

The Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council

Austin, Texas, February 1, 1892.

Hon. John McDonald, Mayor, presiding.

Roll Call.

Roll Call. Present - Aldermen Anderson, Bless, Graham, Hume, Jackson, Ketchum, Miller, Morris, Nitschke, North, Platt, Schneider, Schubert, Shelley, Dinter, Townsend, Warmeth, Weyerman, Jeller - 19.

N. McDonald
Mayor.

Absent - Aldermen Anderson, Linn, Newton - 3.

Alderman North moved that Mr. Still McEashin be requested to relieve the City Clerk from attendance upon the Council, to enable him to complete the preparation of the general appropriation ordinance. Carried.

Minutes Jan. 18, 1892
adopted.

Petitions.

The minutes of the meetings of the City Council which were held on the 18th and 23d days of January, 1892, were adopted as printed.

The following petitions, memorials, etc., were introduced:

From the Lake Navigation Company: A petition asking for permission to use a strip of land 500 feet wide extending from the river to the shore line of the future lake until it becomes necessary to flood the same by reason of the completion of the dam. The land is to be used as a place to construct boats to navigate the proposed lake.

By Alderman Morris: A resolution to grant the above named petition. Adopted.

On the recommendation of the Mayor, a fine which was assessed against Gus Wilson in the Recorders Court, was remitted.

From East Austin Horse Company No. 4: A petition requesting the City Council to refund to the Company the sum of \$196.75, which was advanced by the members of the Company to complete the city building now occupied by the Company. Referred to the Fire Committee.

From citizens of the Eleventh Ward, and other persons:

A petition asking the Council to open a street through the property of D. W. Bauldin, in South Austin, he having offered to donate land for that purpose, on condition that the city will open the street at once and build a suitable bridge over the East fork of Bauldin Creek, on the proposed street, within a reasonable time.

It was referred to the Street Committee.

By Alderman Miller: A proposal from Smith & Brady and himself offering to donate a stone crossing to be placed across East Sixth Street on the west line of San Jacinto Street, on condition that the city will place the same in position at the point named. The proposition was accepted.

By Alderman Hume: A petition of citizens asking that a street be opened along the north boundary line of the Lake Sumatra Addition grounds, which will be a continuation of Spring Street leading from Glen Ridge and intersecting with the Austin and Georgetown and it was referred to the Street Committee.

By Alderman Johnson: A petition of citizens against the passage of the ordinance granting Host and Associates a right of way

Lake Nav. Co. to
build Boats.

Gus Wilson
fine remitted.

\$196.75 to refund
to E. A. H. Co. No. 4.

Petition for Streets
from 11th Ward.

Smith & Brady &
Ald. Miller donate
crossing E. 6th St.

Petition for street
on S. body of Lake.

Protest vs. Rail Road
on E. 3rd & Brazos St^s

Lewis-Mercer Co.
Sewer System.

Ref. -
City Officers.

Committees

Bonds of
City Officers.

\$800.8450. for
Street Improvements.

for a railroad along East Third and Brazos Streets
It was laid over to come up with the Ordinance
named therein.

By Alderman Nutt: A Communication from
the Lewis-Mercer Construction Company of New York
with reference to constructing a system of Sanitary
Sewers in this City; also an Ordinance naming
the terms, &c. They were referred to the Committee
on Sanitation and Sewerage and the City Attorney.

Reports of City Officers.

The reports of the City Assessor and Collector,
City Clerk, City Treasurer, City Marshal, City Sexton
and City Physician for the month of January, 1892, were
read and referred.

The report of Chief Engineer Trizell for the month of
January, 1892, was read, and ordered filed.

Reports of Committees

By Alderman Hume, for the Committee on Streets, to
whom was referred an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance
appropriating the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars for
the purpose of constructing a rock or brick Culvert on
East Twelfth Street near Canal Street," submitted a
report thereon recommending that the same be passed.
It was laid over to come up with the Ordinance
named therein.

By Alderman Hume, for the Street Committee, to whom
was referred an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to
provide for improvements on the Streets of the City of
Austin for a part of the year 1892," presented a report
thereon recommending that the Ordinance do not pass, and
that "all Street work be left to the supervision of the
Mayor, Street Commissioner and City Engineer, as has been
the custom heretofore."

Alderman Platt moved to lay the report on the
table. Carried.

Alderman North, for the Committee on Ordinances, to
whom was referred the official bonds of J. B. Myrick, City
Treasurer, and Fred Stenzing, City Assessor and Collector,
offered a report stating that the bonds "have been
examined by us, and believing them to be valid and
sufficient, we recommend that the same be approved."
The report was adopted.

Alderman Schuler moved that the old wagon harness
be used five or six months longer. Carried.

Unfinished Business.

An Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance appropriating the
sum of \$800 to place crossings on Congress Avenue and
Sixth Street," was taken up on its second reading
and read.

Alderman Jitter then moved that the caption and section
thereof be amended as to include the sum of \$50 for
the purpose of placing Street crossings across Jones
Street at its intersection with Thirteenth Street, and

also across the street from the East End of Goodman's sidewalk to the Entrance of the Capitol grounds. Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas - Aldermen Glass, Graham, Hume, Jackson, Miller, Nitschke, Schubert, Shelley, Townsend, Warmoth, Zeller - 11.

Nays - Aldermen Ketchum, Morris, North, Platt, Schneider, Suter, Weyerman - 7.

A motion was then made to suspend the rules and place the same on its second reading, which was lost by the following vote.

Yeas - Aldermen Graham, Miller, Morris, North, Schubert, Shelley, Townsend, Warmoth, Weyerman, Zeller - 10.

