

Regular meeting of the City Council
Austin Texas, Nov 30, 1902

Tom A.C. White, Mayor, presiding

Roll called

Present Aldermen Crocker Davis Hume Low Waddar Whitsett
Redd Shelley Shumate Stumpf & West 11
Absent Aldermen Mortimer & Schneider 2

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

Petitions, Memorials etc

Pet Bristol Hotel to put in pipe in alley

By Alderman Shelley, Petition of Irwin Daniel Manager of the Bristol Hotel, asking permission to put in a line of pipe in alley running west of the hotel and to the N & C R depot. On motion the petition was granted

Reports of City Officers

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The Mayor laid before the Council the reports of the City Officers (except that of the Marshal) for the month of Oct 1902 which were on motion referred to their appropriate Committees, without reading

Reports of Standing Committees

Report Finance Com. Officers

Alderman Waddar for the Finance Committee to whom was referred the reports of the Assessor & Collector, Clerk and Treasurer for the month of Sept 1902, presented a report stating that they had examined same and found them correct. The report of the Committee was adopted

Police List Pound Master

Alderman Shelley for the Police Committee to whom was referred a resolution authorizing the City Marshal to employ an Assistant Pound Master, presented a report recommending that the resolution do not pass. The report was adopted

to A. B. Jones Taxes

Alderman Low for the Committee on claims & accounts to whom was referred the petition of Ben. E. Jones for asking that the Council remit interest & penalty on taxes for the 1899, presented a report stating that the Council was without authority to grant the request. The report was adopted

to A. Whitsett Taxes

Alderman Low for the claims & accounts Committee to whom was referred the petition of Mrs A. S. Whitsett asking for correction of Assessments for the year 1902, presented a report recommending that the petition be granted and that the Assessor & Collector be directed to change his roll and issue a receipt in accordance with the request. The report was adopted

to a. Jones Taxes

Alderman Low for the claims & accounts Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Just. Chiles appealing from the action of the Board of Equalization, presented a report stating that the Council was without authority to grant the petition. The report was adopted

to a. Jones & W. D. Jones

Alderman Low for the claims & accounts Committee to whom was referred the petitions of Henry Chan & Schapiro asking, have certain pound fees paid by them refunded

presented a report returning the petitions with the recommendations of the Mayor that they be granted. The report was adopted.

Cemetery
Sections report

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

Sailway claim
of Ways Co

Alderman Low for the Sailway Committee to whom was referred the claim of A J Ways Co for damages, presented a report recommending that the claim be allowed. The report was adopted.

Hospital reports
Physicians
Matron

Alderman Reed for the Hospital Committee to whom was referred the reports of the City Physician and Matron of the Hospital for the month of Sept 1902, presented a report stating that same had been examined and found correct. The report was adopted.

Board of Fire Com
Business + Fire
Commissioners
Permits

The Mayor laid before the Council the reports of the Board of Fire Commissioners upon the applications of Chas Babiers & W R Daines asking permission to erect certain buildings within the fire limits, which were not in accordance with the ordinance on the subject. They recommend that the applications be not granted. On motion the reports were adopted.

Board of Fire Com
West Austin
Fire Co

The Mayor laid before the Council the report of the Board of Fire Commissioners upon the application of the West Austin Fire Company for permission to become a part of the Austin Fire Dept, recommending that the petition be not granted. On motion the report was laid on the table to come up with the report of the Committee on the part of the Council on the same petition.

Malcom pet
West Austin
Fire Co

Alderman Mortimer entered the Council Chamber. Alderman Hume for the Special Committee on the part of the Council to whom was referred the petition of the West Austin Fire Company for permission to become a part of the Austin Fire Dept, presented a report recommending that the petition be granted.

Mortimer +
Schneider
Apologize to
Council

Alderman Stumpf moved to adopt the report of the Board of Fire Commissioners. Alderman Shelley moved as a substitute to adopt the report of the Committee on the part of the Council. After considerable discussion, (in which language was used by Aldermen Mortimer & Schneider which was objected to by Alderman Madrox as unparliamentary and both of the Aldermen were on motion directed to be seated by the Marshal and required to apologize to the Council for the language used. The petition was referred back to the Board of Fire Commissioners -

Unfinished business

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance providing for

Side walk ordinance passed

a system of side walks for the City of Austin
The Ordinance was read the third time and passed by the following vote

Yeas Aldermen Crocker Low Maddox Mortimer Nitschke
Redd Shelley Shumate ^{Stumpf} Ulitt 10
Nays Aldermen Davis Hume & Schneider 3

Hill Haigler claims

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$30. for the purpose of paying the bills of Dr. Hill Haigler for medical services rendered to paupers.

The Ordinance was read the second time, and a motion made to suspend the rule and place it on its second reading was lost by the following vote.

