

Regular meeting of the City Council

Austin, Texas. Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> 1903

Hon R.E. White, Mayor, presiding

Roll called

Present Aldermen Crook Haynes <sup>Macken</sup> Hume Madday

Miller Moore Nichols Redd Schneider Shelley

Shumate Smith Ulrich

Absent Alderman Hume

On motion of Alderman Shumate the Council adjourned until Tuesday Dec 15<sup>th</sup> 1903 at 8 o'clock P.M.

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

Petitions, memorials etc

The Mayor laid before the Council a petition from W J Peters asking correction of Assessment Read and on motion referred to the Committee on claims & accounts

The Mayor laid before the Council a petition from the W.L.T. asking permission to erect a drinking fountain at the corner of 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Congress Avenue which was read and on motion referred to the Street Commissioners with power to act

By the Mayor Petition of Austin Stock & Loden G<sup>ft</sup>, asking an increase of allowance for heat & repairs Read and on motion referred to the Fire Committee

The Mayor laid before the Council an application from Hughes Bros, for permission to erect a wooden frame-shed to be covered with galvanized iron, within the fire limits, together with a communication from the Fire Commissioners, recommending that it be granted. On motion the permit was granted

By Alderman Hume - Petition from R.R. Cowan asking to have certain pound fees paid by him refunded - Read and on motion referred to the Committee on claims & accounts

By Alderman Moore - Petition of citizens of North Congress Avenue for permission to widen side walk on Congress Avenue from the Capital Gate to 19<sup>th</sup> Street

Petitions etc  
W J Peters to correct  
Assessment

W.L.T. to erect a  
fountain 6<sup>th</sup> & Congress  
Avenue

Austin G<sup>ft</sup>. to  
increase allowance

Hughes Bros for  
building permit

R.R. Cowan to  
refund pound fees

citizens to widen  
side walk on  
Congress Avenue

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Read and on motion referred to the streets Committee  
and City Engineer, with power to act

On motion of Alderman Shumate the Vote by which  
the above petition was referred to the street Committee  
was reconsidered, and the petition laid over to come  
up with an ordinance on the subject, under the  
head of New Business -

#### Reports of City Officers

The Mayor laid before the Council the reports of the  
various City Officers (except that of the Marshal) for  
the month of Nov 1903, which were on motion  
referred to their appropriate Committees without reading.

#### Reports of Standing Committees

Alderman Schneider for the Fire Committee presented  
a verbal report upon the condition of the building at  
Corner Braga & Streets, stating that same was in a  
dilapidated condition and should be repaired or  
removed but that the Council was without authority  
to act.

Alderman Hume for the ordinance Committee  
to whom was referred an ordinance prohibiting  
Swinging Signs on certain Streets of the City, presented  
a report recommending the passage of the  
ordinance. On motion the report was adopted.

Alderman Reid for the Special Committee  
appointed to confer with the County Commissioners  
Court in regard to the expense of the Support and  
Maintenance of the City Hospital, presented a  
verbal report, stating that they had conferred  
with the County Commissioners and had agreed  
upon the plan adopted last year, except that  
the County would settle with the City monthly  
instead of annually, as heretofore.

#### Unfinished business

Alderman Miller was excused from further attendance at  
this session of the Council.

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance prohibiting  
Swinging Signs on certain Streets in the City.

The ordinance was read the second time and passed  
under suspension of the rules by the following vote  
Yea Aldermen Crook Hedges Hume Madder Moore  
Nay Alderman Shumate Smith Reid  
Nays None

### New business

New business  
\$20. to improve  
Park. N. West Austin  
School.

By Alderman Crooker An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$20<sup>00</sup> for the purpose of improving the sidewalks in the public Park, immediately North of the West Austin School. The Ordinance was read the first time and on motion was referred to the Park Committee.

Sale of Land McCulloch  
Co. Ullanfund.

By Alderman Maddox An ordinance Authorizing and Confirming the Sale by the City of Austin and its Board of School Trustees of 160 Acre of land in McCulloch County.

