

The Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the
City Council
Austin Texas May 2 1892

Hon John McDonald Mayor Presiding
Roll Call Present Anderson, Asman,
Glass, Graham, Hume, Jackson, Ketchum,
Linn, Miller, Morris, Newton, Rischke,
North, Platt, Schneider, Schuber, Shelley, Sutor,
Toussend, Wamoth, Weyerman, Ziller. - 22

The Minutes of a regular meeting of the
City Council which was held on the 18th
day of April 1892 were adopted as printed

Petitions, Memorials, etc

The following Petitions, Memorials etc were presented

By Alderman Anderson, by request

H. B. Keirney's claim
for damages

A claim from H. B. Keirney for \$27.70 damages
alleged to have been caused to his property lot
No 4 in Block No 47 by the construction of the Rail
Road to the site of the dam

It was referred to the Committee on claims and accounts

Alderman Anderson, was excused

Gaudalupe st to be
graded

By Alderman Schuber A. Petition of citizens of
the third and fourth wards asking that that
portion of Gaudalupe street running from tenth
street to thirteenth street be graded so as to
conform to the grade established by ordinance
It was referred to the street committee

Culvert on second st

By Alderman Hume a Petition of citizens asking
that a culvert be constructed on second street
in Hyde Park
It was referred to the Mayor and street committee
with power to act

Crossing of live stock
over Colorado river
bridge

By Alderman Ketchum, A Petition of citizens of
Austin and Travis county requesting the Council
to regulate the crossing of live stock over
the Colorado river bridge

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Alderman North moved that the ordinance
committee be instructed to ascertain from the
records of the Commissioners Court of Travis
county, the regulations heretofore in force concerning
this matter and compile therefrom and report
to the City Council such regulations as they may deem

proper carried

Pet to open 9th st

By Alderman. Phillips. A Petition of Citizens requesting the opening of a street the prolongation of ninth street over and through our lot 1 in Division B
It was referred to the street committee

Pet to grade Cong Ave

By Alderman Townsend A Petition of Citizens requesting "a continuance of the proposed grading and work on Congress Avenue north of the Capitol from where it terminated on the hill at the crossing of sixteenth street and that it be graded on to nineteenth street and that the house standing immediately in the center of said street Austin's wicked - most prominent and beautiful said thoroughfare and drive be removed and ^{said} street continued on for a distance of a few hundred feet to intersect Lampasas street and obviate the great danger now imminent in a broad and prominent street emptying its heavy travel into a narrow alley as at present
It was referred to the street committee

To destroy ants

By Alderman Asman A. Petition from Jas W Smith asking permission to destroy all ant-beds in the streets of the city - Granted

To erect platform

By Alderman Platt. A Petition from J. A. Warren requesting permission to erect a platform on a ditch on a public road just north of the entrance to Hyde Park to be used as a refreshment stand during the assemblage of the Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythias from the 17th to and including the 24th day of May 1892
Granted

removal of slaughter house

By Alderman Meyerman A Petitions of Citizens requesting the removal of the slaughter pens situated between the Deaf and Dumb. Institute and the Colorado river
Referred to the committee on Sanitation and Sewerage

To donate land

By Alderman Morris by request - A Petition from R. J. Hill assignee of the estate of P. B. Taylor proposing to donate land on certain conditions for a road from the terminus of the Boulevard at the dam to Mt Bonnell
It was referred to the street committee.

Reports of City Officers

Reports of the City Treasurer City Sexton, City Clerk, City Physician, City Marshal, City Assessor and Collector and Chief Engineer J. O. Briggs for the month of April 1892 were referred

Committee Reports.

To open alley in Block 51

By Alderman Shume. For the Street Committee to whom was referred a petition from Mr. Butler asking that the alley in Block No 51 be opened submitted a report thereon which states "That after fully examining same find that said alley was closed by written agreement entered into by Geo J. Durham and Ben St Johnson said Agreement dated January 30 1857 Durham then being the owner of lots 1, 2, 3, and 4 and Johnson being the owner of lots 5, 6, 7, and 8, in said block. Said written Agreement being made and entered into by an act of the legislature approved the 12th day of January 1841 and we would most respectfully recommend that proper steps be taken to open up said alley at once in accordance with petition of Mr. Mr. Butler. Alderman North moved that the petition be granted provided the city be not put to any expense thereby. Adopted.