Yeas Aldermen Crocker David Low Mortimer Nitschke
Redd Shelley Shumate ~~Stumpf~~ 7
Nays Aldermen Hume Maddox Schneider Shumate
Stumpf & Ulitt 6

Pole ordinance postponed

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance requiring the removal of poles from certain streets in the City with an amendment offered by Alderman Nitschke

On motion further consideration of the ordinance was postponed until the next regular meeting of the Council

New business

Ordinance to vacate street Blind Alley

By Alderman Maddox an ordinance providing for the vacation of that portion of Sabine street, embraced between 18th + 19th streets etc. The ordinance was read the first time and on motion was laid over until the next regular meeting of the Council, and was ordered printed in the minutes

The following is the ordinance

An Ordinance

Providing for the vacating of that portion of Sabine street embraced between 18th + 19th streets, and prescribing the terms of such provision

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Austin: That that portion of Sabine street embraced between blocks 64 and 71. and between 18th + 19th streets, City of Austin be and is hereby vacated, and the Board of Trustees of the State Blind Asylum are hereby granted as against the City of Austin, the right to enclose, use and erect buildings on said portion of said street; provided however this ordinance shall not become effective for any purpose until said board of Trustees shall have repaired and put in good condition for travel that portion of Red River street embraced between 18th + 19th streets to the satisfaction of the City Engineer and Street Committee which satisfaction shall be evidenced by a statement in writing to that effect to be filed with the City Clerk.

For Alderman ~~Ulitt~~ an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$50. for the purpose of paying for repairs to City Cemetery

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 Shumate Sturuff Vukich 13
Nays none

Alderman Maddox presented the following communication which was read

Austin Texas Nov 3rd 1902
To the Hon R.E. White, Mayor, and the City Council of the City of Austin

Gentlemen: I hand you herewith my monthly report showing the condition of my accounts with the City of Austin up to date

Hilliard
City Treas.
resignation

In submitting this report, I beg to advise you that it is the last which I shall probably submit and I cannot pass over this opportunity to thank you for the many acts of courtesy extended to me during my incumbency as City Treasurer. A business engagement will necessitate my removal from Austin and I hereby and herewith tender my resignation as Treasurer of the City of Austin effective tonight. Hoping for you in your individual capacity and for you as representatives of the City which for some years has been my home, and wishing for that City the peace and prosperity which you have labored so hard to secure for it, I beg you to believe me

Sincerely yours,

H. Hilliard City Treasurer

Hilliard
resignation
accepted

Alderman Maddox moved that the resignation of City Treasurer Hilliard be accepted, and that a Committee of three Aldermen, together with the Mayor and City Attorney be appointed to check up his accounts, and to turn over the office to his successor, which motion prevailed. The Mayor appointed Aldermen Maddox Shelley and Hume as such Committee

Alderman Shelley offered the following resolution which was read and ~~adopt~~ unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Resolution
re resignation
of Hilliard

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin; That in accepting the resignation of the Hon. H. P. Hilliard, as City Treasurer of the City of Austin, this body deems it proper to express its appreciation of the high standard of business ability and personal integrity which Mr. Hilliard has brought to the discharge of the duties of his official position; and we hereby formally express the deep regret which we bear at the loss which the City sustains from his resignation. Be it further resolved that in his removal this new field

of business and usefulness our City loses not only a valuable
officer but a useful and esteemed Citizen, and we hereby
tender him our sincere good wishes both for this body and
the entire Citizenship of the City of Austin for his future success
and happiness

Be it resolved further that the clerk of this Council be
instructed to send an engrossed copy of these resolutions
to Mr Hilliard

Alderman Maddox moved that the Council now proceed
to the election of a City Treasurer to fill the vacancy caused
by the resignation of Treasurer Hilliard, which motion
prevailed

W. H. Hilliard
elected City
Treasurer.

The Mayor declared nominations for City Treasurer to fill out the
term of Treasurer Hilliard, now in order.

Alderman Shelley nominated William H. Polts
Alderman Davis moved that nominations close, and
that the clerk be directed to cast the entire vote of the
Council for William H. Polts, which motion prevailed

The clerk cast 13 votes for William H. Polts for City Treasurer
and the Mayor declared him duly elected as City
Treasurer of the City of Austin, to fill out the term of
H. Hilliard resigned

§ 250. En. of Law

By Alderman Wittcke An ordinance appropriating
the sum of \$250. for the purpose of paying for extra labor
and teams. The ordinance was passed under
suspension of the rules by the following vote
Yeas Aldermen Crocker Davis Hume Low Maddox
Mortimer Wittcke Redd Schneider Shelley Shumate
Stumpf their
nays none

Plans for
Storm sewers
Engineer's proposed
submitted

Alderman Shumate offered the following
resolution which was read and adopted
Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin,
that the City Engineer be and is hereby instructed
to prepare and present to the Council at its next
regular meeting final plans for contemplated storm
sewers and permanent street improvements
The resolution was adopted.

Profile
submitted

Alderman Mortimer moved that the Council adopt
the profile made and heretofore submitted to the Council
by the City Engineer, which motion prevailed

On motion the Council adjourned

J. O. F. Timmon
City Clerk