

Minutes of a regular meeting of the City Council

Austin Texas - June 1. 1891

Roll

Hon. John McDonald Mayor, presiding.
 Roll called. Present. - Aldermen Anderson
 Asmann, Carleton, Glass, Graham, Harmer,
 Jackson, Morris, Newton, North Phillips, Platt,
 Schneider, Schubert, Suter, Townsend, Wingfield,
 Zeller. - 18

Called.
minutes

Absent - Aldermen Linn, Nitschke. - 2.

The minutes of the meetings of the City Council
 which were held on the 18th and 19th days of
 May 1891. were adopted as present.

Petitions and Memorials.

Hendon, E. W.

A petition was received from E. W. Hendon asking
 that the street in front of No. 304, West 8th Street
 be graded. It was read and referred to the
 Street Committee.

Hoge, Mrs. W. N.

A petition from Mrs. W. N. Hoge concerning
 the sale of her cow at the City pound, was received
 and referred to the Committee on claims and
 accounts.

Wells, J. J.
Squares, F. E.

Claims were received from J. J. Wells (\$100.) and
 F. E. Squares (\$50.), for damage in loss of the use
 of farm land on account of the small pox
 camp being so near the place as to make the
 cultivation of the same dangerous. They were
 read and referred to the Committee on claims
 and accounts.

Thorne, R. A.

A claim was received from R. A. Thorne for
 \$300. damages caused to his premises by the cutting
 down of the street in front of the same. It
 was read and referred to the Street Committee.

Graves, R. S.

Dr. R. S. Graves, City Physician, was granted
 leave of absence for two weeks from June 8. 1891.

Seckatz, R.

On the recommendation of the Mayor the
 fine assessed in the recorder's court against
 R. Seckatz, was remitted.

Kinney, H. B.

Alderman Suter presented a claim from
 H. B. Kinney, for \$27.70 damages to rock wall,
 caused by overflow. It was read and referred
 to the Street Committee.

Palmer, C. C.

Alderman Phillips presented a claim of
 \$100. from C. C. Palmer, sergeant of police, for
 extra services rendered the city on account of
 small pox, and moved that the Mayor
 be authorized to draw a warrant in payment
 of the same.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:
 Yeas - Aldermen Anderson, Asmann,
 Glass, Graham, Harmer, Jackson, Newton, North
 Phillips, Schneider, Schubert, Suter, Zeller. - 13.
 Nays - Aldermen Carleton, Morris, Platt.

Triggell, J. P. Report.

Townsend, Weymouth 5.

Reports of City Officers.

The report of Chief Engineer J. P. Triggell, for the month of May, 1891, was read and referred to the Committee to the Committee on water and light.

Treas.

By the City Treasurer, from May 4 to June 1, 1891.

General fund:

May 4. Balance	\$3,661.20
Receipts to June 1.	12,319.72
Total	\$15,980.92

Disbursements to June 1.

	\$8,371.03
Balance June 1.	7,609.89
Total	\$15,980.92

Referred to the Finance Committee.

By the City Treasurer, from May 4 to June 1, 1891.

Water-works and electric light fund.

Balance May 4.	\$273,280.58
Disbursements to June 1, 1891	14,366.78
Total	\$258,913.80

Referred to Finance Committee.

By the City Treasurer, from May 4 to June 1, 1891.

Interest and sinking fund:

Balance May 4:	
Interest fund	\$628.64
Sinking fund	3,273.88
Total	\$3,902.52
Receipts to June 1.	3,546.58
Total	\$7,449.10

Balance June 1:

Interest fund	\$4,175.22
Sinking fund	3,273.88
Total	\$7,449.10

Referred to the Finance Committee.

By the City Assessor and Collector, for the month of May 1891.

Total amount collected:

Account interest and sinking fund	\$3,546.58
Account general fund	12,319.72
Account school taxes	3,578.90
Total	\$19,445.20

Referred to the Finance Committee.

By the City Marshal, for the month of May 1891.

Total amount of fines assessed in the Recorder's Court.

Collected in cash	\$296.60
Worked out	113.40
Forfeited	10.00
Appointed	10.00
Prison fund	112.00
Total	\$542.00

Bank fines and costs collected.

