

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council.

Austin, Texas, January 18, 1892.

Hon. John McDonald, Mayor, presiding.

Roll

Roll call. Present, Aldermen Anderson, Asoman, Glass, Graham, Hunter, Jackson, Kelchum, Linn, Miller, Morris, Newton, Nitzsche, North, Platt, Schneider, Schubert, Sutton, Townsend, Warrick, Weyerman, Ziller - 21.
Absents Alderman Shelley. - 1

Roll

Minutes

Alderman Linn moved that the reading of the minutes of the meeting of the City Council, which was held on the 14th day of January, 1892, be dispensed with and that they be adopted as printed.
The motion was adopted.

Petitions, Memorials, etc.

M. Butler

By the Mayor. An agreement from M. Butler to pay to the city, all sums of money incident to the opening and maintaining of a street across the lands of M. Paqqi, which is asked for in his (Butler's) petition, recently presented to the City Council.

Street across the lands of M Paqqi

Alderman Linn moved that the agreement be referred to the ordinance committee, with instructions to ascertain if the same is in proper form.

Alderman Morris moved to amend the motion by adding that the City Engineer be required to make a plat of the proposed street, and the probable amount of damages that will have to be paid in order to open the same for public travel, and reports the same to the Committee.

The amendment was accepted, and the motion as amended prevailed.

D. L. Whiggfield

E. S. Smith's St. gutter at cor of

By Alderman Platt: A petition from D. L. Whiggfield requesting that the gutter at the corner of East 8th and Trinity streets be repaired.

It was referred to the street committee with power to act.

Recorder

Leave of absence

Alderman North moved that the Recorder be granted leave of absence from January 30th to February 5th inclusive.

The motion prevailed.

Reports of City Officers.

Mayor's message

The Mayor presented his annual message and it was read.
Alderman Linn then moved that the message be

referred to a special committee of five for such action as they may deem proper. The motion prevailed, and the Chair appointed as such committee Alderman Linn, Graham, Jackson, Tommeau and Heyerman.

Committee on

Printing of message & Reports.

Alderman Linn then moved that the City Clerk be instructed to have 3000 copies of the message, together with the annual reports of the City officers, printed in pamphlet form; and further that he shall have said message printed in the Evening News, and also in the Statesman; provided the Statesman will print the same at the rate the Evening News now charges the city for publishing such matters.

Alderman Sutton moved to amend the motion by directing the printing of the message in the Texas Yearly.

The amendment was accepted, and the motion as amended prevailed.

Reports

Reports of Committee's

East 6th St.

By Alderman Nunn, for the committee on streets, to whom was referred a proposition from citizens owning property on East 6th street, offering to donate land on each side of said street for the purpose of widening said street to a uniform width of eighty feet, submitted a report thereon stating that the committee would respectfully refer to reports made at last meeting of the City Council for our recommendation.

The report was received and ordered filed.

George Strauss

By Alderman Nunn, for the streets committee, to whom was referred the petition of George Strauss, asking that the track of the Austin Rapid Transit Railroad Company be removed from his side-walk corner of East 7th and Attagas Streets, to the center of the street, presented a report thereon, which states that said track is not on the side-walk as alleged, but is at least three feet from the same, and to remove said track to the center of the street would require a reverse curve, which would greatly interfere with travel.

East 7th & Attagas

For reasons named the committee referred the petition back to the Council.

Alderman Morris moved that the petition be not granted, and the motion prevailed.

81 st. "crossings" in view of St. 7th

By Alderman Nunn, for the Committee on Streets, to whom was referred a petition of citizens asking that stone crossings be placed across Garwood street at its intersection with 13th Street, and also at the east end of Government sidewalk, to the entrance

of the Capitol grounds, offered a report thereon recommending that the petition be granted. It was moved that the report be adopted. Alderman Anderson moved as a substitute that the report be laid over to come up with an ordinance to be introduced concerning street crossings. Carried

Mayor retired

The Mayor retired and Alderman Linn, president of the Board of Aldermen, took the chair.

