

Regular meeting of the City Council

Austin Texas September 2 1907

Hon F M Maddox; Mayor Presiding

Roll called

Present Alderman Crooker Cuneo Haynes Meredith Moreland Scott Smith & Wilhelm

Absent Aldermen Armstrong Miller Moore Petri & Redd

On motion of Alderman Cuneo the Council adjourned until 8 oclock wednesday September 4 1907

J no O Johnson

City Clerk

Adjourned Regular Meeting of the City Council

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Roll called

Present Aldermen Armstrong Crooker Cuneo Haynes Meredith

Moore Moreland Petrie & Smith 9

Absent Aldermen Miller Redd Scott & Wilhelm 4

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

Petitions ,memorials etc,

on motion of Alderman Crooker Ex Mayor White was invited to a seat on the rostrum with the Mayor ,

By Alderman Petrie Petition of Citizens,asking to have a watering trough put in on east street Read and on motion referred to the Sreet Committee,

By Alderman Smith Petition of J N Canion,asking the Council to refund

certain pound fees paid by him ,Read and on motionreferred to the Claims and Accounts Committee,

By Alderman Cuneo, Application of Henry Henderson for a building permit, Onmotion the permit was refused,

By Alderman Cuneo Petition of Saba Balagioasking for permission to erect a building in the fire limits,Alderman Crooker moved that the petition be not granted ,Alderman Cuneo moved that it be referred to the Street committee the motion of Alderman Cuneo was lost by the folowing vote,

Yeas Aldermen,Cuneo & Smith 2

Nays Aldermen Armstrong ,Crooker Haynes, Meredith ,Moore,Moreland Petri, 7

The votewas then taken on the motion of Aldermen Crooker that the petition be not granted which motion prevailed by the following vote,

Yeas Aldermen Armstrong,Crooker Haynes,Meredith,Moore Moreland,Petrie, & Smith 5

Nays AldermanCuneo 1

Alderman Crooker moved and the Council with all members, and the Council directly to begin the meeting,

Alderman Redd entered the Council Chamber and announced to his name.

Petitions etc

Watering trough for water trough El 2 St

J N Canion Pound fees.

Henry Henderson building permit

Saba Balagio building permit

On motion the call was suspended

*Hume Lumber Co
Building Permit*

By the Mayor, Petition of the Hume Lumber Co for permission to erect a building within the Firelimits,

Alderman Wilhelm entered the Council Chamber,

Alderman Crooker moved to refer the petition of the Hume Lumber Co to a committee

of 5 Alderman Cuneo moved to refuse the petition, Alderman Smith moved that the petition be granted Alderman Cuneo moved to table the motion of Alderman

Crooker, which motion prevailed by the following vote,

Yeas Aldermen Armstrong, Cuneo, Haynes, Meredith, Moore Moreland, Petri, Redd, Wilhelm 9
Nays Aldermen Crooker, & Smith 2

The vote was then taken on the motion of Alderman Cuneo which motion prevailed by the following vote,

Yeas Aldermen, Armstrong, Crooker, A Cuneo, Haynes, Meredith, Moore, Moreland, Petri, & Wilhelm 9
Nays, Aldermen Redd, & Smith 2

Reports of City Officers

Reports City Officers

The Mayor laid before the Council the reports of the Assessor & Collector the Clerk, and the Dog Catcher, which were on motion referred to their appropriate Committees without reading

Reports of Standing Committees

*Reports Standing
Committees*

~~Alderman Moore for the Paving Committee presented a report stating that under~~
~~an ordinance passed Sept 1907 they issued notices to certain named parties that on the~~
~~2 day of Sept 1907 --~~

ordinance heretofore passed they had issued notices to certain parties that said Paving committee would be in session on the 2 day of Sept 1907 and notifying them as owners of certain lots to appear before said Committee and offer any objection they might have as to why the bid and contract of St John & Rex should be adopted and to the work of paving Congress Avenue between third street and first street and to agree with said Committee as to the proportionate share of each of cost to be borne by them for such paving, and at said meeting no valid objections were made as why said contract should not be adopted & fixing the amount to be paid by each, we recommend that unless said parties should ratify and adopt the action of the Committee within ten days from this date, the City attorney be instructed to institute the necessary proceedings in accordance with the ordinance,

Names of parties, Alfred Smith, & MS Pendexter, H H Hershfield, P J Lawless G A & Mrs Seivern, Guardian, Chas Wolf, C G & A Gann, I & G N R R Co Trustees, CMS Dupler, T W Gregory, Trustees, J N Hamilton, J H Childs, Trustees, Mr & Mrs Sample, M Butler,

