

Regular meeting of the City Council

Austin, Texas, June 18<sup>th</sup> 1906

Hon W. S. Sheller Mayor, presiding

Roll called:

Present Aldermen Crooker Cuneo Haynes Miller Moore  
Petri Powell Finch Von Rosenberg Wilhelm 10  
Absent Aldermen Armstrong Macken Redd & Shumate 4

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

Petitions, memorials etc

By Alderman Petri Petition of the L & N R Company for permission to close passageway under bridge No 384 10

Aldermen Macken & Redd called the Council Chamber Alderman Moore moved to refer the petition of the L & N R Co. to the Street Committee which motion prevailed by the following vote

Yea Aldermen Crooker Macken Miller Moore  
Petri Powell Von Rosenberg Wilhelm 8

Nay Aldermen Cuneo Haynes Read & Finch 4  
By Alderman Haynes, Petition of Ellis Monroe, to remit fine in Mayor's Court. Read and a motion made to grant the petition, which motion was lost by the following vote

Yea Aldermen Cuneo Haynes Moore Petri Finch 4  
Nay Aldermen Crooker Cuyler Macken Miller Powell  
Redd Von Rosenberg Wilhelm 8

Reports of City Officers

The Mayor laid before the Council the reports of the Auditor & Collector & the Treasurer for the month of May 1906, which were referred to their appropriate Committees without reading

Reports of Standing Committees

Alderman Petri for the Claims & accounts Committee to whom was referred the petition of J. Shalhain to remit certain found fees paid by him, presented a report recommending that the petition be granted, On motion the report was adopted

Alderman Wilhelm for the Cemetery Committee to whom was referred an ordinance authorizing the City Cemetery Association to establish a Cemetery, etc, presented a report recommending that the ordinance do not pass and recommending that the City of Austin purchase from the Said Association 200 lots at \$25 each lot less the taxes owing by Said Association. The report was read and adopted

Street drains Alderman Finch for the Street Committee to whom Bridge Waller was referred an ordinance appropriating \$7000 to build a bridge across Waller Creek, presented a report

Petitions etc  
to close  
passageway

Ellis Monroe  
to remit fine

Reports City  
officers

Standing Comt.

Ex. Libraro  
found fees

Cemetery Com.  
Recommendation to  
purchase lots

Street drains  
Bridge Waller  
Creek

recommending the passage of the ordinance. On motion the report was laid over to come up with the ordinance under the head of Unfinished business.

Special on Hog Pen  
Geo Washington

Alderman Moore for the special Committee appointed to investigate the Sanitary condition of a hog pen belonging to Geo Washington, presented a report stating that they had carefully examined same and recommending that said pen be removed from the City.

On motion the report was adopted.

Ordinances  
on Corporation Court  
Ordinance

Alderman Dines for the ordinance Committee to whom was referred an ordinance establishing a Corporation Court for the City of Austin, presented a report recommending the passage of the ordinance, with certain Amendments. The report was read and on motion laid over to come up with the ordinance under the head of ~~new~~ Unfinished business.

Alderman Macken for a majority of the special Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Quaildee Company for permission to lay pipes in the street, presented a report recommending that the petition be granted.

Alderman Haynes for a minority of said Committee presented a report, recommending that the petition be not granted. Both reports were read.

Alderman Petri moved that the petition with both reports be referred to the Water & Light Commission, where motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Crookshagen, Miller, Petri, Powell, Redd, Von Rosenberg & Wilhelm 8

Nays Aldermen Dines, Macken, Moore & Smith 4

Unfinished business

Plumbing ordinance - Alderman Von Rosenberg called up the Plumbing ordinance which had heretofore been laid on the table subject to call.

Alderman Moore moved that it be referred to the ordinance Committee which motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Macken, Miller, Moore, Petri, Redd 5

Nays Aldermen Crookshagen, Haynes, Powell, Smith, Von Rosenberg & Wilhelm 7

The ordinance was then passed by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Crookshagen, Macken, Miller, Powell, Redd & Smith, Von Rosenberg & Wilhelm 10

Nays Aldermen Moore & Petri 2

The Mayor laid before the Council the ordinance to establish a Corporation Court for the City of Austin, together with the report of the ordinance Committee, presenting certain amendments. On motion of Alderman Crookshagen the report of the Committee was adopted.

Corporation Court  
Ordinance

The ordinance was read the second time

A motion was then made to suspend the rule and place the ordinance on its third reading, which motion was lost by the following vote

Yea Aldermen Crooker Cunesaynes Moore Petri Powell Von Rosenberg & Wilhelm 8

Nay Aldermen Macken Miller Redd Smith 4

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$750<sup>00</sup> for the purpose of building a bridge across Waller Creek. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rule by the following vote

Yea Aldermen Crooker Cunesaynes Macken Miller Moore Petri Powell Redd Smith Von Rosenberg & Wilhelm 12

Nay None

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$250.<sup>00</sup> for the purpose of paying P.O. Brown for asphalt for watershed & for freight on Steam Roller

The ordinance was read the third time and passed by the following vote

Yea Aldermen Crooker Cunesaynes Mackey Miller Petri Powell Redd Smith Von Rosenberg & Wilhelm 11

Nay Alderman Moore 1

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance amending the existing ordinance. The ordinance was read the second time. Alderman Moore moved to lay it on the table, which motion was lost by the following vote

Yea Aldermen Cunesaynes Moore Petri & Wilhelm 5

Nay Aldermen Crooker Macken Miller Powell Redd Smith Von Rosenberg 7

A motion was then made to suspend the rule and place the ordinance on its third reading, which motion was lost by the following vote.

