

Regular meeting of the City Council

Austin, Texas, April 10th 1906

Hon W. B. Shelley, Mayor, presiding.

Roll called

Present Aldermen Crocker Cuneo Haynes Willen Moore

Petri Powell Redd Shumate Smith Von Rosenberg Wilhelm 12

Absent Aldermen Armstrong & Macken 2

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

Petitions etc

Petitions, Memorials etc

A Mr. Posey for
was carried to the

The Mayor laid before the Council a communication from S. M. Posey, Attorney for Mrs. Sallatin Cornell of regarding, proposition for rebuilding the dam, which was read.

Alderman Shumate moved to refer the communication to the special Committee on the dam, heretofore appointed.

Alderman Willen moved as a substitute that it be referred to a special Committee of 3, to see Messrs Posey and Wren and obtain a more definite proposition.

Death of Father of
Alderman Macken

The Mayor notified the Council that he had just been informed of the death of Wm Macken, Father of Alderman Joe Macken.

Alderman Shumate offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote. Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin:

That the sincere condolences of this body be extended to Alderman Joe Macken, in his sad bereavement in the loss of his Father; and

That when the Council adjourns tonight it adjourn out of respect to Alderman Macken and the family, in their great affliction.

Alderman Shumate moved that the Council attend the funeral of Wm Macken as a body, which motion prevailed.

Carrall, communication
referred.

The Motion of Alderman Willen to refer the communication of Messrs Carrall & Co. regarding the dam be referred to a special Committee of 3, was then adopted, and the Chair appointed

Aldermen Willen Smith & Cuneo as such Committee.

Alderman Moore moved to reconsider the vote by which the Motion of Alderman Willen was adopted.

Alderman Von Rosenberg moved to adjourn, which motion was lost on the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Cuneo, Moore & Von Rosenberg 3

Nays Aldermen Crocker Haynes Willen Petri Powell

Redd Shumate Smith & Wilhelm 9

Alderman Crocker moved that the whole matter lay over awaiting the report of the special dam Committee, which motion prevailed.

Mrs Von Karlow
 Peace Park

Alderman Crocker presented a Communication from Mrs Von Karlow, asking the use of Peace Park, Pavilion for dancing purposes. The Communication was read and on motion the Clerk was directed to inform Mrs Von Karlow that the Council was without authority to grant the request, which motion prevailed.

Alderman C. D. Caswell
 resigned

Alderman Powell moved to suspend the regular order of business, and take up the resignation of Policeman C. D. Caswell, which motion prevailed. The Chair then laid before the Council a Communication from C. D. Caswell, tendering to the Council his resignation as a Policeman. On motion the resignation was accepted.

Marshal to Nominate
 Policeman

Alderman Powell moved that the Marshal be requested to submit the name of some person as Policeman to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr Caswell - which motion prevailed.

E. B. Falwell
 elected Policeman

The Chair appointed Alderman Powell Wilhelm and Von Rosenberg as Tellers -

The Marshal presented the name of E. B. Falwell for confirmation as Policeman to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of C. D. Caswell -

The tellers announced the following as the result of the ballot, viz:

For Confirmation 12 Votes.

The Chair announced that E. B. Falwell was duly elected a Policeman -

Reports standing, Jones,
 Street, to open & etc

Reports of standing Committees

Alderman Smith for the Street Committee to whom was referred a petition from Citizens to open east 24th street from Chicago street east, presented a report recommending that the petition be granted. On motion the report was adopted.

Finance Officer reports

Alderman Haynes for the Finance Committee to whom was referred the reports of the Assessor & Collector, the Treasurer and the Clerk for the month of February, 1906, presented a report stating that they had examined and checked same and found them correct. On motion the report was adopted.

Fire on West Austin
 Hall.

Alderman Von Rosenberg for the Fire Committee made a verbal report stating that the lot that had been transferred to the City by the West Austin Fire Co on which to build a Hall, had been found to be unfit for the purpose, and that the Company were negotiating for a suitable lot on which to place their building.

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Alderman Powell for the Police Committee to whom was referred the reports of the Marshal for the month of March, 1906, presented a report stating that they had

Special Dam
Comm. report

been examined and found correct

On motion the report of the Committee was adopted
Reports of Special Committee
Alderman Hynes for the special Dam Committee
presented the following report

Austin, Texas, April 14th 1906
To the Hon Mayor and City Council,
of the City of Austin

Gentlemen:

For your special Committee, appointed to
consider the proposition of the Consolidated Construction
Company of New York, to erect a dam and power
house, to fully equip same and to maintain the power
therefrom for a period of 40 years, for an annual payment
of \$100,000.00 per annum, the City to have entire control of
the plant, the lake and all appurtenances connected
therewith, I have the honor to report that after several
meetings, the subject having been fully and freely
discussed from every standpoint, the Committee being
divided as to the advisability of recommending the
acceptance or rejection of the proposition, and having
in the mean time received an amended proposition
from the Construction Company eliminating the machinery
for the power house and agreeing to accept the payment
of \$93,500.00 per annum, for the same period, your
Committee by a unanimous vote resolved to recommend
that this proposition be left with the people to accept
or reject, at an election to be held on the 26th inst.
All tax payers and all water and light takers to be allowed
to vote

At a later meeting your Committee, appointed
a sub Committee composed of Messrs L. M. Openheimer,
H. B. Burney, A. B. Goeth, W. D. Hart and H. A. Thoe, to
prepare a counter proposition, such counter proposition
was first submitted to the Consolidated Construction Company
and afterwards to the board.