	\$20.50
Prison fees collected	42.50

A. & C.

Marshal

Sutton.	Report.	Arrests made - 50	
		Referred to the Police Committee.	
		By the City Sutton for the month of May, 1891:	
		Total number of deaths - 25.	
Physician.	"	Referred to the Cemetery Committee.	
		By the City Physician for the month of May 1891:	
		No. of patients in hospital May 1.	12
		" " " admitted to hospital during May	9
		" " " discharged from hospital during May	7
		" " " died in hospital during May	2
		" " " remaining in hospital June	12
		" " visits made to paupers in the city	99
		" " prescriptions written for paupers in the city	164
		Referred to the Hospital Committee	
Clerk.	"	By the City Clerk:	
		Statement of warrants issued against the General fund during the month of May 1891:	
		Total amount issued	\$ 8.410.53
		Referred to the Finance Committee.	
		By the City Clerk:	
		Statement of warrants issued against the water and light fund during the month of May, 1891.	
		Payroll of Engineer's Office	\$ 555.00
		(Bernard Corrigan, Contractor	5.476.55
		Railroad to site of dam	8.447.52
		Miscellaneous	1.474.60
		Total	\$15.953.67
		Referred to Finance Committee.	
"	"	By the City Clerk:	
		Statement of warrants issued against the water-works and electric light interest fund during the month of May, 1891:	
		Total amount issued.	\$10.166.60.
		Referred to the Finance Committee	
		Reports of Committees	
Roy, W. C.	"	Alderman Schneider, for the Fire Committee, presented an unfavorable report on a petition from W. C. Roy, requesting permission to erect a frame building on the Northeast corner of block No 180, in the fire limits. The report was adopted.	
		Alderman Carlston, for the Committee on Claims and accounts, submitted a report stating: - "Your Committee, &c. to whom was referred the petition of W. K. H. Carlson have considered the same and recommend that the same be granted."	
Carlston, W. H.	"	The report was adopted by the following vote:	
		Yeas: Aldermen, Anderson, Assmann, Carlston, Glass, Graham, Jackson, Moring, Nielson, North, Phillips, Platt, Schneider, Sutor, Thompson, Wingfield - 18	

Hart, Rance.

Nays. Aldermen. Thoms. Schuler, Julius - 3
 Alderman Carleton, for the Committee on claims and accounts to whom was referred the claim of Rance Hart asking for compensation for property destroyed because same was supposed to be infected by small pox germs, submitted an unfavorable report thereon. It appearing that the applicant, Hart, received back from the authorities in charge of the small pox camp, clothing and other property greatly in excess of the goods taken from him. Alderman Phillips moved to again refer the petition to the Committee on claims and accounts. Lost.

Achilles, A. H.

The report was then adopted.
 Alderman Carleton, for the Committee on claims and accounts, to whom was referred a claim from A. H. Achilles, for \$150. damages to a house of his caused by a defective gutter or sewer, submitted a report thereon recommending that the claim be referred to the Street Committee and Superintendent of streets.

Wards.

The report was adopted.
 Alderman Morris introduced the following report:

Austin Texas June 1. 1891.
 To the Hon Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Austin.
 Your special committee appointed to reappportion the city into wards has the honor to report that they have given the subject careful consideration, and as the result of their work submit the accompanying ordinance and recommend its passage.

In order that the legal status of the Council might not be brought in question or its acts jeopardized, your Committee thought it best not to change the ward lines that any alderman will live in a different ward under the new apportionment from that from which he was elected. We have, therefore, as far as practicable followed the boundary lines as established under the old city charter and so extended the same as to take in the additional territory embraced in the present city limits. Some slight changes have been made in the lines of wards as established under the old charter, with a view of equalizing as near as possible

the population of each ward.

Respectfully submitted.

Henry W. Lavin

C. E. Anderson.

J. Schuber

J. W. Graham.

J. A. Jackson.

J. G. Morris.

George P. Heermann.

A. H. Newton.

W. L. Springfield.

J. P. Schneider.

The ordinance named in the report was laid over to be taken up as next business.

The report of the Finance Committee on the petition of Jas. B. Barrow asking that he be relieved from an assessment of \$92.⁷⁵ wrongfully assessed against him as administrator for the year 1890, which was read and laid over at the last meeting of the Council, was again taken up and on motion adopted.

New Business.

An ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to divide the City of Austin into wards, to establish the same and fix the boundaries thereof and to provide for the election of aldermen from the Eleventh ward," and which was introduced with the report of the special committee on ward boundaries, was taken up and read in full.