Yea Aldermen Crooker Macken Miller Redd Smith 5

Nay Aldermen Cunesaynes Moore Petri Powell Von Rosenberg & Wilhelm 7

New Business

#### New Business

Alderman Von Rosenberg presented a proposition from the American District Telegraph Co. to establish and put in a five alarm system for the City of Austin, which was read. Mr Parker was invited to address the Council and explain the proposition. Alderman Crooker moved that the proposition be referred to the Fire Committee, which motion prevailed.

By Alderman Cunesaynes An ordinance to authorize the Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Company to construct underground conduits etc. The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote.

Yea Aldermen Crooker Cunesaynes Macken Miller Moore

Bridge across  
Waller Creek

P.O. Brown for  
Asphalt

Amending  
ordinance

New Business

American Dist  
Tel Co. give  
Alarm System

new & Tel Co  
Conduits

Petri Powell Redd Finch Von Rosenberg & Wilhelm 12  
May None

Vacancy in City  
Officers now filled By Alderman with an ordinance providing for filling  
vacancies for City officers. The ordinance was read the first  
time and passed under suspension of the rules by the  
following vote

George Aldermen Crooker Cuneo Haynes Macken Miller Moore  
Petri Powell Redd Finch Von Rosenberg & Wilhelm 12  
May None

The Mayor laid before the Council the following communication  
Austin, Texas, June 18<sup>th</sup> 1900  
To the Mayor and City Council

Austin, Texas

Sirs:

I hereby tender my resignation as City Physician of  
Austin to take effect immediately.  
Allow me to express my thanks to you for the support  
you have given me since my election.

Yours respectfully,

Joe Gilbert

In motion the resignation was accepted.

Alderman Haynes moved that the Council now proceed  
to the election of a City Physician to fill the unexpired  
term of Dr. Gilbert, which motion prevailed.

Alderman Haynes nominated for J.M. Loving  
Alderman Moore nominated for Dr. S. Graves.

The Mayor appointed Aldermen Haynes Powell  
and Cuneo as Tellers.

The Tellers announced the following as the result of the  
first ballot

for J.M. Loving 5 Votes. Dr. R.S. Graves 6 Votes, one ballot  
had the names of both Dr. Loving & Dr. Graves on it.

The Mayor declared Dr. Graves elected.

The question was raised that there had been twelve ballots  
cast and that six votes did not constitute a majority.  
The Mayor then ordered another ballot.

The Tellers announced the following as the result of the second  
ballot

for J.M. Loving Seven Votes Dr. R.S. Graves five Votes

The Mayor declared Dr. M. Loving duly elected to serve  
as City Physician until the next general election.

The Mayor submitted to the Council for confirmation as  
the Board of Equalization for the ensuing term the  
names of Lawrence Marcellus Alexander Gardner and  
Fred A. Scott. The nominations were confirmed by  
the following vote

Marcellus 10 Votes Gardner & Vales and  
Scott 5 Votes

Resignation of City  
Physician Joe Gilbert

for  
J.M. Loving  
elected City Physician  
over Dr. Graves

Board of Equalization  
of Lawrence  
Alexander  
Gardner  
Fred A. Scott.  
Confirmed

Alderman Macken  
lendered resignation  
as alderman

Alderman Macken tendered his resignation as Alderman from the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward.

On motion the Council refused to accept the resignation by a vote of 3 ayes to 8 nays - Alderman Macken not voting.

On motion Alderman Macken was excused from further attendance at this session of the Council.

By Alderman with an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$400.00 for the purpose of paying for street labor & teams. 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 Yeas

Aldermen Crooker, Cuneo, Haynes, Miller, Moore, Petri, Powell, Redd & Smith Von Rosenberg & Wilhelm 11  
nays none

The ordinance was read the second time,

Alderman Redd moved to amend same by striking out in the caption & body of the ordinance \$400.00 and inserting in lieu thereof \$405.00. which motion prevailed. The ordinance was then passed under suspension of the rule by the following Yeas

Aldermen Crooker, Cuneo, Haynes, Miller, Moore, Petri, Powell, Redd & Smith Von Rosenberg & Wilhelm 11  
nays none

By Alderman Haynes an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$19,252.<sup>50</sup> for the purpose of paying interest due July 1, 1890, on Refunding bonds of the City. The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following Yeas

Aldermen Crooker, Cuneo, Haynes, Miller, Moore, Petri, Powell, Redd & Smith Von Rosenberg & Wilhelm 11  
nays none.

