

The Minutes of a regular Meeting of the City Council.

Austin, Texas, October, 19, 1891.

Hon. John Mc Donald, mayor, presiding.

Roll

Roll Called. Present - Aldermen Anderson, Assmann, Carleton, Glass, Linn, Morris, Kitchum, North, Phillips, Platt, Schuber, Townsend, Zeller. - 13.

Call.

Absent - Aldermen Graham, Hume, Jackson, Ketchum, Newton, Schneider, Suter, Weyerman, Wingfield. - 9.

minutes.

Alderman North moved that the reading of the minutes of the meeting of the City Council which was held on the 5th day of October, 1891, be dispensed with, and that they be adopted as printed. Carried.

all. Entered.

Aldermen Suter, Ketchum, Weyerman and Hume entered the Council and answered to their names.

Travis Co. Bridges.

A Certified Copy of resolutions, adopted by the Commissioners' Court of Travis County, relative to the turning over to the city of Austin certain roads, pass-ways, bridges, etc., was received, and, on motion of Alderman Morris, ordered filed, pending the opinion of the Attorney General concerning the questions embraced in the same.

Reports of City Officers.

Small pox - chattles.

A report was received from Sergeant of Police Palmer to R. D. Graves, City Physician, concerning the disposition of the effects recently used at the Small Pox Camp. It shows a balance of \$8.25 from the sale of said effects. Alderman North moved that the balance of \$8.25 be paid over to the City Assessor and Collector, to be deposited in the City Treasury. The motion was adopted.

Report by the City Sanitary Inspector.

Austin, October 19, 1891.

Flushing gutters.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Austin:

Gentlemen: - I wish to submit to your honorable body the following: The City Water Company gives me great trouble about flushing the gutters, and claiming that they have not the water to spare for that purpose, and that the muddy water that the people complain of is mainly due to the flushing of gutters. Now I wish to say that I have only partially flushed them four (4) times since the 14th of September, 1891, and that under protest every time, being bothered each time by some of their officials. I would respectfully ask your honorable body what to do in the premises.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. W. Johnson, Sanitary Inspector.

Alderman Linn moved that the report be printed in full in the minutes of the City Council.

Alderman Morris moved to amend the motion by adding "and in the daily papers." The amendment was accepted and the motion as amended was adopted.

all. Entered.

Alderman Newton entered the Council and answered to his name.

Committee Reports.

By Alderman North - for the Ordinance Committee, to whom was referred an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to amend Subdivisions Six (6) and Seven (7) of an Ordinance entitled 'An

Ordinance to divide the City of Austin into wards, to Establish the same and to fix the boundaries thereof, and to provide for the election of aldermen in the Eleventh Ward, approved June 2, 1891," Submitted a report thereon, recommending that the Ordinance do not pass. The report was laid over to be taken up with the Ordinance named therein, under the head of unfinished business.

False fire alarms.

By Alderman North - for the Ordinance Committee, to whom was referred a report of the fire Committee recommending that the Ordinance Committee be directed to prepare an Ordinance to prevent the giving of false fire alarms, submitted a report thereon, recommending the passage of an Ordinance which is entitled "An Ordinance amending article 214, Chapter four, title five, of the Revised Penal Ordinances of the City of Austin", which is intended to prevent false alarms. The report was laid over to be taken up with the Ordinance named therein, under the head of unfinished business.

Unfinished Business.

Equalization.

An Ordinance to amend Section 4 of "An Ordinance to Create a Board of Equalization of Taxes for the City of Austin and to prescribe the powers and duties thereof, approved August 3rd, 1891," was taken up on its second reading and read, after which a motion was made to suspend the rules and place the same on its third reading, which was adopted by a vote of two-thirds of the whole Council. The Ordinance was accordingly read and on motion, passed. Aldermen Wingfield and Jackson entered the Council and answered to their names.

Wards.

An Ordinance Entitled "An Ordinance to amend Sub-divisions Six (6) and Seven (7) of an Ordinance Entitled 'an Ordinance to divide the City of Austin into wards, to Establish the same and to fix the boundaries thereof and to provide for the Election of Aldermen in the Eleventh Ward, approved June 2, 1891," was taken up on its second reading, together with the adverse report of the Ordinance Committee above mentioned.

The Ordinance was read a second time, after which Alderman Nitschke moved to suspend the rules and place the same on its third reading. Alderman Morris moved as a substitute for the motion, that the report of the Ordinance Committee on said Ordinance be adopted.

The substitute was lost by the following vote: Yeas - Aldermen Anderson, Sturges, Jackson, Linn, Morris, Newton, North, Phillips, Schulz, Townsend - 10.

Nays - Aldermen Kessmann, Carlson, Glass, Hutchinson, Nitschke, Platt, Duter, Weyerman, Wingfield, Zeller, Meyer. 11.

The motion having received upon the adoption of the motion made by Alderman Nitschke, the same was put and Carried by a vote of two-thirds of the whole Council.

The Ordinance was accordingly read, and on motion, passed. Alderman Carlson moved that Alderman Zeller be Excused. Adopted.

An Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance amending article 214, Chapter four, title five of the Revised Penal Ordinances of the City of Austin" (relative to false fire alarms), was taken up on its first reading together with a report from the Ordinance Committee, which was mentioned above. The Ordinance was read the first time, after which a motion was made to suspend the rules and place the same on its second reading, which was lost by the following vote: Yeas - Aldermen Anderson, Kessmann, Carlson, Sturges,

Ald. Zeller Excused.
False fire alarms.

Jackson, Hetchum, Linn, Morris, Kitchke, North,
Platt, Townsend, Weyerman, Wingfield - 14.
Nays - Aldermen Glass, Newton, Phillips, Suter - 4.

New Business.

The Mayor presented the following message :

Gentlemen of the City Council.

The time having arrived when the tax levy for 1891 should be made, and having had a Consultation with the Committee on finance and water and light from the City Council, the City Attorney and the finance Committee of the board of public works, with their approval, I recommend the tax levy to be made for the year 1891 as follows:

For general revenue purposes, 80¢ on the \$100.

For interest on bonds issued prior to May 1st 1890, to be levied on property in the old city limits 11¢ on the \$100.

For interest and sinking fund on the \$400,000.00

Water Works and Electric light bonds issued 28¢ on the \$100.

For public school purposes (fixed by law) 33 1/3 on the \$100.

Making a total for 1891 of \$152 1/3 on the \$100.

This you will observe, is a reduction of 14 1/3 cents on the \$100.00 Valuation from last year's taxes, and it affords me the more pleasure to recommend this reduction, because I believe it can be accomplished without materially interfering with the steady improvement in our streets and the maintenance of an efficient City government.

It is not deemed necessary to provide for the sale of any water works or Electric light bonds during the present year, as we have now in hand sufficient money with which to carry the work forward for at least eight or ten months from the present time, and at the expiration of such time we will have to provide for the sale of bonds, and the levy for the interest and sinking fund for the amount of the bonds to be sold at that time can be provided for in the levy for the year 1892. I have asked the City Attorney to prepare an Ordinance in accordance with the above recommendations, and I trust it will meet with your approval.

Very Respectfully,

John McDonald, Mayor.

Tax on old Bonds.

By Alderman Linn: An Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance providing for the levy and collection of 11 cents on each one hundred dollars worth of property within the former limits of the City of Austin to pay the interest on the valid bonds of the City of Austin issued prior to May 1st 1890." It was read the first time, after which a motion was made to suspend the rules and place the same on its second reading, which was adopted by the following vote: Yeas - Aldermen Anderson, Hermann, Carleton, Thuma, Jackson, Hetchum, Linn, Morris, Newton, Kitchke, North, Phillips, Platt, Schuler, Suter, Townsend, Weyerman, Wingfield - 18.

Nays - Alderman Glass.

The Ordinance was accordingly read, after which a motion was made to suspend the rules and place the same on its third reading, which was adopted by the following vote: Yeas - Aldermen Anderson, Hermann, Carleton, Glass, Thuma, Jackson, Hetchum, Linn, Morris,

Newton, Nitschke, North, Phillips, Plath, Schuber, Suter, Townsend, Weyerman, Wingfield-19.

The Ordinance was then read a third time, and an motion passed by the following Vote:

Yeas- Aldermen Anderson, Assmann, Carleton, Glass, Hume, Jackson, Ketchum, Linn, Morris, Newton, Nitschke, North, Phillips, Plath, Schuber, Suter, Townsend, Weyerman, Wingfield.-19.

By Alderman Linn - An Ordinance Entitled "An Ordinance levying a tax to pay interest and sinking fund of water works and electric light bonds for the year 1891." It was read the first time, after which a motion was made to suspend the rules and place the same on its second reading, which was adopted by the following Vote:

Yeas- Aldermen Anderson, Assmann, Carleton, Glass, Hume, Jackson, Ketchum, Linn, Morris, Newton, Nitschke, North, Phillips, Plath, Schuber, Suter, Townsend, Weyerman, Wingfield-19.

The Ordinance was accordingly read, ^{after} which a motion was made to suspend the rules and place the same on its third reading, which was adopted by the following Vote:

Yeas- Aldermen Anderson, Assmann, Carleton, Glass, Hume, Jackson, Ketchum, Linn, Morris, Newton, Nitschke, North, Phillips, Plath, Schuber, Suter, Townsend, Weyerman, Wingfield-19.

The Ordinance was then read a third time, and an motion passed by the following Vote:

Yeas- Aldermen Anderson, Assmann, Carleton, Glass, Hume, Jackson, Ketchum, Linn, Morris, Newton, Nitschke, North, Phillips, Plath, Schuber, Suter, Townsend, Weyerman, Wingfield-19.

By Alderman Linn - An Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance levying a tax of one-third of one per cent. for the support and maintenance of the public free schools for the year 1891." It was read the first time, after which a motion was made to suspend the rules and place the same on its second reading, which was adopted by the following Vote:

Yeas- Aldermen Anderson, Assmann, Carleton, Glass, Hume, Jackson, Ketchum, Linn, Morris, Newton, Nitschke, North, Phillips, Plath, Schuber, Suter, Townsend, Weyerman, Wingfield.-19.