Gannett fire alarm

By Alderman Schneider, for a majority of the Fire Committee, to whom was referred the proposition of the Gannett Fire Alarm Tel. Co., looking to the construction of a fire alarm telegraph system for this city, submitted a report thereon which states that the costs of the alarm, according to the propositions named, will be \$5,300.00 exclusive of poles. That it is expected the use of the telegraph, telephone and other electric company's poles can be obtained free of cost, and that if more poles are required they will cost, placed for use, about six dollars each. The report recommends that an appropriation of \$2,500.00 be made to purchase a part of the proposed system, exclusive of alarm boxes, and that the remainder of the system be leased on the terms named in the propositions, and that the Mayor be authorized and empowered to enter into lease with said company. The report is signed by Alderman Zeller and Gannett and it was laid over to come up under the head of new business.

Majority reports

By Alderman Schneider for the minority of the Committee on Fire, to whom was referred the propositions of the Gannett Fire Alarm Tel. Co., above referred to, submitted a report stating: "While I believe that the city should own the fire alarm system, I do not believe it good policy for the city to create a debt beyond the fiscal year, as the lease would be nothing more than a debt, and should the city, from some unknown cause wish to cancel their lease with said company, in that event the city would own a partial and incomplete alarm system." The report is signed by Alderman Schneider, and was laid over to come up under the head of new business.

Minority reports

Police Committee

or
Marshals rept for Dec.

By Alderman Townsend for the Committee on Police, to whom was referred the reports of the City Marshal for the month of December, 1891, submitted a report thereon which states that said reports were examined and found correct.

The report of the committee was adopted. By Alderman North, for the Committee on Ordinances, submitted a report stating that at the request of Alderman Anderson the committee had prepared

Reports

Com. on St. Crossings

an ordinance providing for the placing of street crossings on Congress Avenue and Cedar Street, and recommending that it do pass. It was laid over to come up under the head of new business.

Com. on W. U. Co.

By Alderman North, for the Ordinance Committee, to whom was referred an ordinance granting the Western Union Telegraph Company the right to place its poles on the streets of this city, submitted a report thereon recommending the passage of the same after the adoption of the following amendments: Amend section 2, after the word "Approved" on line 2, by adding the following words: "subject to change as may be from time to time ordered by the City Council." The report was laid over to come up under the head of unfinished business with the ordinance named therein.

Com. on Printing

By Alderman Ketchum, for the committee on Printing, to whom was referred the question of procuring bids for doing the City's newspaper and job printing from January 18, to December 1st 1894, presented a report stating that bids were invited and received for doing the work named, and after examination, the bid of the Statesman Publishing Company for newspaper printing, and Eugene Von Boeckmann for job printing, were found to be the lowest. The report recommends that the contracts be awarded accordingly, and it was adopted.

Bids awarded

Statesman Pub. Co.

E. Von Boeckmann

Com. on Sanitation &c.

By Alderman Dutton, for the committee on sanitation and sewerage, to whom was referred a communication from the Lewis-Mercer Construction Company, of New York, with reference to constructing a system of sanitary sewers in this city, offered a report recommending that the communication be entertained, and the Mayor and City Clerk be instructed to communicate with said company; and request said company to make the city a proposition, which shall be presented to the Council when received. The report was adopted.

Lewis-Mercer Con. Co.

Com. on Hospital

By Alderman Harwood, for the hospital committee, a report showing the property of the city now at the hospital, and the amount of household goods required to properly furnish the hospital; also the amount of groceries that will probably be required to supply the same during the present quarter. The report recommends that the hospital committee be empowered by resolution to advertise for bids for furnishing provision supplies necessary for three months; that the roof of the hospital be painted, and

Supplies furnished

Reports

other needed repairs be made.

The report was adopted

Com. Water & Light

Alderman Morris, for the committee on water and light asked for further time in which to prepare reports on matters now before the committee.

Granted.

Com. on Purchasing

By Alderman North for the purchasing committee, to whom was referred the matter of procuring bids for supplying certain articles for the use of the city during the quarter ending April 15, 1892.