The report of the sub Committee, in the shape of the counter
proposition prepared by them, is herewith submitted to
your honorable body, and in this connection I have
to report that in reply to a telegram it is understood
that the Construction Company have declined to make
any change in the last proposition made by them, which
is to construct the dam and power house, to maintain
the work, and to guarantee a 50 foot head of water for a
period of 40 years, for an annual payment of \$100,000.00
per annum

Respectfully,
H. L. Hynes Chairman special committee

Alderman Crocker moved that the report of the special Dam Committee be laid over until the next regular meeting of the Council, or a special meeting called for that purpose, which motion prevailed.

Alderman Crocker moved that the communication from Miss Carrall re regarding the Dam, be referred to the special Dam Committee, which motion prevailed.

Unfinished Business

Plumbing ordinance

The chain laid before the Council the ordinance regarding the Plumbing ordinance, which on motion laid over until the next regular meeting of the Council.

Gravel for roadways
Hyde Park

The chain then laid before the Council an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$150.00 for the purpose of graveling the Speedway and Second Street in Hyde Park. The ordinance was read the 2nd time.

Alderman Moore moved to amend the ordinance by striking out in the Caption and body of the ordinance the words "Four hundred fifty" and insert in lieu thereof the words "Three hundred fifty". Also strike out in the Caption and body of the ordinance the words "Second Street in Hyde Park" and also by adding "that the graveling be done first at or near the bridge on Speedway - The amendments were adopted by the following Vote
Yeas Aldermen Crocker Miller Moore Petr Powell
Shumate Smith Von Rosenberg 8

Nays Aldermen Cuneo Haynes Radd & Wilhelm 4
A Motion was then made to suspend the rule and place the ordinance on its third reading and final passage, which motion was lost by the following Vote
Yeas Aldermen Crocker Miller Moore Petr Shumate
Smith Von Rosenberg 7

\$75. to employ assistant
Engineer

Nays Aldermen Cuneo Haynes Powell Radd & Wilhelm 5
The chain laid before the Council an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$75.00 for the purpose of employing an Assistant to the City Engineer for one month. The ordinance was read the second time and a motion made to suspend the rule and place it on its 3rd reading and final passage, which was lost by the following Vote
Yeas Aldermen Crocker Cuneo Moore Petr Smith
and Von Rosenberg 6
Nays Aldermen Haynes Miller Powell Radd Shumate
& Wilhelm 6

New Business

Frank Press pay of
stripper

On motion of Alderman Moore, the following resolution was adopted
Frank Press as a sanitary employee's name on May 1st 1906

Vice Chairman Miller offered the following resolution which was read and adopted

Colorado Bridge

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin that the Street Committee of the City Council of the City of Austin be and they are hereby requested to immediately take up the matter of the repair of the river bridge with the County Commissioners of Travis County, Texas, and report at the next meeting of this Council.

Alderman Powell offered the following resolution which was read and adopted

Whereas on the day of March 1906, the West Austin Fire Company of the City of Austin deeded to the City of Austin lot two Block No. 1010 "Z" City of Austin to the City of Austin for the purpose of adding a fire hall thereon

Whereas upon investigation it was found that said lot was not a fit and proper place for the erection of said building now therefore be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin that the Mayor be and he is hereby instructed to re-deed said lot to said West Austin Fire Company. The Mayor laid before the Council the following communication, which was read and on motion referred to Street Committee

Austin, Texas, April 14 1906

Hon W D Shelley, Mayor
City

Dear Sir:

As Presiding officer of the City Council, I wish to present through you, to the Council, the following facts: This Company is desirous of extending its line of railway into South Austin & take it that it would be advisable to secure the permission of the City Council, and of the Commissioners, to cross the Colorado River bridge, on Congress Ave. If we secure this permission from both these bodies, our intention is to build a double track across the bridge, going in both directions, exactly as wagons and other loads now do. There is ample room between the trusses for a car and a wagon to pass, as the clearance is 18 feet.

I will be pleased to have you take this up at your very early convenience, with the Council. If you wish me to appear before them and explain the matter, during the session in which you wish to bring this up, I will endeavor to be there if you will notify me.