Nays - Aldermen Glass, Hume, Jackson, Ketchum, Nitschke, Platt, Schneider, Suter - 8.

Street improvements
for part of 1892

An Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to provide for improvements on the streets of the city of Austin for a part of the year 1892", was taken up on its second reading and read, after which Alderman Morris moved to reconsider the vote by which the report of the Street Committee on said Ordinance was laid upon the table. Carried. Section 2 of the Ordinance provides "that the Superintendent of Streets shall proceed with the work of street improvement by wards, working only three weeks at a time in each ward of the city, and when such three weeks work shall have been done in any ward after the passage of this Ordinance no more work shall be done in such ward until a like three weeks work shall have been devoted to each of the other wards of the city; provided, that the order in which it is herein prescribed that work shall be done may be departed from by the Superintendent of Streets when necessary to repair bridges or other places which may become so out of repair as to render accidents to travelers probable, if repairs be not immediately made....."

Alderman Morris moved to amend the above Section by striking out the word "three" where it appears and inserting in lieu thereof the word "two". adopted.

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

Yeas - Aldermen Glass, Ketchum, Miller, Morris, Schneider, Shelley, Suter, Warmoth, Weyerman, Zeller - 10.

Nays - Aldermen Graham, Hume, Jackson, Nitschke, North, Platt, Schubert, Townsend - 8.

An Ordinance entitled "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. Hoyt, his associates and assigns, for a steam railroad to be built from the Western part of Davis County into the city of Austin," was taken up on its second reading and read, after which Alderman Morris moved to amend Section 2 thereof

Amended

J. W. Hoyt, right
way for A. R. R.

by striking out the proviso therein, which reads as follows:

"That from the South Side of Second or Live Oak Street to the Colorado river the track may be laid at such a distance below the grade of the street as may be necessary to admit of running trains over said road under the South end of the bridge across the Colorado river at the foot of Congress Avenue on a trestle work, and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "

"Provided, that if it shall become necessary to make any cut in the streets, specifications thereof, including the arching over the track of the railroad at the street crossings and such provisions to avoid interrupting travel over the streets, as may be proposed by said Hoyt, his associates or assigns, shall be submitted to the City Council, and must receive its approval before any cut below the grade of the street shall be allowed." The amendment prevailed.

Amended.

Alderman Morris moved to strike out Section 3 of the Ordinance, which conflicts with the above amendment. Adopted.

Alderman Morris also moved to amend Section 6 of the Ordinance by adding thereto the following:

"And said Hoyt is granted the rights herein subject to the condition that the road constructed by him, his associates or assigns, shall cross the Colorado river, and south of the last pier of the public bridge, and shall not pass under said bridge at any point." Carried.

Alderman Thorne moved to amend the Ordinance so as to require said Hoyt and associates to secure right of way from citizens whose property abut on the street over which the proposed road is to be built, before said road shall be constructed. The amendment was lost, Yeas 4; Nays 14. A motion was then made to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on its third reading, which prevailed by a vote of two-thirds of the whole Council. The Ordinance was accordingly read, and on motion passed.

An Ordinance Entitled "An Ordinance appropriating the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars for the purpose of constructing a road or brick Culvert on East Twelfth Street, near Canal Street," was taken up on its second reading, and read, after which a motion was made to suspend the rules and place it on its third reading, which was lost by the following vote:

Yeas - Aldermen Voss, Graham, Thorne, Jackson, Kitchum, Mission, Kitchie, Platt, Schuber, Townsend, Warrmoth, Weyerman - 12.
Nays - Aldermen Morris, North, Schneider, Shelley,

Rules suspended
passed by 2/3 vote.

#350. for Culvert
on E. 12th St.

Suter, Zeller--6.

New Business.

Res. To improve
Side walks

By Alderman North- A resolution which directs the Ordinance Committee to draft and report an Ordinance which shall require the owners of property within limits of the City, to curb and render passable the sidewalks in front of their respective premises. It was referred to the Ordinance Committee.

\$25,821.84- To pay
Estimate 15 on Dam

By Alderman Morris- An Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$25,821.84 for the purpose of paying Estimate No. 15, of work done and materials furnished by Bernhard Corrigan, during the month of January, 1892, under his Contract with the City of Austin, dated Nov. 29, 1890."

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:

Ayes- Aldermen Glass, Graham, Hume, Jackson, Ketchum, Miller, Morris, Nitschke, North, Platt, Schneider, Schubert, Shelley, Suter, Townsend, Warmoth, Weyerman, Zeller--18.

\$4,693.46 To pay
approved accounts.

By Alderman Morris- An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$4,693.46 for the purpose of paying approved accounts. 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:

Ayes- Aldermen Glass, Graham, Hume, Jackson, Ketchum, Miller, Morris, Nitschke, North, Platt, Schubert, Shelley, Suter, Townsend, Warmoth, Weyerman, Zeller--17.

Nay- Alderman Schneider

By Alderman Morris- An Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance granting the Lake Navigation Company the right to operate and convey all kinds of Steamboats, Vessels and other water crafts on the reservoir or lake to be formed in the channel of the Colorado river by the construction of the Austin City Water and Light works dam across the Colorado river. It was read and referred to the Ordinance Committee.

By Alderman Warmoth- A resolution, directing that a Committee of three be appointed to ascertain the character and probable cost of repairs which should be made on the City and County hospital buildings, and to report same to the next meeting of the City Council.

The resolutions prevailed, and the Chair appointed as such Committee Aldermen Schubert, Graham and Nitschke. The Council then adjourned.

Milton Morris,
City Clerk.

Res: To examine
City Hospital.

Lake Nav: Co. To
operate Boats &c.