

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council

Austin, Texas, Dec. 19, 1892.

Hon. John McDonald, Mayor, presiding.

Roll Call.
Present

Present: Aldermen Anderson, Cassman, Dawson, Glass, Hume, Kitchum, Linn, Miller, North, Platt, Powell, Raymond, Schneider, Shelley, Taylor, Townsend, Warmoth.

Absent

Absent — Aldermen Fischer, Hanesek, Jackson, Mitschko, Schubert — 5.

Minutes of previous meetings adopted. The minutes of the meetings of the City Council which were held on the 5th and 10th days of December, 1892, were adopted as printed.

Aldermen Mitschko, Hanesek and Fischer entered the Council and answered to their names.

Reports of Committees

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Police Committee

Report on petition of Geo. P. Warner as to hitching animals

Alderman Townsend, for the Police Committee, to whom was referred a communication from Geo. P. Warner, suggesting the enforcement of the ordinance requiring all animals left alone in the streets to be securely tied, submitted a report thereon, calling attention to articles 63 and 142 of the Revised Municipal Ordinances of the City. The former requires that all animals left alone upon the streets shall be securely tied, and the latter makes it unlawful for any person to hitch or fasten any horse or other animal to any awning, porch, lamp post, shade tree or building in the City not owned or controlled by him, her or them, without the consent of the person owning or controlling the same.

The report closes as follows:

"The committee recognized the importance of the question presented, and consider it the duty of the City authorities to regulate the matter, but on account of the provisions of article 142, we find that it will be impossible to enforce article 63, and suggest that the said article 142 be repealed."

The report was adopted.

Alderman Jackson entered the Council and answered to his name.

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Committee on Claims and Accounts, report on claims of G. A. Bush for culvert pipe

Alderman Shelley, for the Committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred the account of Geo. A. Bush for a carload of culvert pipe, submitted a report thereon recommending the payment of the account. The report was adopted.

New Business

The Mayor announced the standing committees

Standing Committees for the year 1892-3 as follows:

Amusements	Streets and Alleys — J. L. Nune, J. B. Witschke, J. A. Jackson.
Streets & Alleys	Finance — W. A. Linn, Thos. A. Taylor, W. A. North.
Finance	Parks — P. W. Powell, K. C. Miller, W. B. Hancock.
Parks	Fire Department — J. P. Schneider, K. C. Miller, W. P. Assmann.
Fire Department	Police Department — A. W. Townsend, J. P. Schneider, W. D. Shelley.
Police Department	Claims & Accounts — W. D. Shelley, C. P. Raymond, R. Platt.
Claims & Accounts	Ordinances — W. A. North, W. A. Dawson, R. Platt.
Ordinances	Public Printing — W. J. Ketchum, J. W. Harmoth, J. Schubert.
Public Printing	Markets — J. Schubert, Francis Fischer, G. P. Assmann.
Markets	Cemetery — R. Platt, C. P. Raymond, J. W. Harmoth.
Cemetery	Sanitation and Sewerage — W. A. Dawson, W. A. Glass, W. B. Hancock.
Sanitation & Sewerage	Hospital — J. W. Harmoth, J. P. Schneider, A. W. Townsend.
Hospital	Water and Light — C. E. Anderson, Francis Fischer, W. A. Linn.
Water & Light	Charity — W. A. Glass, W. A. North, W. A. Dawson.
Charity	Purchases — W. A. North, J. Schubert, W. D. Shelley.
Purchases	

Election tickets unused to be destroyed.

By Alderman Linn: Resolved That the City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized to destroy all election tickets prepared for the Aldermanic election held on Dec. 5, 1892, and not used.

Adopted.

By Alderman Linn: An Ordinance appropriating \$150, to pay judges and clerks of election and rent of rooms for election held Dec. 5, 1892. It was read the first time, after which motions were made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second and third readings and that it do now pass, each of which were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes — Aldermen Anderson, Assmann, Dawson, Fischer, Glass, Hancock, Nune, Jackson, Ketchum, Linn, Miller, Witschke, North, Platt, Powell, Raymond, Schneider, Shelley, Taylor, Townsend, Harmoth. — 21.

By Alderman Linn: An Ordinance appropriating

#2640, to pay
Aldermen.

#2640 for the purpose of paying aldermen for attending regular meetings of the City Council from Dec. 1, 1892. to Nov. 30, 1893.

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

Ayes — Aldermen Anderson, Asmann, Dawson, Fischer, Glass, Hancock, Nimm, Jackson, Ketchum, Linn, Miller, Kitchko, North, Platt, Powell, Raymond, Schneider, Shelley, Taylor, Townsend, Tharmoth — 21.

By Alderman North: An Ordinance providing penalties for non-payment of taxes due the City of Austin.

It was read the first time after which it was passed to its second and third readings by a vote of two-thirds of the whole board of Aldermen.

Section one of the Ordinance provides that when any property has been advertised for sale for taxes due the City of Austin, the following penalties shall be charged and collected to-wit: For each advertisement one dollar and fifty cents; for deeds to purchaser at tax sale, one dollar and fifty cents, which penalties shall be paid to the City.

Section two provides that when the list of delinquents taxes are placed in the hands of the City Attorney for collection, there shall be added and collected in addition to the penalties above prescribed, ten per cent on the amount of such taxes, which shall be retained by the City Attorney as his compensation for collecting the same.