Awaiting your early reply, I am,

Yours truly,

W. D. Shelley

President

By Alderman Ellison an ordinance requesting the running of automobiles within the City limits of the City of Austin

City RR for permission to cross River on County Bridge

Automobile ordinance The ordinance was read the first time and on motion was referred to the ordinance Committee, with instruction to report at the next regular meeting of the Council.

WW Calloway for
Water trough on
Empire Ave South of
Artisoc

By Alderman Miller petition of W W Calloway asking the location of a water trough at the junction of the San Antonio and Fredrickburg roads in South Austin

Extra labor teams.

Read and on motion referred to the water committee

Alderman Cuneo offered the following resolution which was read and adopted as follows:
By Alderman Smith an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$350.00 for the purpose of employing extra street labor teams. The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:
Yeas Aldermen Crocker Cuneo Hayes Miller Moore Petri Powell Radd Schumate Smith Von Rosenberg Wilhelm 12
Nays none.

Gravel Speedway

Alderman Powell moved to reconsider the vote by which the Council refused to suspend the rule and place on its third reading the ordinance appropriating the sum of \$350.00 to gravel the Speedway, which motion prevailed.

Extra pay for Payton

A motion was then made to suspend the rule and place the ordinance on its third reading and final passage, which motion was lost by the following vote:
Yeas Aldermen Crocker Cuneo Hayes Miller Moore Petri Powell Schumate Smith Von Rosenberg 9
Nays Aldermen Hayes Radd Wilhelm 3

By Alderman Smith an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$40.00 for the purpose of paying Ed Payton for guarding prisoners for the months of March and April 1906. The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:
Yeas Aldermen Crocker Cuneo Hayes Miller Moore Petri Powell Radd Schumate Smith Von Rosenberg Wilhelm 12
Nays none.

Miss Cease not to
close W 5th St

Alderman Cuneo offered the following resolution which was read and adopted:

Resolved that the City Engineer be instructed to notify Miss Cease or her representatives not to close what is called the old McMill road for road leading to the Colorado River until the Street Committee can make an investigation of this matter and report back to the City Council for their consideration and that the Street Committee be instructed to report back to the Council at its next regular meeting.

Invitation to Anna
E. Smith to give address

The chair laid before the Council an invitation from the High Sept to attend annual celebration which was on motion adopted. On motion the Council adjourned.

Indefinite adjourned
C. W. M.

Called meeting of the City Council

Austin, Texas, April 19th 1906

Hon W D Shelley Mayor, presiding

Roll Called

Present Aldermen Crooker Cuneo Haynes Miller Moore

Petri Powell Redd Shumate Smith Von Rosenberg

11

Absent Aldermen Armstrong Macken Withelm

3

The following Call of the Council was read.

Austin, Texas, April 19th 1906

To the members of the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas,
Gentlemen:

A special session of the City Council of the City of Austin is hereby called to meet at the Council Chamber of the City of Austin in the City Hall at 5 o'clock P.M. April 19, 1906. This call is for the purpose of making such appropriations as may be necessary to defray the expenses of a Committee appointed by a General Committee of the City Council looking to the sale and settlement of certain bonds and certain bond matters of the City of Austin and to make appropriation for costs in Court of Civil appeals.

Your presence is respectfully requested, as this matter is of great importance to the City's interest.

Respectfully,

W D Shelley, Mayor

H B Haynes

E Von Rosenberg

Henry Petri

Austin, Texas, April 19th 1906

I hereby certify that I have served the above call for a special meeting of the City Council by reading same to each of the following named Aldermen, to wit: W D Miller W E Redd A E Cuneo P H Powell E Von Rosenberg L M Crooker J C Macken Henry Petri Shumate H B Haynes Tom Smith Ed Moore and by leaving a copy of said call at the residence of Alderman E J Withelm and E J Armstrong, who were both out of the City.

J J Morris

City Marshal

By Alderman Haynes an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$60 ⁰⁰ for the purpose of paying Court Costs in the Court of Civil appeals. The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Crooker Cuneo Haynes Miller Moore Petri Powell Redd Shumate Smith Von Rosenberg - 11

Nays None.

Alderman Haynes moved that a Committee

Call Council

Ordinance to pay
Costs in Court of
Civil Appeals

Committee visit
Eastern City to sell
bonds.

at 4. Consisting of the Mayor, Alderman Sherman, the
City Attorney and the City Treasurer, he appointed to go to
St. Louis and other cities is deemed advisable looking to
a sale of certain bonds of the City, which motion prevailed.
Alderman Hayes then offered an ordinance appropriating
the sum of \$500.00 to pay the necessary expenses of the Special

Ordinance appropriating
expenses of Committee just appointed

The ordinance was read the first time and passed under
suspension of the rules by the following vote
Yeas Aldermen Crocker, Gines, Hayes, Miller, Moore, Olin,
Powell, Reed, Sherman, Smith, Von Rosenberg,
Nays None.

On motion the Council adjourned

J. O. Johnson
City Clerk