Alderman Macken entered the Council Chamber. The ordinance was read the first time and passed under Suspension of the rules by the following Vote  
Yea Aldermen Crooker Haynes Hume Macken Maddox Moore Nitscuke Redd Schneider Shelley Shumate Ulrik  
Nays none

Sidewalk N. Long Ave  
passed

By Alderman Moore An ordinance authorizing certain improvements on Congress Avenue in the City of Austin. The Ordinance was read the first time and passed under Suspension of the rules by the following Vote  
Yea Aldermen Crooker Haynes Hume Macken Maddox Moore Nitscuke Redd Schneider Shelley Shumate Ulrik  
Nays none.

Ordinance authorizing  
City Engineer to inspect  
certain buildings &  
condemn same  
passed

By Alderman Schneider An ordinance Authorizing the City Engineer to inspect buildings and all other structures and premises in the City and to condemn such buildings and structures when found to be in a dangerous condition. 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  
Yea Aldermen Crooker Haynes Hume Macken Maddox Moore Nitscuke Redd Schneider Shelley Shumate Ulrik  
Nays none.

The ordinance was read the second time. Alderman Shumate offered the following amendment After the words "dangerous condition" add "or public nuisance". The amendment was adopted.

Alderman Schneider moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was adopted, which motion prevailed. On motion of Alderman Maddox the amendment was laid upon the table, and the ordinance passed under suspension of the rule by the following Vote  
Yea Aldermen Crooker Haynes Hume Macken Maddox Moore Nitscuke Redd Schneider Shelley Shumate Ulrik  
Nays none

By Alderman Moore An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$200<sup>00</sup> for the purpose of paying for straw streets

Evening

work in the 7<sup>th</sup> ward. The ordinance was read the first time and a motion made to suspend the rule and place it on its second reading, which was lost by the following vote

Yea Aldermen Hume Macken Read & Moore

Nitschke Redd Shelley Smith

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Nays Aldermen Brookins Hayes Shumate Ulit 4

By Alderman Nitschke An ordinance to amend Sections

218, 221 + 222. of the Revised Civil Ordinances of the City of

Austin, so as to define the duties of the City Engineer and

to create the position of Street Repair Boss, and define his

duties. The ordinance was read the first time and on

motion was referred to the Ordinance Committee, by

the following vote

Yea Aldermen Brookins Hayes Redd Schneider Shelley  
Smith Ulit

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Nays Aldermen Hume Macken Madday Moore

Nitschke Shumate

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Alderman Ulit offered the following resolution

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin,

that the fine of Drity Keagan who was convicted

in the Mayors Court on Nov 15<sup>th</sup> 1903, and fined \$5.00

for disturbing the peace by using profane and abusive

language to Sam Jeffries, be and same is hereby

verdicted.

Alderman Shelley moved to lay the resolution on the Table. Alderman Madday moved as a

Substitute, that Alderman Ulit be permitted to

withdraw the resolution. The Substitute was adopted

Alderman Madday offered a resolution directing and

instructing the City Clerk to cancel a certain warrant

issued, and to change his monthly report for the

month of Oct 1903, so as to conform to the provisions

of this resolution. The resolution was adopted.

Alderman Nitschke offered the following resolution

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin,

that the attention of the Commissioners Court of

Brazos County is hereby respectfully called to the

dangerous condition of the North approach to the

Longfellow Avenue bridge across the Colorado River

and said body is requested to provide for the speedy

repair of same. The City Clerk is hereby directed

to forward to said County a copy of this resolution

The resolution was adopted.

By Alderman Nitschke An ordinance appropriating

the sum of \$150.00 for the purpose of improving

certain portions of certain streets of the City

The ordinance was read the first time and a motion

Ordinance amending  
certain sections of the Revised  
Civil Code. Engineers  
etc.

Resolution to remit fine  
Drity Keagan.