By Alderman Haynes An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$4000.00 for the purpose of paying the interest due July 1, 1890, on \$320,000.00 5% Colored light-bonds. The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following Yeas

Aldermen Crooker, Cuneo, Haynes, Miller, Moore, Petri, Powell, Redd & Smith Von Rosenberg & Wilhelm 11  
nays none.

By Alderman Smith An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$240.00 for the purpose of paying lamp & heat for street signs. The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following Yeas

Aldermen Crooker, Cuneo, Haynes, Miller, Moore, Petri, Powell, Redd & Smith Von Rosenberg & Wilhelm 11  
nays none

By Alderman Haynes An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$5000.00 for the purpose of purchasing lumber lots from the

Ex St labor & team

Interest on  
Refunding Bonds

Interest on  
bonds.

Ramp & Decks  
from street signs

Bur. charge  
Conveying lots

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

Yea Aldermen Crookens Ames Kaynes Miller Moore Petri Powell Smith Von Rosenberg & Wilhelm 9  
Nay Alderman Ridd 2

Alderman Smith presented the following,

Austin Texy June 16<sup>th</sup>, 1906

To the Hon Mayor W. D. Shelley & Board of Aldermen of the City Council

Gentlemen:

The undersigned have been instructed by the Street Paving Committee to present to your Honorable body the following resolution which was adopted by said Street Paving Committee at a meeting held June 15<sup>th</sup> 1906, at the office of my Attorney "Resolved that the Street Paving Committee recommend to the City Council of the City of Austin - that the City Attorney be instructed to bring suit against Oliver Brush for refusing to pay for his proportionate share of street paving on E 6<sup>th</sup> St in front of Lot 9 Block #58."

Yours respectfully

Joe Hamill  
City Street Paving Engineer  
D. Leonard City Engineer

Read and adopted

Alderman Ridd moved to reconsider the vote by which the Council refused to suspend the rule and place on its second reading an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$500.00 for the purpose of purchasing Cemetery lots from the Austin Cemetery Association which motion prevailed.

The ordinance was then passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote

Yea Aldermen Crookens Ames Kaynes Miller Moore Petri Powell Ridd Smith Von Rosenberg & Wilhelm 11  
Nay none

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

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin that the name of Frank Preese be placed on the rolls of the Sanitary Department and that his salary be fixed at the sum of fifty dollars per month.

The resolution was adopted in the following vote

Yea Aldermen Crookens Ames Kaynes Miller Moore Petri Powell Ridd Smith Von Rosenberg & Wilhelm 11  
Nay none

Resolution street  
paving

Purchase of Cemetery  
lots.

Frank Preese  
placed on Sanitary  
Dept Roll

Resolution  
regarding Condition  
of City Hall etc

Alderman Haynes offered the following resolution  
 Whereas: The leaky Condition of the roof of the City Hall  
 demands Attention, and the general dilapidated  
 Condition of the Council Chamber and office of the City  
 Clerk is a disgrace to the City, and,  
 Whereas: The building is a very substantial stone  
 structure, which, it is thought by many of our citizens,  
 can be enlarged and converted into a handsome modern  
 building, sufficient for all needs of the City for years to come,  
 and at a moderate cost  
 Therefore be it resolved, by the City Council of the City of Austin,  
 that the Committee on Markets be and are hereby  
 instructed to advertise for plans and specifications and  
 bids for modernizing and converting the present City Hall  
 into a three story building, an additional story to be  
 made on the ground floor and to contain offices  
 of the Mayor and City Marshal, City Court room, with  
 prison cells attached, the present Council Chamber to  
 be enlarged by the removal of the prison cells and  
 raising of the roof sufficient to allow a visitors gallery,  
 offices of the City Clerk and City Engineers to remain  
 on said floor, the entire building to be thoroughly  
 renovated with new floors, ceilings, windows and  
 doors, and to be fitted with all necessary lavatories etc,  
 the outside walls to be stuccoed in cement laid off  
 in blocks, the front to be ornamented with terra cotta  
 trimmings and to have observatory tower and Colonial  
 gallery, the plans to include easy stairways, bids  
 to be advertised for on such general lines as may seem  
 best to the Committee, and to be opened in the presence  
 of the Council, the Council reserving the right to reject  
 any and all bids

Alderman Moore moved to table the resolution  
 which was lost by the following vote

Yea Aldermen Crooker, Lewis, Miller, Moore & Reed 5  
 Nays Aldermen Haynes, Pohl, Powell & Ruth, Von Rosenberg,  
 & Wilhelm 6

Alderman Haynes moved to adopt the resolution, which  
 motion was lost by the following vote  
 Yea Aldermen Haynes, Pohl, Ruth, Von Rosenberg & Wilhelm 5  
 Nays Aldermen Crooker, Lewis, Miller, Moore, Powell  
 Reed 6

On motion the Council adjourned

*Frederick Johnson  
City Clerk*