Alderman Linn moved to reconsider the vote by which the ordinance was passed to its third reading, and the motion prevailed.

Alderman Glass then moved to strike out section two of the ordinance and it was agreed to by the following vote:

Ayes — Aldermen Asmann, Dawson, Fischer, Glass, Hancock, Jackson, Ketchum, Kitchko, Raymond, Taylor, Tharmoth. — 11.

Nays — Aldermen Anderson, Nimm, Linn, Miller, North, Platt, Powell, Schneider, Shelley, Townsend — 10.

Alderman Linn then moved to lay the ordinance on the table and the motion prevailed.

By Alderman Linn: A resolution approving the compromise heretofore made by the Finance Committee with Max Maas and Ben Walker for taxes due by them to the City of Austin.

That the compromise heretofore made by the Finance Committee with Ben Walker and Max Maas by

Taxes penalties for
non payment of

Taxes.
10% for collecting
to pass.

Taxes
Ord. number 1061.2

John Walker
& Max Maas
comprised -

which they paid \$200. each in settlement of all taxes
due by them to the City of Austin prior to 1891, be
and the same is hereby approved.
Adopted.

Elections

Elections.

W. A. Linn
Pres. of Board of Aldermen

The Mayor declared nominations for President
of the Board of Aldermen to be in order, after which
Alderman North nominated Alderman Henry A.
Linn for the position, and there being no other
nominations, Alderman Assmann moved that
Alderman Linn be elected by acclamation, and
the motion was unanimously adopted.
Alderman Schuber entered the Council and assented
to his name.

Alderman North moved that the election of police-
men be deferred until the next regular meeting
of the Council.

The motion was lost by the following vote:
Yeas - Alderman Anderson, Assmann, Hays, Kitchell,
North, Powell, Schneider, Warmoth - 8.
Nays - Alderman Dawson, Fischer, Glass, Hume,
Jackson, Ketchum, Linn, Miller, Platt, Raymond,
Schuber, Shelley, Taylor, Townsend - 14.

Alderman Anderson moved that the Council proceed
to the election of a sergeant of police and police-
men.

The motion prevailed.

The chair appointed Alderman North, Anderson and
Shelley as tellers.

Alderman Townsend nominated N. Montgomery
for the position of sergeant of police. There being
no other nominations, Alderman Linn moved
that the City Clerk be instructed to cast the vote
of the Council for N. Montgomery for sergeant
of police, and it was adopted, and duly
completed with, after which the Mayor declared
N. Montgomery duly elected sergeant of police
for the ensuing term.

N. Montgomery
Sergeant of Police

Police men
Nominations for

The Mayor declared that nominations for policemen
were in order, and the following named persons were
placed in nomination and received the number of votes
placed opposite their respective names:

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| W. E. McCashin, day clerk. | 19. |
| John Greenacres | 19. |
| P. P. Plumbo | 18. |
| J. E. Kennedy | 14. |
| J. G. Platt | 15. |
| C. H. Gibson | 19. |
| E. G. Halwell | 17. |
| W. A. Cate | 11. |
| Dave Platt | 17. |

A. J. Campbell	13
J. M. Bell	12
A. N. Corwin	19
W. B. Davis	11
D. A. J. Howell	6
Louis Morris, colored	4
A. Brown, colored	6
Gus Evans, colored	14
Harvey Maddox	18
Frank Jones	9
Scott Wilson	8
J. A. O'Banion	10
E. W. Braeken	5
George S. Peoples	15
Lige Dalwell	9
W. B. Allen	11
James Plumbo	1
W. Richardson	1
Drake Bell	1

Policeman
elected.

After hearing the report of the tellers, the Mayor declared the following persons duly elected policemen of the city of Austin for the ensuing term:

Neil McEachie, day clerk, John Chennerville, P. J. Plumb, J. E. Kennedy, J. D. Platt, O. N. Gibson, E. B. Lawrence, W. A. Gato, Salu Platt, T. J. Campbell, J. M. Bell, A. N. Corwin, Gus Evans, Harvey Maddox, Geo. S. Peoples.

The Mayor then stated that nominations for bridge officer were in order.

Alderman North nominated G. W. Tumez.

Alderman Harriott nominated R. A. Boyce.

Alderman Powell nominated J. D. Schneider.

Alderman Townsend by request withdrew the name of R. A. Boyce.

Nominations were declared closed and ballots were cast and canvassed and the result thereof reported by the tellers as follows:

For bridge officer, G. W. Tumez received 16 votes and J. D. Schneider received 6 votes.

The Mayor then declared G. W. Tumez duly elected bridge keeper.

Nominations for pound officer were declared to be in order, whereupon Alderman Linn nominated R. D. Bell for the position and Alderman Raymond nominated J. A. O'Banion.

Nominations were declared closed and ballots being canvassed, the result was announced by the tellers as follows:

J. A. O'Banion received 12 votes and R. D. Bell received 10 votes.

The Mayor declared J. A. O'Banion duly elected pound officer for the ensuing term.

Alderman North nominated George Washington

G. W. Tumez
bridge officer

J. A. O'Banion
pound officer

Geo. Washington
called for the

for the position of Porter at the city hall, and he
received 22 votes and was declared elected.
The Council then adjourned.

'Milton Morris,
City Clerk.