Bids awarded:

submitted a report recommending that awards be made as follows:

J. M. Valdez

Noneshoeing, to J. M. Valdez at \$1.25 per four steel toed shoes.

C. J. Martin

Stock feed, to C. J. Martin.

R. Y. Bandy.

Eight sets of double harness, to R. Y. Bandy, if purchased at once.

Wagon running-gears and evert pipe. Among the bids were found some by Walter Dips; the chairman of the committee requested to be excused from passing on this class of bids. Alderman Shelley being sick, no quorum was left to act on these bids. This property is much needed, and the committee recommends that the Mayor be instructed to act with Alderman Decker in this matter.

Sec. & pur. Com. ord amended.

The report also recommends that section 3 of the purchasing committee ordinance be so amended as to hereafter permit contracts to be made for a period not to exceed the end of the current fiscal year. The report was adopted.

Unfinished Business

Protection House No. 3

An Ordinance appropriating the sum of Eleven Hundred and Sixty-Two Dollars for the purpose of paying for material furnished and labor performed in the completion of the house occupied by Protection House Company No. 3, situated on Larued Street, was taken up on its second reading and read. A motion was then made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its third reading, which was lost by the following vote:

\$1162.00 appropriated

Yeas - Alderman Asmann, Glass, Graham, Jackson, Linn, Miller, Nitchke, Platt, Schmidt, Schuler, Townsend, Hamish, Heyerman - 14.

Nays - Alderman Anderson, Hume, Kitchum, Morris, Newton, North, Sutton - 7.

H. H. Pitt Co.

An Ordinance granting to the Western Union Telegraph Company the right to place and maintain its poles and lines in the streets, alleys.

Reports, Coms.

and public ways of the City of Austin, State of Texas, on the terms and conditions herein stated, was taken up on its second reading and read, after which the proposed amendment thereto which was offered by the Ordinance Committee and which is above set forth, was taken up and adopted.

A motion was then 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.

Hospital
Pro. to Lease

Dr. Bennett

The proposition of Dr. Bennett and others to lease the City and County Hospital was taken up and Dr. Bennett was invited to address the Council concerning the same, which he did, offering a supplemental proposition, which is in effect as follows: The City will be allowed the right to use the Hospital 3,600 days in each year, paying therefor the sum of \$3,600.00; any days occupied above this number are to be paid for by the City at the rate of \$1.00 per day per patient. Alderman North took the chair.

Alderman Ketchum moved to indefinitely postpone further action upon the propositions to lease the City and County Hospital.

Alderman Graham moved to lay the motion on the table which was lost by the following vote:

Yeas - Alderman Anderson, Graham, Hume and Platt - 4.

Nays - Alderman Asmann, Glass, Jackson, Ketchum, Linn, Miller, Morris, Stewart, Tritschke, North, Schneider, Schuber, Dutton, Downard, Harriott, Weyermann, Ziller - 17.

The question having recurred upon the motion to indefinitely postpone, the same was put and carried.

Alderman Linn took the chair.

Alderman Stewart was excused.

It was moved that the Council do now stand adjourned, which was lost by the following vote:

Yeas - Alderman Glass, Graham, Hume, Ketchum, Schuber - 5.

Nays - Alderman Anderson, Asmann, Jackson, Linn, Miller, Morris, Tritschke, North, Platt, Schneider, Dutton, Downard, Harriott, Weyermann, Ziller - 15.

Alderman Hume was excused.

It was moved that Alderman Graham be excused. Lost.

Alderman Schuber moved that the Council do now stand adjourned until 8 o'clock p.m. Saturday January 28, 1897, and the motion prevailed by the

Ald Stewart excused

Ald Hume excused

Adjourned

Following vote:

Yeas - Aldermen Anderson, Glass, Graham, Jackson,
Ketchum, Miller, Schneider, Schubert, Warwick, Weyermaier,

- 10.