The Ordinance was accordingly read, after which a motion was made to suspend the rules and place the same on its third reading, which was carried by the following Vote: Yeas- Aldermen Assmann, Carleton, Glass, Hume, Jackson, Ketchum, Linn, Morris, Newton, Nitschke, North, Phillips, Plath, Schuber, Suter, Townsend, Weyerman, Wingfield-19.

The Ordinance was then read a third time, and an motion passed by the following Vote: Yeas- Aldermen Anderson, Assmann, Carleton, Glass, Hume, Jackson, Ketchum, Linn, Morris, Newton, Nitschke, North, Phillips, Plath, Schuber, Suter, Townsend, Weyerman, Wingfield.-19.

By Alderman Linn: An Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance providing for the levy and collection of a tax of Eighty cents on each one hundred dollars worth of property within the limits of the city of Austin for the year 1891." It was read the first time, after which a motion was made to suspend the rules and place the same on its second reading, which prevailed by the following Vote: Yeas- Aldermen Anderson, Assmann, Carleton, Glass, Hume, Jackson, Ketchum, Linn, Morris,

School tax.

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Newton, Kitchke, North, Phillips, Platt, Schuber, Sutor, Townsend, Weyerman, Wingfield.-19.

The Ordinance was accordingly read, after which a motion was made to suspend the rules and place the same on its third reading, which was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas-Aldermen Anderson, Assmann, Carleton, Glass, Hume, Jackson, Ketchum, Linn, Morris, Newton, Kitchke, North, Phillips, Platt, Schuber, Sutor, Townsend, Weyerman, Wingfield.-19.

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

Yeas-Aldermen Anderson, Assmann, Carleton, Glass, Hume, Jackson, Ketchum, Linn, Morris, Newton, Kitchke, North, Phillips, Platt, Schuber, Sutor, Townsend, Weyerman, Wingfield.-19.

Market Shed.

By Alderman Kitchke - An Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance appropriating the sum of fifty five dollars for the purpose of paying the cost of repairing the roof of the market house shed". It was read the first time, after which motions were made to suspend the rules and place the same on its second and third readings, both of which were adopted by a vote of two-thirds of the whole Council. The Ordinance was accordingly read, and on motion passed.

Swiss, Slope &c.

By Aldermen Platt - An Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance declaring it a misdemeanor for any person to haul swiss, slope or other offensive matter through the streets of the city of Austin between the hours of 6 o'clock a.m. and 9 o'clock p.m., and providing a punishment for its violation". It was read the first time, after which a motion was made to suspend the rules and place the same on its second reading, which prevailed by the following vote: Yeas-Aldermen Anderson, Assmann, Glass, Hume, Jackson, Ketchum, Linn, Morris, Newton, Phillips, Platt, Schuber, Sutor, Townsend, Weyerman, Wingfield.-16.

Nays-Aldermen Carleton, Kitchke, North.-3.

The Ordinance was read a second time, after which a motion was made to suspend the rules and place the same on its third reading, which was adopted by the following vote: Yeas-Aldermen Anderson, Assmann, Glass, Hume, Jackson, Ketchum, Linn, Newton, Phillips, Platt, Schuber, Sutor, Townsend, Weyerman, Wingfield.-15.

Nays-Aldermen Carleton, Morris, Kitchke, North.-4.

The Ordinance was read a third time, and on motion passed by the following vote: Yeas-Aldermen Anderson, Assmann, Glass, Hume, Jackson, Ketchum, Linn, Morris, Newton, Phillips, Platt, Schuber, Sutor, Townsend, Weyerman, Wingfield.-16.

Nays-Aldermen Carleton, Kitchke, North.-3.

Black & White.

By Alderman Carleton - A resolution providing for the publication, in a newspaper, of the Ordinance as it now appears, by which the city of Austin is divided into wards, and also to have 500 copies of the same published in pamphlet form. Said pamphlets to be distributed to the voters of the city of Austin who may desire to obtain the same. The resolution carried.

By Alderman Carleton - An Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to amend article 21c of the Revised Penal Ordinances of the City of Austin, as the same was amended by Ordinance approved

October 6, 1891."

The Ordinance increases the amount of kerosene oil that may be kept for sale in stores from fifty to two hundred and fifty gallons.

The Ordinance was read the first time, after which a motion was made to suspend the rules and place the same on its second reading, which was adopted by a vote of two-thirds of the whole Council.

The Ordinance was then read a second time, after which Alderman Outer moved to amend the same by striking out the word "fifty" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "One hundred" as the number of gallons of kerosene that may be kept in stores and elsewhere for sale. The amendment prevailed.

A motion was then made to suspend the rules and place the same on its third reading, which prevailed by a vote of two-thirds of the whole Council.

The Ordinance was then read a third time and on motion passed.

Flushing gutters.

By Alderman Linn - A resolution instructing the City Health Officer to flush the gutters on Congress Avenue and Ocean Street at least twice during each week, and further directing him to notify the Water Company that he will use the hydrants along said streets for the purpose named.

The resolution was adopted. On motion the Council adjourned.

Milton Morris,
City Clerk.