Withdrawn

City Clerk authorized and  
directed to change monthly  
report

Resolution calling attention  
of Coms Court to condition  
Colorado Bridge

\$150. to improve streets

Made to suspend the rule and place it on its second reading, which motion prevailed by the following Vote  
 Yeas Aldermen Crookshaynes Hume Macken Maddox  
 Moore Nitckle Redd Shelley Shumate Smith 11  
 Nays Aldermen Schneider & Heit 2

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 Crookshaynes Hume Macken Maddox  
 Moore Nitckle Redd Shelley Shumate Smith 11  
 Nays Aldermen Schneider & Heit 2

The ordinance was read the third time

Alderman Maddox moved to amend the ordinance by striking out the words "Street Improvement" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "General" which motion prevailed by the following Vote

Yeas Aldermen Crookshaynes Hume Macken Maddox  
 Moore Nitckle Redd Shelley Shumate Smith 11  
 Nays Aldermen Schneider & Heit 2

The ordinance was passed by the following Vote

Yeas Aldermen Crookshaynes Hume Macken Maddox  
 Moore Nitckle Redd Shelley Shumate Smith 11  
 Nays Aldermen Schneider & Heit 2

~~\$200. extra labor, 7<sup>th</sup> Ward~~  
 Alderman Shumate moved to reconsider the Vote by which the Council refused to suspend the rule and place the ordinance appropriating the sum of \$200. for the purpose of paying for extra street labor in the 7<sup>th</sup> Ward, on its second reading, which motion prevailed.

Alderman Nitckle moved to suspend the rule and place the ordinance on its second reading, which motion prevailed by the following Vote

Yeas Aldermen Crookshaynes Hume Macken Maddox  
 Moore Nitckle Redd Shelley Shumate Smith 11  
 Nays Aldermen Schneider & Heit 2

The ordinance was read the second time

Alderman Shumate moved to amend the ordinance by striking out the words "Street Improvement" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "General" which motion prevailed  
 The ordinance was then passed under suspension of the rule by the following Vote

Yeas Aldermen Crookshaynes Hume Macken Maddox  
 Moore Nitckle Redd Shelley Shumate Smith & Heit 12  
 Nays Alderman Schneider 1

By Alderman Maddox An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1156<sup>42</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 placed on its second reading by the following Vote

Approved.....

Years Aldermen Crookshayne Herne Macken Madday  
Moore Nitcukle Redd Schneider Shelley Shumate Smith  
Heit 13

Nays None.

The Ordinance was read the Second Time

Alderman Shelley moved to amend by adding  
McLokey for services as special Policeman \$12.00

The Amendment was adopted.

Alderman Madday moved to amend by adding,

"To pay the claim of A.S. James for Commission \$59.11"

The Amendment was adopted, and the ordinance as  
Amended, was passed under suspension of the rule by  
the following Vote.

Years Aldermen Crookshayne Herne Macken Madday  
Moore Nitcukle Redd Schneider Shelley Shumate Smith Heit 13  
Nays None.

By Alderman Nitcukle An ordinance appropriating  
the sum of \$500.00 for the purpose of paying for street brooklet  
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

Years Aldermen Crookshayne Herne Macken Madday  
Moore Nitcukle Redd Schneider Shelley Shumate Smith  
Heit 13

Nays None.

The ordinance was read the Second Time

Alderman Shumate moved to amend by adding  
"provided that \$200.00 of this amount shall be expended  
in the 6<sup>th</sup> Ward". The Amendment was adopted.

Alderman Crookshayne moved to amend by adding the  
words "and City Engineed". The amendment was  
adopted, and the ordinance passed under suspension of  
the rule by the following Vote

Years Aldermen Crookshayne Herne Macken Madday  
Moore Nitcukle Redd Schneider Shelley Shumate Smith  
Heit 13

Nays None.

By Alderman Madday an ordinance appropriating  
the sum of \$31.50 for the purpose of buying Coal and  
paying for running the Roller on the Speedway.

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

Years Aldermen Crookshayne Herne Macken Madday  
Moore Nitcukle Redd Schneider Shelley Shumate Smith  
Heit 13

Translators

Alderman Shumate offered the following resolution,  
which was read and adopted

McLokey - For special  
Policeman

A.S. James. Town on  
order

\$500. extra street labor

\$200. to be spent in 6<sup>th</sup>  
Ward

\$31.50 for use: running  
Team Roller.

Culvert Pipe on  
21st Street.

Resolved that the City Engineer be and is hereby instructed to purchase and put a Culvert pipe under each side of 21st Street and the speedway so as to permit the construction of the Memorial drinking fountain to be erected on that location.

On motion the Council adjourned

F.W.O. Johnson  
City Clerk