Nays - Aldermen Gosmann, Linn, Morris, Nitschke,
Stark, Platt, Sutton, Townsend, Zeller - 9.Milton Morris
City Clerk.

Minutes of an Adjourned Meeting of the City Council
Austin, Texas January 28, 1892.
Hon. Jno. McDonald, Mayor Presiding.

Roll Call
Roll call: Present - Aldermen Glass, Nune, Jackson, Ketchum, Linn, Morris, Kitchke, Schuber, Ziller - 9.
Absent - Aldermen Anderson, Asmann, Graham, Miller, Newton, North, Platt, Schneider, Shelley, Sutton, Townsends, Warrmoth, Weyermann. - 13.

Roll of Council
Alderman Morris moved a call of the Council, which was duly adopted.
Alderman Townsends Platt and North entered the Council and assumed to their names.
Alderman North moved to suspend the call.

Roll call
Second roll call: Present - Aldermen Glass, Nune, Jackson, Ketchum, Linn, Miller, Morris, Kitchke, North, Platt, Schneider, Schuber, Townsends, Ziller. - 14.
Absent - Aldermen Anderson, Asmann, Graham, Newton, Shelley, Sutton, Warrmoth, Weyermann. - 8.

Order of Business
Alderman North moved that the Council consider no new business until unfinished business is disposed of.
Alderman Sutton and Asmann entered the Council and assumed to their names.
The motion made by Alderman North was adopted.

Unfinished Business

Protection No. 60 # 3.
\$1,162 appropriated
An Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1,162, for the purpose of paying for material furnished and labor performed in the completion of the house occupied by Protection Horse Company No. 3, situated on Landa Street" was taken up for its third reading, read and passed by the following vote:
Yeas - Aldermen Asmann, Glass, Jackson, Ketchum, Linn, Miller, Kitchke, Platt, Schneider, Schuber, Sutton, Townsends, Ziller. - 13.
Nays - Aldermen Nune, Morris, North. - 3.

Avenue & Church
\$500 for crossings
The report of the ordinance committee, presented by Alderman North, recommending the passage of an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$800. to place crossings on Congress Avenue and Sixth Street, was taken up and read.
Alderman Weyermann and Warrmoth entered the Council, and assumed to their names.
Alderman Linn was excused from further attendance upon the session.

The ordinance named in the above report was then taken up and read, 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 Assmann, Miller, Morris, North, Platt, Harmoth, Meyerman, Ziller - 8
Nays - Alderman Glass, Nune, Jackson, Ketchum, Htschke, Schneider, Schubert, Dutton, Downoud - 9.

Purchasing Com.

The report of the committee on purchases recommending the passage of an ordinance amending the ordinance creating said committee so that section 3. thereof shall read as follows: "All contracts shall be made for a period not to exceed the end of the current fiscal year after notice given by publication in a newspaper published in Austin for four days, and bond in sufficient amount shall be required for the faithful performance of all contracts," was taken up and read together with the ordinance named therein.

Sec. 3. Amended.

Motions were then made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance 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.

Fire Department

The majority and minority reports of the committee on fire department concerning the proposals of the Gausewell Fire Alarm Telegraph Company were reached and Alderman Morris introduced an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance making a contract with the Gausewell Fire Alarm Telegraph Company for the purchase in part and lease of other parts, with option of purchase of a fire alarm system for the City of Austin."

Gausewell F.A. Tel Co

It was read one time, after which Alderman Morris moved to suspend the rules and place the same on its second reading.

Alderman Ketchum moved as a substitute that the ordinance be laid upon the table, which prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas - Alderman Glass, Nune, Jackson, Ketchum, Miller, Htschke, Platt, Schneider, Harmoth, Meyerman,

- 10.
Nays - Alderman Assmann, Morris, North, Schubert, Dutton, Downoud, Ziller - 7.

New Business.

The following named ordinances and resolutions were introduced

By Alderman Htschke: An Ordinance appropriating the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars

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E. 12th near Comal

for the purpose of constructing a rock or brick culvert on East Twelfth Street near Comal Street. It was read and referred to the street committee.

