Regular Meeting of the City Council

Austin Texas, Feby 18th 1907

Hon W D Shelley Mayor presiding

Roll Called

Present Aldermen Armstrong Crooker Dunn Haynes Hartz Mackey Miller Moore Powell Pratt Von Rosenberg Wilkins 12

Absent Aldermen Petri & Reed 2

On Motion the Minutes were approved as recorded by the Clerk, without reading.

Petitions etc

Petitions Memorials etc

Ed Smith pay for time while unable to work

By Alderman Moore Communication from the City Engineer and the Street Committee asking to have Ed Smith carried on the pay roll until able to resume work, he being injured while on City work. On Motion the Petition was Granted

G M Brass, E 6 st, grade

The Mayor laid before the Council an amended Petition of G M Brass regarding Street grade on E 6th Street, which was read and on Motion referred to the Street Committee, with instructions to report at the next Meeting of the Council if they see fit to do so.

H. C. Opitz to refund license

The Mayor laid before the Council a petition from H. C. Opitz, asking to have certain license paid by him refunded Read and on Motion referred to the Committee on claims and accounts

Mrs L L Dodd to remit fine

By the Mayor - Petition of Mrs L L Dodd, asking to have balance of fine assessed against her son, Jno Dodd remitted. On Motion the petition was Granted

Reports City officers

Reports of City Officers

The Mayor laid before the Council the reports of the Marshall for the Month of Jany 1907, which were referred to the Police Committee

Reports Standing Com.

Reports of Standing Committees

Finance off reports

Alderman Haynes for the Finance Committee to whom was referred the reports of the Assessor & Collector, the Treasurer and the Clerk for the Months of Dec 1906, & Jany 1907 presented a report stating that they had examined same and found them correct

On Motion the report was adopted

Fire on purchase of engines

Alderman Von Rosenberg for the Fire Committee to whom was referred a Communication from the Chief of the Fire Dept & Members of the Fire Commission, asking the purchase by the City of One or More Fire Engines, presented a report stating that at the present the City was not financially able to comply with the request, and that later on it might be that the purchase could be made

The report of the committee was adopted.

[illegible]

Alderman [illegible] for the Ordinance Committee to whom was referred the petition of the [illegible] Commission, board [illegible] [illegible] presented a report recommending that the [illegible]

[illegible] – The report was adopted

Cr W pet Mrs [illegible] [illegible]

Alderman Haynes for the Claims & accounts Committee to whom was referred the petition of Mrs Nannie [illegible] asking a correction of assessment for taxes for 1906, presented a report recommending that the petition be granted and that the Assessor & Collector be authorized to make the necessary correction and give credit for same

The report of the Committee was adopted

Alderman Moore for the City Hall Committee presented the following report which was read and adopted

Austin Texas Feb 18th 1907

To the Hon W D Shelley Mayor and Board of Aldermen of City of Austin

City Hall.

Steam heating new City Hall

Gentlemen;

We your City Hall Committee after advertising for plans and bids for a system of steam heating for City Hall, beg leave to report that we received three bids, viz:

The Burke Plumbing and Electric Co bid	$2900.00
Jno D Martin bid	2296.00
J R Donnerly bid	2207.55

Mr Donnerly being the lowest bidder we recommend that contract be awarded to him according to plans and specifications submitted by him and further recommend that the Mayor be instructed to enter into contract with J R Donnelly for same at price bid

G W Moore
E Von Rosenberg
Chas J Armstrong

New Business

The Mayor laid before the Council the following communication

Austin Texas Feb 18th 07.

To the Honorable Mayor, of the City of Austin, Texas

Dear Sir;

Resignation J R Donnelly, Member Plumbing Board

Owing to business matters, I beg herewith to tender my resignation as a member of the board of plumbing examiners, to take effect immediately. Thanking you and the honorable Council for the honor conferred on me I remain

Yours truly
Jno R Donnelly

Accepted this Feby 18th 1907 at 3 P M
W D Shelley Mayor

On motion the resignation was accepted by the Council

Alderman [illegible] offered the following resolution which was read and adopted

To the Hon Mayor and City Council

Whereas [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that [illegible] made [illegible] 3rd [illegible] in session in the City of Austin for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Change City Charter,

"excluding the Confederate Home properties from the corporate limits of the City of Austin
Therefore be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin that our Representatives in the 30th Legislature be and they are hereby requested to resist the passage of any act or amendment to the Charter of the City of Austin having for its purpose the exclusion of said Confederate Home properties from the City of Austin or the changing of the boundary lines of the 2nd and 8th ward of the City of Austin Texas

Extension of franchise R.B. Carroll. Inter urban RR.