On motion the report was received and the City Attorney instructed to proceed against the parties in accordance with the ordinance

Alderman Moore for the Paving Committee presented the following report
Austin Texas Sept 4 1907

To the Hon Mayor & the City Council

The City Attorney

The City Attorney

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Gentlemen:

At a stated meeting of your Street Paving Committee held Sept 4 1907
arranged and adopted requesting that your Hon Body appropriate the sum of One Hundred Dollars for the purpose of preparing plan and specification for the extension of Congress Avenue Storm Sewer and for the construction of the Congress Avenue Bridge retaining wall, said amt to be spent under the supervision of the City Engineer

Another resolution was adopted requesting that the City Marshal be instructed to permit no one bonfires on brick pavements

Respectfully

A C Goeth

Chairman Street paving Committee

Joe Harrell Secy Street Paving Com On motion the report was adopted

The Mayor laid before the Council the following communication

Austin Texas Sept 4 1907

TO the Hon Mayor and City Council

Gentlemen ;

During the latter part of August a negro entered the home of Mr & Mrs Carroll in south Austin with the intent to rob the house and while in the house he touched Mrs Carroll who awoke and frightened the negro away and in running away he lost his cap and a knife which were afterwards found by Officers Fox and Rutledge and brought to the station

Two negro women who were in The City jail saw The cap and told Officer Fox that the cap belonged to John Shaw

Officers Fox & Rutledge arrested Shaw who afterwards confessed that he was guilty . Now as these women were instrumental and assisted the officers in this case I released them from jail ,believing that they deserve their

liberty as a reward for telling Officer Fox about the cap , and I most respectfully ask that you remit the fine of Lovtie Mack \$ 31.95, and Ellen Jones \$ 15.35

Very respectfully

W J Morris

City Marshal

On motion the fines were remitted as requested by the Marshal

Unfinished business

The Mayor laid before the Council An Ordinance amending the Pound ordinance

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

Yeas Aldermen Cunniff, (Counsellor Marshall), Moore, Mosier, (Patrolman) Smith

Nays Aldermen Armstrong, (Mayor), & Williams

on motion

By Alderman Cunniff A motion was made to suspend the City Marshal

Interstate Co. of Texas, Inc. Interurban R.R. Co. the Town of Denison, Texas.

Paving Com
Storm Sewer
Plans

Fines Lattie Mack
& Ellen Jones
remitted

Granted.
Council Ordinance

It is recommended
that the City Engineer
be authorized to
furnish the same
to the Consolidated
Construction Co.

Resolution
City Engineer to
furnish the same
to the Consolidated
Construction Co.
in his office

Transfer fund

Retaining
Wall etc

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The communication was read and on motion was referred to the Street Committee,
Aldermen Haynes offered the following resolution,
Whereas on the 14 day of August last the City of Austin executed and delivered
to the Consolidated Construction Co of New York, a contract for the rebuilding of
the dam across the Colorado River at or near the location of the dam which was
partially destroyed in 1900 and,
Whereas the City agree in said contract among other things "to furnish said
Consolidated Construction Co, all plans, specifications, maps, drawings and
Engineers reports now or which may hereafter be in its possession relating to
the construction and operation of the old dam, and the Water and Light and
Power Plant, and
Whereas, said Consolidated Construction Co has made a request of the City to
furnish it said specifications :
Therefore, Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, that
Mr C E Leonard City engineer be and he is hereby respectfully requested to
allow copies-in-his-possession copies made of all papers in his Office which
relate to the rebuilding of the dam and that the same be furnished said
Consolidated Construction Co, without cost, or charge on the part of the
City.

The resolution was adopted
Aldermen Moore offered the following resolution which was read and adopted
Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, that the City
Treasurer of the City of Austin be and he is hereby instructed to transfer
from the Permanent Paving fund to the City Hall fund the sum of three thousand
(\$3000.00) dollars, which said sum of \$3000.00 be transferred from the
permanent fund to the city hall fund shall be paid back to the permanent
paving fund at any time the same is demanded by the paving Committee
By Aldermen Moore An ordinance appropriating the sum of three thousand dollars
(\$3000.00) for the purpose of excavating at or near the new city hall building
The ordinance was read first time and passed under suspension of the rules by
the following vote,

Aldermen Armstrong, Crooker, Cuneo, Haynes, Meredith, Moore, Moreland,
Petri, Redd, Smith & Wilhelm 11
Nays none