Salaries of regular employees etc.

By Alderman Morris: An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$29,000 for the purpose of paying salaries of officers and regular employes of the City of Austin from January 1. to November 30, 1892 and also the bridge policeman for the month of December, 1891.

It was read one time, after which motions were made to suspend the rules and place the same on its second and third readings, and that it do pass, all of which were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas - Alderman, Assmann, Glass, Nume, Jackson, Ketchum, Miller, Morris, Witschke, North, Platt, Schneider, Schubert, Dutton, Downoud, Harnoth, Meyerman, Zillet - 17.

By Alderman Morris: An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$2420 for the purpose of paying Aldermen for attending regular meetings of the City Council from December 1, 1891, to November 30, 1892.

It was read one time, after which motions were made to suspend the rules and place the same on its second and third readings, and that it do pass, all of which were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas - Alderman, Assmann, Glass, Jackson, Ketchum, Miller, Morris, Witschke, North, Platt, Schneider, Schubert, Dutton, Downoud, Harnoth, Meyerman, Zillet - 16.

Stay - Alderman Nume.

By Alderman Morris: A resolution adopting an estimate of income from all sources to become a part of the General Fund, and of the expenditures to pay salaries and wages of officers and regular employes, and of the amount required to meet the other ordinary expenses of the City government for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1892.

The resolution was adopted. The amount of income is placed at \$102,650, and the expenditures at \$78,078.

The official bonds of J. H. P. McFall, city Engineer; J. E. Luey, city marshal; Ed. L. Greary, Superintendent of streets; K. L. Witschke, city sexton, and Milton Morris city clerk, were presented and approved. The official bonds of Fred Stenzing, city Assessor and collector, and of J. D. Myrick, city Treasurer was referred to the committee on ordinances, with instructions to report to the Council as to amount, etc, of same.

\$29,000

Aldermen pay of

\$2420.00

Income estimate

Income \$102,650. Expenditures \$78,078.

Bonds of City Officers

Statesman

Synopsis of Proceedings

Geo Washington
as
Porter.

Mason town to river
Co, to fence re.

John W. Hoyle

Right of way

Substitute

Street improvements

Hospital Com.

Bids for 3 mos.

Alderman North moved that the City Clerk be instructed to have a synopsis of the proceedings of the City Council printed in the Statesman.

Adopted.

Alderman Morris, by request was excused from voting on this question.

The Mayor nominated George Washington as porter of the City Hall, and he was unanimously elected by a rising vote.

By Alderman Glass: "An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$60 or as much thereof as may be necessary to purchase wine and posts to fence the ditch running from Mason town, in South ward, to the river."

It was read and referred to the street committee.

By Alderman Morris: An ordinance granting the right of way over certain streets and the right to cross certain highways in the city of Austin to John W. Hoyle his associates and assigns, for a steam railroad to be built from the western part of Travis County into the City of Austin.

It was read one time, after which a motion was made to suspend the rules and place it on its second reading.

Alderman Schuber moved as a substitute that the ordinance be referred to the street committee, which was defeated by the following vote:

Yeas - Alderman Asmann, Glass, Nune, Jackson, Platt, Schneider, Schuber, Ziller - 8

Nays - Alderman Ketchum, Miller, Morris, Nitschke, North, Sutton, Townsend, Warmoth, Meyerman, - 9

The motion to suspend the rules was then lost by the following vote:

Yeas - Alderman Asmann, Glass, Ketchum, Miller, Morris, Nitschke, North, Sutton, Townsend, Warmoth, Meyerman, Ziller - 12

Nays - Alderman Nune, Jackson, Platt, Schneider, Schuber - 5

By Alderman Morris: An Ordinance to provide for improvements on the streets of the City of Austin for a part of the year 1892.

It was read and referred to the street committee.

By Alderman North: A resolution authorizing the hospital committee to advertise for bids for furnishing the City hospital with groceries, meats and fuel for three months.

Adopted.

The Council then adjourned

Wm. H. Miller, Mayor
City Clerk