Mortimer Schneider & Ulit 5  
Nays Aldermen Davis Low Nitschke Redd Shelley & Shumate 6

Alderman Schneider moved that the report of the  
Committee be not adopted, which motion prevailed.

New business

Approved

By Alderman Waddas an ordinance appropriating the sum  
of \$969.<sup>00</sup> for the purpose of paying approved accounts  
The ordinance was read the first time, and on motion  
the rule was suspended and the ordinance passed on its  
second reading by the following Vote

Yeas Aldermen Crooker Davis Low Waddas Mortimer  
Nitschke Redd Schneider Shelley Shumate & Ulit 11  
Nays none

The ordinance was read the second time  
Alderman Shumate moved to amend same by adding  
to pay Mrs. Stelford for transportation of paupers \$2.<sup>00</sup>  
The amendment was adopted and the ordinance as  
amended was passed under suspension of the rule by the  
following Vote.

Yeas Aldermen Crooker Davis Low Waddas Mortimer

Nitschke Read Schneider Shelley Shumate Ulit 11  
Ways none

appd aces  
street dept

By Alderman Maddox An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$169.<sup>67</sup> for the purpose of paying approved accounts, street dept. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following Vote

Yeas Aldermen Crocker Davis Low Maddox Mortimer Nitschke Read Schneider Shelley Shumate Ulit 11  
Ways none.

\$100. to purchase  
fire apparatus

By Alderman Davis An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$100. for the purpose of purchasing six shut off nozzles and one plaster hook for the use of the fire dept. The ordinance was read the first time and a motion made to suspend the rule and place the ordinance on its second reading, which motion was lost by the following Vote

Yeas Aldermen Crocker Davis Low Mortimer Ulit 5  
Nays Aldermen Maddox Nitschke Read Schneider Shelley Shumate 6.

On motion of Alderman Nitschke the ordinance was referred to the Fire Committee

\$35- for  
repair Colorado  
Hose wagon

By Alderman Davis An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$70.<sup>00</sup> for the purpose of repairing Colorado hose wagon. 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 Low Maddox Mortimer Nitschke Read Schneider Shelley Shumate Ulit 11  
Ways none.

The ordinance was read the second time.

Alderman Davis moved to amend the ordinance by striking out \$70. and inserting \$35- The amendment was adopted and the ordinance as amended was then passed under suspension of the rule by the following Vote

Yeas Aldermen Crocker Davis Low Maddox Mortimer Nitschke Read Schneider Shelley Shumate Ulit 11  
Ways none.

Ordinance  
calling in  
Physicians  
pendentures

By Alderman Shumate An ordinance regulating the calling in of Physicians by the City Marshal and members of the Police force for the purpose of treating persons injured in accidents, fights or otherwise

The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following Vote

Yeas Aldermen Crocker Davis Low Mortimer Nitschke Read Schneider Shelley Shumate Ulit 10  
Nays Alderman Maddox 1

Bills  
disc. & amend

Alderman Shumate one of the Committee on charity stated that there was before that Committee a bill of J. Hill for \$15.<sup>00</sup> & two bills from Dr. H. Anglen for \$8.<sup>00</sup>

for services rendered to paupers. ~~at~~ at the request of the Police Dept he stated that the Committee would like some instructions from the Council in regard to these claims - On motion the claims were referred to the Committee on claims & accounts

Committee  
to ascertain  
Admiral  
Shelley

Alderman Shumate called attention to the fact that at a former meeting of the Council a resolution had been passed authorizing the Mayor to appoint a Committee consisting of three Aldermen and two Citizens to make the necessary arrangements for the entertainment of Admiral W. S. Shelley upon the occasion of his visit to this City, and asked that the Mayor appoint said Committee.

The Mayor appointed Aldermen Shumate Shelley & Low on the part of the Council and stated that he would announce the appointment of the Citizens Committee at a later date

Buying towers  
from House

Alderman Davis stated that the Council several months since had passed an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to contract for the erection of buying towers at the different horse houses, and that he would like to know of the City Engineer what action had been taken.

City Engineer Sneed stated that the contract for the work had been let to Mr. E. Horton but as yet he had not begun work waiting for iron, which had been ordered some time since. On motion the City Engineer was directed to call upon Mr. Horton and insist upon his complying with his contract.

Alderman Nitsche offered the following resolution which was read and adopted

Resolution  
Transfer  
street to  
Chad Stephens

Whereas the City Council of the City of Austin by action regularly taken on March 17<sup>th</sup> 1902, accepted a certain proposition made by Chad Stephenson, whereby the said Stephenson offered to convey to the said City fifty feet off of the north side of lots 67 & Block 53 Christian and Fellman and addition to the City of Austin, Texas, said fifty (50) feet extending along the north side of said Block 53, from Waller Creek to Trinity Street; if the said City would convey to the said Stephenson that part of Bremond Street lying between Blocks 53 and 38 Division "B," said City, and extending from the west side of Trinity Street between said Blocks 53 and 38, west down to Waller Creek, said addition; therefore, Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, that the Mayor of the City be, and he is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of said City, the necessary conveyance to make said agreement effective; upon the execution and delivery to said Mayor as the Agent of the City, of a deed in proper form, to convey to the City title to the property described in and offered to the City in the proposition of the said Stephenson;

On motion the Council adjourned.

J. C. Johnson  
City Clerk