

The Minutes of a Regular meeting of the City Council.

Austin, Texas, February 15, 1892.

Hon. John M. Donald, Mayor, presiding.

Roll call

(Roll call. Present - Aldermen Anderson, Glass, Hume, Jackson, Ketchum, Linn, Morris, North, Platt, Schuber, Shelley, Dutor, Townsend, Warmoth, Weyerman, Zeller - 16.

Absent - Aldermen Assmann, Graham, Miller, Newton, Nitschle, Schneider - 6.

Aldermen Newton and Nitschle, entered the Council and answered to their names.

Minutes amended and adopted.

The minutes of the last meeting of the City Council were amended by striking out the name of Alderman Anderson from the list of absentees and inserting in lieu thereof the name of Alderman Assmann.

The minutes, as amended, were then adopted.

The following petitions, memorials, etc, were introduced:

Bridge at foot of Avenue.

By Mayor M. Donald - A copy of resolutions adopted by the Commissioners' Court of Travis County on the 11th day of February, 1892, notifying the City of Austin that the County of Travis, will hold said City of Austin responsible for any damage to "the Colorado Avenue bridge and dyke across the Colorado river," caused by the default or neglect on the part of said in the exercise, control and regulation of said property, etc. Alderman Dutor moved that the resolution be referred to a special committee of three and the City Attorney with instructions to investigate the subject and prepare a reply to said resolutions. The motion prevailed and the Chair appointed Aldermen Dutor, North and Linn as such Committee.

Petitions - Mrs Anna Storey.

By Alderman Jackson - A petition of citizens requesting the Council to permit Mrs Anna Storey to reside on a part of Sabine Street where her house is now situated, as the street cannot be used for travel on account of the creek running midway of the same. It was referred to the Street Committee. Alderman Assmann entered the Council and answered to his name.

G. Frick's Slaughter House

By Alderman Hume - A petition of citizens stating that the slaughter house situated on the electric car line and State Street, near the State Lunatic Asylum, and owned by G. Frick, is a nuisance, and requesting that the same be abated. It was referred to the Sanitary Inspector with power to act.

Reports of Committees

By Alderman Townsend, for the Police Committee, to whom was referred the reports of the City Marshall for the month of January, 1892.

submitted a report thereon stating that said reports were examined and found to be correct.

Election of
Policeman

Alderman Morris moved that the City Council proceed to the election of a policeman to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of C. C. Palmer. The motion prevailed, and the chair appointed Aldermen Glass, Jackson and Townsend as tellers, and announced that nominations were in order.

Alderman Ziller nominated F. E. Jones and Alderman Weyerman nominated D. A. J. Howell.

It was then moved that nominations be declared closed. Carried.

D. A. J. Howell

Ballots were then cast and duly canvassed and the result thereof was reported by the tellers as follows: D. A. J. Howell received 10 votes, F. E. Jones received 9 votes. The Mayor then declared D. A. J. Howell duly elected Policeman of the City of Austin for the remainder of the ensuing term.

Alderman Graham entered the Council and answered to his name.

Committee reports
On Sewerage.

Alderman Sutor, for the Committee on Sanitation and Sewerage, asked for further time in which to prepare reports on matters referred to that committee. Granted.

On purchase of
Wagons &c.

By Alderman Schuber, for the Committee on Purchases, to whom was referred the matter of advertising for bids for supplying the City with certain articles, viz: Sewer pipe, wagons and harness, submitted a report stating that the contract for supplying sewer pipe was awarded to R. J. Hill, assignee of P. C. Taylor, and that the contract for furnishing wagons was awarded to two firms, each to furnish four wagons.

With reference to the harness, the report states that "your committee thought it best to buy the three sets of harness at prices set on them, with the exception of the Wroe harness, which was considered too high, in order that they could be thoroughly tested, and by so doing the City teams would be well equipped for several years to come." The report was adopted.

On Hospital.

By Alderman Schuber— for the special committee on hospital, submitted the following report: Your special Committee to investigate the condition of the City and County hospital would respectfully beg leave to report that they have attended to that duty, and would state that they found all the rooms in the building in a very bad condition. The plaster cracked and the walls blackened and smoked, the wood work of the galleries badly decayed and in need of paint. Some attention should be given to the drainage of the water from the foundation of the building to prevent damage to

\$310 = To repair
Hospital.

Unfinished Business.
\$950 = To repair
E. 12th St.

the basements. We therefore recommend that an appropriation of \$350. or so much as may be necessary, be made to repair the same and to put the premises in a good sanitary condition. The report was adopted.

Unfinished Business.

An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$350. for the purpose of constructing a brick or brick culvert on East Twelfth Street near Comal street, was taken up on its third reading and read, and, on motion, passed by the following vote.

Yeas — Aldermen Anderson, Asman, Glas, Graham, Hume, Jackson, Ketchum, Linn, Newton, Nitochke, Platt, Schuber, Shelley, Sutor, Townsend, Warmoth, Weyerman — 17.

Nays — Aldermen Morris, North, Giller — 3.

Aldermen Miller and Schneider entered the Council and answered to their names.

\$800 = For Crossing
Congress Avenue &c.

An Ordinance appropriating the sum of eight hundred and fifty dollars to place crossings on Congress Avenue and Sixth street, and also near Goodman's Store, was taken up on its third reading and read, after which Alderman Linn moved to reconsider the vote by which the ordinance was placed on its third reading.

Lost.

Alderman Platt moved to lay the ordinance on the table, which prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas — Aldermen Asman, Glas, Hume, Jackson, Ketchum, Linn, Miller, Newton, Nitochke, Platt, Schneider, Schuber, Sutor, Warmoth, Weyerman — 15.

Nays — Aldermen Anderson, Graham, Morris, North, Shelley, Townsend, Giller — 7.

Street Improvement
part of 190.

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 third reading and read, after which Alderman Morris moved that it do pass and Alderman Platt moved that the ordinance be laid upon the table, which carried by the following vote:

Yeas — Aldermen Asman, Graham, Hume, Jackson, Linn, Newton, Nitochke, North, Platt, Schuber, Townsend, Warmoth. — 12.

Nays Aldermen Anderson, Glas, Ketchum, Miller, Morris, Schneider, Shelley, Sutor, Weyerman, Giller. — 10.

The Council then adjourned.

Milton Morris,

City Clerk.