To improve west 4th st

By Alderman Shume for the Street Committee to whom was referred an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$300 to improve that portion of west-fourth street between Turesco and Rio Grande streets submitted a report thereon which recommends that the same do not pass and that no appropriation of money for the improvement of any special street be made at the present time but that all improvement of streets be continued under the supervision of the Street Commissioner and City Engineer where most needed. Adopted.

To locate alley in Block 63

Alderman Shume for the Street Committee to whom was referred a petition from G. M. Brass requesting that the alley in Block 63 be located as shown by the plat of the City of Austin claiming that said alley encroaches upon property owned by him presented a report which states that no such encroachments exist. The report was adopted.

To pay delinquent - with
J. Carlton

By Alderman Linn for the finance committee to whom was referred the matter of settling with delinquent Taxpayers. Submitted a report recommending a settlement with Fred Carlton. Alderman Morris moved that the finance committee be permitted to withdraw the above named report for the purpose of correcting an error therein. Granted. The report was again introduced and after being read was adopted.

To increase Police force Alderman Townsend for the Police Committee to whom was referred a resolution providing for the increasing of the police force two men offered a report thereon which states "That we do not think it necessary at this time to increase the police force owing to the fact that the City is very quiet and orderly, City Marshal Lucy informs your committee that he will give more efficient service in the Eleventh ward.
The report was adopted

Report City Marshal Alderman Townsend for the Police Committee to whom was referred the reports of the City Marshal for the month of March 1892 presented a report thereon which states that the reports were examined and found to be correct. The report of the committee was ordered to be received and filed

Judgement of
R. A. Hume

Alderman Shelley for the committee on claims and accounts to whom was referred the matter of the judgement of R. A. Hume as the City submitted a report which states "That in the judgement of your committee the subsequent resolution of the Council directing the City Attorney to proceed with the appeal in the case withdrew the matter from our consideration. We beg leave to say however that subsequent to the passage of the resolution the Court upon motion of the plaintiffs Council corrected and reformed the judgement eliminating therefrom the only error upon which the City could rely for a reversal. The proposition of Mr Hume is herewith returned for such action as the Council may deem proper

Alderman Morris Moved that the report be received and filed.

Alderman Platt moved that the claim be paid

Alderman Wickett moved that the whole matter be laid on the table Carried

Pound fees remitted
Peterson J. D

Alderman Shelley for the committee on claims and accounts to whom was referred the claim of J. D. Peterson for pound fees submitted a report thereon which states "That we find the fees were improperly collected and therefore recommend that the same be refunded"
The report was adopted

further time granted Alderman Butler for the committee on sanitation and sewerage asked for further time in which to report on matters referred to the committee.
Granted

Awarding of Contracts Alderman North for the purchasing committee submitted a report which states that the contract for supplying the city with stock feed until August 1 1892 was awarded to St. Aubrey field, and shoeing of city mules to J. M. Walderg.

Alderman Schuber of the same committee reported verbally that the award for supplying the city with culvert pipe had been made to Geo A Brush he being the lowest bidder.
The reports were adopted

New Business

By Alderman North

"Whereas there is now no contract for the furnishing of water to the City of Austin and
Whereas the terms of the contract for electric lights heretofore made with the Austin Water Light and Power Company have not been complied with by the latter and

Whereas the compensation now claimed by said company for the water and light it now furnishes is deemed unreasonably large

Therefore Be it resolved that the water and light committee be instructed to confer with said water and light company with a view of agreeing upon a reasonable compensation.

Resolved further that said committee be instructed to confer with the Gas Company as to what it will furnish gas to the city.

Resolved further that the city will not pay more hereafter for water and light than its reasonable value. Adopted.

The following was read

Office Board of Public Works

Austin Texas May 2 1892

Hon City Council Austin Texas

Res of Board of Pub Works Gentlemen: The following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Public Works at a meeting held on this date. Very Respectfully
W J Oliphant

Secretary Board of Public Works

Resolved that the city council be requested to make an appropriation of five thousand dollars (\$5000) to defend the city in all suits now pending and to be brought and that the Board of Public Works recommend with the approval of the city attorney the employment of Messrs Fisher & Townes Maj W M Walton, Judge D W. Doorn and Mr R H. Ward as attorneys in the cases."