By Alderman Crooker an ordinance extending the time to commence work under an ordinance granting a right of way and other privileges over, along and on the streets and avenues of the City of Austin Texas, to Walf. B. Carroll of New York City, State of New York, and to his associates, successors, survivors, heirs and assigns, passed by the City Council of Austin, Texas, on the 4th day of June A.D. 1906, and approved by the Mayor of Austin on June 6th 1906.
Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Austin:
That the time allowed, under said original ordinance described in the caption hereto, within which the said grantees therein, shall begin the construction of the railway therein provided for, within the limits of the City of Austin, shall be and the same is hereby extended to the 18th day of April A.D. 1907
The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote
Yeas Aldermen Armstrong Crooker Dunca Haynes Hatz Macken Miller Moore Powell, Scott & VonRosenberg 11
Nays Alderman Wilhelm 1

Organization Police force

By Alderman Haynes an ordinance amending Section 3 of an ordinance entitled "an ordinance prescribing details for the Organization of the Police force of the City of Austin"
... The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote
Yeas Aldermen Armstrong Crooker Dunca Haynes Hatz Macken Miller Moore Powell Scott. VonRosenberg and Wilhelm 12
Nays None

Ordinance fixing Salaries drivers of fire wagons

By Alderman Haynes an ordinance fixing the Salaries to be paid to Drivers of fire wagons and Tillermen for Hook & Ladder Co No 1.
The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote
Yeas Aldermen Armstrong Crooker Dunca Haynes Hatz Macken Miller Moore Powell Scott VonRosenberg and Wilhelm 12
Nays None

Ordinance fixing Salaries Sanitary employes

By Alderman Haynes an ordinance fixing the salaries of drivers of Sanitary Carts and gutterman
The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote
Yeas Aldermen Armstrong Crooker Dunn Haynes [illegible] [illegible] Miller Moore Powell [illegible] Rosengren and Wilhelm
Nays None.

Alderman Haynes offered the following resolution which was read and adopted -

Sanitary Inspector authorized to employ additional gutterman

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, that the Sanitary Inspector be and he is hereby authorized to employ one additional gutterman in this department
This resolution to take effect from and after March 1, 1907

Alderman Haynes for the Finance Committee presented the following report.

Austin Texas, Feby 18th 1907

To the Hon W D Shelley Mayor, and Board of Aldermen of the City of Austin

Gentlemen,

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to submit herewith an estimate of receipts and expenditures for the year 1907, as required by Section 120 of the City Charter.

H. L. Haynes
E. G. VonRosenberg
L. M. Crooker
Committee on Finance

Budget for 1907

Budget for the year 1907
Estimate of probable income from all sources for the General fund for the year 1907

From Advalorum taxes of 1906.	$ 79.135.00
" " " " 1907	8000.00
" " " " prior years	6000.00
	$ 93 135.00
Less 25% for street purposes	23 283.00
	$ 69852.00
Less 10% for City Hall fund	6985.00
	$ 62867.00
From Licence tax	10.000.00
" Corporation Court	8,400.00
" Pound fees [illegible]	800.00
" Interest [illegible] taxes	[illegible] 000.00
" [illegible]	2000.[illegible]
" [illegible]	300.[illegible]
" [illegible]	100.[illegible]
" [illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	

Brought over	89037.00
From Interest on deposits City Money	3000.00
" Inspection fees for Plumbing	200.00
" Pay Patients City Health Hospital	500.00
" Total estimated Income	$92437.00

Estimated expenses on account of General Fund during the Year 190[illegible]