By Aldermen Moore An ordinance appropriating the sum of (\$100,000) for making
soundings as to the location of a retaining wall at the foot of Congress Avenue
The ordinance was read the first time and passed on motion the rule was
suspended and the ordinance placed on its second reading by the following vote
Yea Aldermen Armstrong, Cuneo, Haynes, Meredith, Moore, Moreland, Petri,
Redd, Smith & Wilhelm, Crooker 11
The ordinance was read the second time and passed on motion the rule was
suspended and the ordinance placed on its third reading by the following vote
Yea Aldermen Armstrong, Cuneo, Haynes, Meredith, Moore, Moreland, Petri,
Redd, Smith & Wilhelm 11

מאמר זה נכתב על ידי ד"ר יעקב גולדברג, מנהל מחלקת המחקר והפיתוח של משרד החינוך, וד"ר יעקב גולדברג, מנהל מחלקת המחקר והפיתוח של משרד החינוך.

Approved account

Contract for
hauling gravel
J W Rutledge

hauling gravel at or around City Hall with Mr J W Rutledge at a price of 45 cents per cu yd loose measurement said gravel is to be hauled 3000 ft and further directed by the City Engineer & City Hall Committee & Street Committee, at 1 cent per cu yd, per each foot over haul

Alderman Crooker offered the following resolution which was read and adopted

Whereas the Business League of the City of Austin is desirous of improving what is known as Wooldringe Park of the City of Austin and for that purpose would like to have the consent of City Council to enter upon and improve the same for Park purposes

Therefore be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin that the Business League of the City of Austin be and they are hereby permitted to enter upon and improve for Public Park purposes Wooldringe Park - the same to be open to the public for Park purposes at all times

On motion the Council adjourned

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City Clerk

N B. The following communication was read before the Council by the Mayor

El Paso Texas Aug 20 1907

To the Honorable Board of Aldermen of Austin Texas

Gentlemen;

A marked copy of the "Statesman" of August 10 has been sent me, published is printed a resolution of the City Council, naming after me, the Public Park at the corner of West 10 and G. Guadalupe Streets, in the City of Austin. This act of generous partiality upon the part of the City Council has moved me deeply

At the risk of being thought to have done an indelicate act, I will Mr Mayor and Gentlemen, recall some of the larger things, which, with others of our citizens, I have done for Austin, and which may in some degree explain, and perhaps justify the action of the City Council in naming a Public Park after me. The matters of which I shall write, are known and remembered now, a few years hence they will be mainly forgotten

I was as has been stated, active for the Public Free Schools of Austin

I, together with others, organized these schools. I was the first president of the Austin School Board, and together with others helped to make our schools efficient. I was also active for the State University. I may say I had practical charge of

and mainly conducted the public campaign, which resulted in the location by a popular vote of the University at Austin. I gave my time from April to October of 1881 to this service. I was in the organization of the University, and for nearly the first twelve years of the history of that Institution, was the active secretary of the Board

Whatever may be the final action of the Board of Austin, and I believe it will be for its good, to be at it, that is the way I know it should be done, I believe, I am sure, that the Board of Austin, together with other officers of the Board, will be able to do it.

Business League
to improve
Park

Communication
Hon A Johnson

effect. So far as I know and believe, my own letter to the people of Austin, printed in the Statesman on January 1, 1889, and my subsequent open letter of June 1889, constitute the first important public advocacy of this enterprise. Doubtless others, as well as I saw the value and practicability of this project, it merely happened I was the first to give this conviction public utterance.

I was, as has been stated, active for the Austin and Northwestern Rail road but not more so than were some other of our Fellow Citizens, I have done for Austin, and for which when I am gone I want to be remembered.

And I remained in Austin, it was my desire to cooperate with others, in establishing a free public Library, and in inaugurating a large system of public Parks. These Things will now be done, and perhaps be better done, by others. I am quite well aware Mr Mayor and Gentlemen, that the thing written above, had better been written by another, but the generous action of the Council in honoring me as it has done, calls for an acknowledgement upon my part, and I determined that while writing, I would, without hypocrisy, affectation, or reserve, write as I really thought and felt.

I have been greatly honored by the people of Austin, a school has been named after me, and now a public Park, I am grateful, and want the people to know it, and I also want them to believe, that their marks of public favor are not altogether undeserved, and hence I have written as I have written. I can only trust I shall not be misunderstood.

Mr Mayor and Gentlemen, the honor you have done me endears Austin to me more than ever, I shall continue to watch with pride and happiness her increasing prosperity and progress, and maybe, that some day I shall again have the privilege of co-operating with others in helping to work the high destiny of our beautiful city.

Respectfully

A P Woolridge