*Appropriation to
assist city attorney*

By Alderman Morris. An Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance appropriating the sum of five thousand dollars for the purpose of employing Counsel to assist the city attorney in the trial of cases now pending

or hereafter brought against the City of Austin involving the validity of the bonds heretofore issued known as the Water Works and Electric Light Bonds and the contract heretofore entered into between the City of Austin and the City Water Company."

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 Alderman Asmann, Glass, Graham, Hume, Jackson, Ketchum, Linn, Miller, Morris, Newton, Nitschke, North, Schneider, Shelley, Sutor, Townsend, Warrmoth, Meyerman, Ziller, - 19

Nays Alderman Platt Schuber - 2

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 prevailed by the following vote yeas Aldermen Asmann, Glass, Graham, Hume, Jackson, Ketchum, Linn, Miller, Morris, Newton, Nitschke, North, Schneider, Schuber, Shelley, Sutor, Townsend, Warrmoth, Meyerman, Ziller - 20

Nay, Alderman Platt

ordinance passed

The ordinance was then read a third time and on motion passed by the following vote yeas Aldermen Asmann, Glass, Graham, Hume, Jackson, Ketchum, Linn, Miller, Morris, Newton, Nitschke, North, Schneider, Schuber, Shelley, Sutor, Townsend, Warrmoth, Meyerman, Ziller, - 20

Nay Alderman Platt

Alderman Nitschke was excused

City Eng to notify R.R.

By Alderman Glass. A resolution directing the City Engineer to notify the Houston and Texas Central, Austin and North Western, and Austin Dam Rail Road Companies to repair their tracks at street crossings. It was referred to the Street Committee

to remove obstructions

By Alderman Glass. A resolution providing for the removal of obstructions in East Third Street west of Waller Street. It was referred to the Street Committee

to pay approved bills

By Alderman Linn. An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$2911.44 for the purpose of paying approved accounts

It was read the first time after which a motion was made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second reading, which was adopted by a vote of two thirds of the whole Council. The Ordinance was read a second time after which Alderman Ziller moved that section one thereof be amended by inserting therein the sum of \$1.50 to refund pound fees to J. D. Peterson carried

Alderman Linn moved that section one of the ordinance be amended by inserting therein the sum of \$163.36 to pay the City Attorney ten per cent commission on \$1633.62 of delinquent-taxes collected by him And that the caption of the ordinance be amended to conform to the amendments carried

Motions were then made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its third reading and that it do pass both of which were adopted by the following vote, Yeas Aldermen, Asmann, Glass, Graham, Hum, Jackson, Ketchum, Linn, Miller, Morris, Newton, North, Platt, Schuber, Shelley, Sutor, Townsend, Warmoth, Weyerman, Ziller, - 19
Nay Alderman Schneider

To pay Estimate No 18

By Alderman Linn An Ordinance Appropriating the sum of \$19,905.13. for the purpose of paying Estimate No 18 of work done and material furnished by Bernard Corrigan during the month of April 1892 under his contract with the City of Austin dated November 7, 1890

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 pass All of which were duly adopted by the following vote and were complied with Yeas Aldermen, Asmann, Glass, Graham, Hum, Jackson, Ketchum, Linn, Morris, Miller, Newton, North, Platt, Schneider, Schuber, Shelley, Sutor, Townsend, Warmoth, Weyerman, Ziller, - 20

To pay and on water works bonds

By Alderman Linn An Ordinance appropriating the sum of five thousand dollars for the purpose of paying interest due on 400 water works and Electric Light bonds of the City of Austin.

It was read the first time to suspend the rules and place the same on its second and third readings, And that it do pass All of which were duly adopted by the following vote and were complied with Yeas Aldermen, Asmann, Glass, Graham, Hum, Jackson, Ketchum, Linn, Miller, Morris, Newton, North, Platt, Schneider, Schuber, Shelley, Sutor, Townsend, Warmoth, Weyerman, Ziller - 20

Leave of absence granted Alderman Schneider moved that the city-Marshal be granted leave of absence for two weeks. Adopted.

The Council then adjourned

William Morris,
City Clerk