For Salaries of Officers and Employes		$17,050.00
" " " Policemen		18 230.00
" " " Special Policemen		200.00
" " " Aldermen		1680.00
" " " Dog Catchers		400.00
" " " Sexton City Cemetery	275.00	[illegible]
" Improvement of Grounds	1000.00	1275.00
Sanitary Dept		
" Salary Inspector	900.00	[illegible]
" Pay Roll Employes	5820.00	
" Stock Feed	800.00	
" Blacksmithing	300.00	
" Harness repairs	60.00	
" [illegible]	50.00	
" Repairs etc Carts	205.00	
" Exchange of Mule	95.00	
" Burying dead Animals	200.00	
" Miscellaneous	100.00	8,530.00
Fire Dept		
" Salaries of Drivers Hillerman	6300.00	
" Feed & repairs	4920.00	
" Rent of Hall	600.00	
" Care of Engine	60.00	
" Repairs & Painting East Austin Hall	400.00	
" " " Forest " "	400.00	
" " " Colorado Wagon	100.00	
" Hanging Bells Protection & North Austin	80.00	
" Sanitary Hose Protection	380.00	
" Settlement of all Claims Protection	724.00	
" " " " " North Austin	1500.00	
" " " " " West "	1000.00	
" Horse feed for Chief of the Dept	200.00	16,714.00
" Meals for City Prisoners		400.00
City Health Hospital		
" Pay Roll Physicians and Nurse	$2288.00	
" Groceries	850.00	
" Dry Goods	200.00	
" Drugs & Medicines	700.00	
" Meat	225.00	
Total	4263.00	

Brot forward	4263.00	[illegible]
For Milk, butter & Con[illegible]	300.00	
" Ice	60.00	
" Furniture etc	200.00	
" Repairs	500.00	
" Vegetables	150.00	
" Wood	300.00	
" Hauling Sick	25.00	
" Miscellaneous	500.00	6298.00
Charity		
" Burial of Paupers	300.00	
" Prescriptions "	250.00	
" Wood "	100.00	
" Supplies "	350.00	1075.00
" R R Tickets "	70.00	
Printing, Stationery & Postage		
" Newspaper Printing	500.00	
" Job "	500.00	
" Stationery	100.00	
" Postage & Box Rent	100.00	1200.00
" Annual Installment [illegible] Water Co		22500.00
" Codifying City ordinances		500.00
" Repr to Patrol wagon		50.00
" Extra Clerk assessor's & Collector's office 8 mos		600.00
" Miscellaneous		1705.00
Total estimated expenses		94437.00

Respectfully Submitted
H L Haynes
E von Rosenberg
L M Crooker
Finance Committee

On Motion the budget as presented by the Finance Committee was adopted.

Alderman Von Rosenberg offered the following resolution which was read and adopted

Engineer instructed
to notify owners of
Block 148 in
regard to sidewalk

Resolved that the City Engineer be instructed to forthwith notify the owner of Block 148 fronting on Colorado and 13th Streets, known as the McKean flats, (opposite Goodman's Store) that they be made to remain within the proper boundary line of said blocks in grading said block of ground, not to include any portion of the side walk, nor put within their boundary line, thereby violating the ordinances regulating the [illegible] of side walks etc; [illegible] line of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Storm sewer lateral, 2nd & Cong Ave

to the Storm Sewer at the intersection of 2nd Street and Congress Avenue. The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following Vote
Yeas Aldermen Armstrong Crooker Cuneo Haynes Hatz Macken Miller Moore Powell Scott VonRosenberg & Wilhelm 12
Nays None

Ordinance to pay for gravel

By Alderman VonRosenberg an Ordinance appropriating the sum of $19.80 for the purpose of paying for gravel
The Ordinance was read the first time and on Motion of Alderman Crooker was laid on the Table subject to Call

Ex St labor & teams

By Alderman Crooker an Ordinance appropriating the sum of $75.00 for the purpose of employing extra street labor and teams - The Ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following Vote
Yeas Aldermen Armstrong Crooker Cuneo Haynes Hatz Macken Miller Moore Powell Scott & Wilhelm 11
Nays Alderman VonRosenberg 1

Advertising for bids for paving

By Alderman Moore an Ordinance appropriating the sum of $67.90 for the purpose of paying for paving Notices in the Galveston & Dallas News and the Austin Statesman.
The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following Vote
Yeas Aldermen Armstrong Crooker Cuneo Haynes Hatz Macken Miller Moore Powell Scott VonRosenberg and Wilhelm 12
Nays None

