

The minutes of a called meeting of the City Council.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 6, 1890.

Hon. John McDonald, mayor, presiding.

Roll

Roll Call - Present - Aldermen Anderson, Carleton, Graham, Jackson, Jones, Linn, Morris, Kitchie, North, Phillips, Platt, Schneider, Schuber, Townsend, Ziller - 15.

Call

Absent - Aldermen Assmann, Hume, Metz, Newton, Wingfield - 5.

The following Call was read:

"Mayor's Office

Call of Council.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 4, 1890.

To the members of the City Council:

Gentlemen: - I hereby call a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Austin to assemble in the Council room at the City hall on Saturday Dec. 6, 1890, at 8 o'clock p.m. for the purpose of installing the newly elected Aldermen. And also for the purpose of further considering the subject of opening Fifth street through to the Western limits of the City.

John McDonald,
Mayor."

Installed
Aldermen

Alderman Assmann entered the Council and answered to his name.

Alderman Phillips moved that the newly elected Aldermen be installed.

The motion prevailed and the Chair appointed Aldermen Schneider, Carleton and Schuber a Committee to escort them to the bar of the Council.

The Committee retired, but shortly afterwards appeared at the bar of the Council accompanied by the following newly elected Aldermen, all of whom responded to their names as the roll of newly elected Aldermen was called:

Aldermen Duter, North, Morris, Ziller, Townsend, Graham, Kitchie, Platt, Glass - 9.

Roll.

They then took the oath of office and entered the Council. The roll was again called and resulted as follows:

Call.

Present - Aldermen Anderson, Assmann, Carleton, Glass, Graham, Jackson, Linn, Morris, Kitchie, North, Phillips, Platt, Schneider, Schuber, Duter, Townsend, Wingfield, Ziller - 18.
Absent - Aldermen Hume, Newton - 2.

Alderman Ziller moved that the Council proceed to elect a president of the board of Aldermen.

The motion prevailed and the Chair declared nominations.

Alderman Schneider nominated Alderman Henry A. Linn,

and there being no other nomination Alderman Kitchke moved that the City Clerk be instructed to cast the Vote of the Council for Mr. H. Linn.

The motion prevailed and was duly complied with.

The Mayor then declared Mr. Henry A. Linn duly elected president of the Board of Aldermen for the ensuing term.

An Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance opening the hereinafter named streets and appropriating the sum of ten thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the purpose of paying the costs and expense of opening the extension of West Fourth and West Fifth Streets to the Western city limits," which was read the first time at the last meeting (Dec. 3) of the City Council, was taken up and read in full.

The Chair then put the question - "Shall the ordinance pass to its second reading?" and it was decided in the affirmative.

Alderman Linn moved that Communications from the Board of Public Works be read, and that such members of that Board as are present be heard with reference to the subjects they may desire to mention.

The motion prevailed and the following resolution was read:

"Whereas, All negotiations between the City and Mr. George Brackenridge looking to the building of a rail road from the city depots of the dam site have been terminated by the surrender of his franchise by Mr. Brackenridge, and

Whereas, A railroad is an immediate necessity to the construction of the dam;

Therefore be it resolved, That the City Council be requested to immediately pass the ordinance now pending before it appropriating \$10,000 from the general revenue for opening Fifth Street to the City limits; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Council be requested to appropriate the sum of Sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary from the water and light fund to enable the Board of Public Works to procure the right of way beyond the City limits and to construct a railroad to the dam site sufficient in strength and capacity to carry needed material for construction of said dam.

The above is a true and correct copy of resolutions adopted by the Board of Public Works on Dec 6th 1890, by a unanimous vote.

John M. Dand, Jr.
Pres. Bd. of Pub. Wks.

Attest: W. J. Elephant,
Secy.

Brackenridge R. R.

The following communication was then read:

Austin, Tex., Dec. 4, 1890.

To His Honor the Mayor, and Board of Aldermen of the City of Austin:

Dear Sirs: We, up to this writing, have no official advice as to what action your honorable body took upon our communication of November 21, 1890, in which we agreed to surrender the franchise granted us of right of way through

the City of Austin for a railroad to the dam.

He said in the Austin Statesman of 4th inst, that you have appointed a committee to consult with Austin business men to see if one or more of them would not agree to build the road. This we regard as an acceptance of our terms of surrender of franchise and that you will and are now looking elsewhere for its construction. This is final and ends our connection with this enterprise. We will remove from streets, the crosses and iron now obstructing them, as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

Geo. W. Braekenridge, and
Associates.

By J. S. Braekenridge, agent and attorney in

fact."

Ald. Newton.

Alderman Newton entered the Council and answered to his name.

\$10,000 to open
4th & 5th Sts.

Mr Frank Hamilton then addressed the Council concerning the matters mentioned in the above letter and resolution and at the conclusion of his remarks a motion was made to suspend the rules and place on its third reading the Ordinance above named appropriating \$10,000.00 to open and extend West Fourth and West Fifth streets and the same was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas - Aldermen Anderson, Assmann, Carleton, Glass, Graham, Jackson, Linn, Morris, Newton, Kitchell, North, Phillips, Platt, Schuber, Duter, Townsend, Wingfield, Zeller - 18.
Nay - Alderman Schneider - 1.

The Ordinance was read a third time and on motion passed by the following vote -

Yeas - Aldermen Anderson, Assmann, Carleton, Glass, Graham, Jackson, Linn, Morris, Newton, Kitchell, North, Phillips, Platt, Schuber, Duter, Townsend, Wingfield, Zeller - 18.
Nay - Alderman Schneider - 1.

Ald. Newton.

Alderman Newton took the oath of Office as an Alderman of the City for the ensuing term.

An invitation to the Mayor and City Council from Mr R. M. Stahn, to partake of lunch etc. was received and on motion of Alderman Linn accepted with thanks.

The Council then adjourned.
Miss M. M. M.,
1st Secy.