A motion was then made to suspend the rules and place the same on its second reading, which was adopted by a vote of two thirds of the whole Council. The ordinance was then read by caption after which a motion was made to suspend the rules and place the same on its third reading, which prevailed by a vote of two thirds of the whole Council. The ordinance was again read by caption and on motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas. - Aldermen Anderson, Heermann, Graham, Osburn, Jackson, Morris, North, Newton, Phillips, Schneider, Schuber, Sular, Townsend, Springfield - 11

Nays - Aldermen Castleton, Glass, Hall, Zeller - 4

Alfred Zeller introduced a resolution which was adopted, directing the City Treasurer to transfer the sum of \$180.

Barrow, J. B.

Wards.

Jack Cunningham

Stiles, E. P.
Cemetery.

from the cemetery fund to the general fund.
Alderman Hensletton moved to reconsider the vote by which the city council at its last regular meeting accepted the proposition of E. P. Stiles and associates to establish and maintain a cemetery. The following ordinances were then introduced:

Interest.

By Alderman North, an ordinance appropriating the sum of five thousand dollars for the purpose of paying interest on the \$100 water works and electric light bonds of the city of Austin from April 1st to July 1st 1889.

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 was adopted by a vote of two thirds of the whole council. The ordinance was then read a second time by caption after which a motion was made to suspend the rules and place the same on its third reading which prevailed by a two thirds vote of the whole council and on motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes - Aldermen Anderson, Alderman Hensletton, Glass, Graham, Horne, Jackson, Morris, Newton, North, Phillips, Platt, Schneider, Schuler, Sutor, Townsend, Wingfield. Zeller - 18.

Approved acct's.

By Alderman North, an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$5,704.49 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 same on its second reading which was adopted by a vote of two thirds of the whole council. The ordinance was then read a second time by caption.

Survey of city line.

Alderman North then moved to amend the same by deducting from the caption and body of the ordinance the item of \$50.00 for the purpose of paying for the survey made of the city boundary line. The amendment was lost by a voting vote of 5 to 14.

Alderman Zeller then moved to amend the caption and body of the ordinance by striking out the item of \$5,704.50 to pay the Austin W. & C. Co. for water used by the city during 1890 for flushing the gutters, etc.

The amendment prevailed by a rising vote of 10 to 6.

Haralson, W.H.

Alderman Curleton then moved to amend the caption and section one of the ordinance by inserting the sum of \$107.90 for the purpose of paying the claim of W.H. Haralson for medical attention and medicines during the time he was sick with the small pox. The amendment was adopted.

The caption was changed by striking out the sum of "\$5,704.40" and inserting instead "\$3,089.59".

A motion was then made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its third reading which was adopted by a vote of two thirds of the whole council. The ordinance was then read by caption a third time and on motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes - Aldermen Anderson, Asenmann, Curleton, Glass, Graham, Harris, Jackson, Morris, Newton, North, Phillips, Platt, Sutor, Townsend. Springfield - 15

Nays - Aldermen Schneider, Schubert, Ziller - 3.

Corrigan, B. Est. No. 7

By Alderman North, an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$4,759.96 for the purpose of paying estimate No 7 in favor of Bernard Corrigan under his contract with the city of Austin, dated Nov 7, 1890, for constructing the dam.

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 a vote of two thirds of the whole council.

The ordinance was then read by caption a second time, after which a motion was made to suspend the rules and place the same on its third reading, which prevailed by a vote of two thirds of the whole council.

The ordinance was then read a third time by caption and on motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes - Aldermen Anderson, Asenmann, Curleton, Glass, Graham, Harris, Jackson, Morris, Newton, North, Phillips, Platt, Schneider, Schubert, Sutor, Townsend. Springfield, Ziller - 18

Alderman Ziller moved that the cemetery committee be authorized

Secretary

Dam R.R.

to remove the dead house to the East side of the cemetery. Carried.

By Alderman North, an ordinance appropriating the sum of one thousand four hundred and fourteen and 30/100 dollars, for the purpose of paying for labor and material for the railroad to the site of the dam.

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 was adopted by a vote of two thirds of the whole council.

The ordinance was then read by caption after which a motion was 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 then again read by caption and on motion passed by the following vote:

Yeas - Aldermen Anderson, Assmann, Cleaveland, Glass, Graham, Hume, Jackson, Morris, Newton, North, Phillips, Platts, Schneider, Schuber, Sutor, Townsend, Springfield, Zeller, - 18.

On motion the Council then adjourned.

Milton Morris,
City Clerk