The Mayor laid before the Council a sealed Proposition to rebuild the dam, and directed the Clerk to open and read same -
The following is the Proposition

Proposition to rebuild dam

New York Jany 10. 1907
To the Honorable, the Mayor and City Council
of the City of Austin, Texas
Gentlemen;

We submit for your consideration the following proposition, for the construction of a dam across the Colorado river, at or near the location of the dam that was partially destroyed in the year 1900.
We will construct a dam at the site and of the height of the old one, together with fire-bay and head-gates, unless after careful investigation by our Engineers we are advised that it is not practicable to permanently maintain a dam at that location. If we construct said dam at the old site we will repair the power house.
If it is found impracticable to locate the dam at the site specified, we will then build a dam at some other location to be mutually agreed upon between the city and ourselves

such dam to be of such height as to develop water power under a head of 60 feet when the dam is full to its crest. In this event, we will construct a suitable powerhouse at a location so chosen. Immediately upon their completion we will turn over to your City for its operation all of the above mentioned appliances, together with the exclusive right to sell or use the entire water power.

We will maintain the dam, fore-bay and head-gates so constructed by us for a period of forty years from the date of their completion.

At the end of forty years from the completion of the dam and appliances we will turn over and surrender them to the City of Austin as its absolute property.

The foregoing is made upon the following conditions;

That the City furnish us with all the plans, specifications, maps and drawings and engineering reports now, or which may hereafter be in its position, (possession) relating to the Construction and operation of the old dam

That it will turn over to us, without expense, all material in the old dam

That it will furnish to us free of rent during the period of Construction, all rights to occupy such City property as may be necessary for the work of Construction

That in the event of the location of the dam at some new point, the City furnish the land necessary for its Construction and equipment, together with adequate overflow rights

That the City at its expense, maintain the buildings which we turn over to it, aside from the fore-bay and water gate

That the City pay us for the use of the water power developed by such dam during the period of forty years from the time of its Completion: all taxes and assessments which may be levied against said property, together with Seventy five thousand (\$75.000^{00}) dollars a year – payable in semi-annual installments

The foregoing is, of course, a brief outline of the proposition

If it commends itself to you, details will necessarily be worked out and shaped in the form of Contract to be executed between us.

Respectfully submitted
Consolidated Construction Company

Alderman Barnes moved that the proposition be submitted [illegible]
[illegible] Alderman [illegible] moved
that it be referred to [illegible] committee

with instructions to report at the next Meeting of the Council The Motion to refer was adopted by the following Vote

Yeas Aldermen Bunce Macken Miller Moore Powell Von Rosenberg & Wilhelm 7

Nays Aldermen Armstrong Crooker Haynes Hatz Scott 5

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution which was read and adopted

Sanitary Inspector to sell Mule

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin that the Sanitary Inspector be and he is hereby authorized to sell, to the highest bidder, for Cash, one old Mule Now in service of Sanitary department but not fit for use

$10.000 New City Hall appro

By Alderman Moore an ordinance appropriating the Sum of $10.000.00 for the purpose of erecting a New City Hall, Paying rent of temporary quarters etc.

The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following Vote

Yeas Aldermen Armstrong Crooker Bunce Haynes Hatz Macken Miller Moore Powell Scott Von Rosenberg and Wilhelm 12

Nays None

East Austin No 4 invitation

The Mayor laid before the Council a Communication from East Austin Hose Co No. 4, inviting the Mayor, City Council and City Officials to attend their annual entertainment to be given in their Hall Nov 22nd 1907 - The invitation was accepted

appropriates

By Alderman Haynes an ordinance appropriating the Sum of $1266.02 for the purpose of paying approved accounts

The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following Vote

Yeas Aldermen Armstrong Crooker Bunce Haynes Hatz Macken Miller Moore Powell Scott Von Rosenberg and Wilhelm 12

Nays None

approp. for St. Dept

By Alderman Haynes an ordinance appropriating the sum of $360.78 for the purpose of paying approved accounts Street Dept

The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following Vote

Yeas Aldermen Armstrong Crooker Bunce Haynes Hatz Macken Miller Moore Powell Scott Von Rosenberg and Wilhelm 12

Nays None

On Motion the Council adjourned

[illegible]
City Clerk