

Minutes of a Regular meeting of the City Council.

Austin, Oct 1, 1894.

Hon John Mc Donald, mayor, presiding.

Roll call: Present Aldermen Anderson, Assmann, Danson, Glus, Hancock, Hume, Jackson, Linn, North, Platt, Raymond, Redd, Robertson, Schneider, Shelley, Taylor, Townsend, Warmoth; total, 18.

Absent - Aldermen Fischer, Lawless, Nitschke, Powell; total, 4.

Alderman Schneider moved to amend the minutes of the meeting of the city council held Sept 17, 1894, so as to show that he made the motion at that meeting to refer the resolution concerning electric wiring, etc, to a special committee of five. Carried. The minutes were ^{then} adopted as amended.

Petitions, Etc.

J. B. James' petition

By Alderman Jackson. A petition from J. B. James, requesting the council to remit \$15 of a fine of \$20 that was assessed against him in the recorder's court for an offense committed while under the influence of brandy administered by a physician for medicinal purposes.

On the recommendation of the mayor the amount (\$15) was remitted.

Alderman Powell entered the council and answered to his name.

Petition for removal
stock pen

By Alderman Platt - A petition of citizens and tax payers stating that a stock pen is maintained on a portion of block 180, between Congress avenue and Bragg street, which is a nuisance and the council is requested to afford relief by the removal or abatement of same.

Alderman Shelley moved to refer the petition to the Street committee.

Alderman Schneider moved to amend the motion by referring it to the committee on Sanitation and Sewerage.

The amendment was accepted and the motion as amended adopted.

Petition of members
of Christian church
to have Colorado street
graded.

By Alderman Warmoth - A petition of citizens and members of the Christian church of this city which states that the foundations of their church building, on the northwest corner of Eighth and Colorado streets, are below the present surface of Colorado street, and of the alley in the rear and unoccupied portion of the lot upon which said building stands and that it is impossible in the present condition of said street to prevent the water from rains flowing from said street on to said lot penetrating to the foundation of said building and under the floor of the same; that they desire to grade the rear of said lot to a level with the legal grade of Colorado street, but can not safely do so until said street is also reduced to its proper grade as it would cause the water from said street and the alley in the rear of same to accumulate on said lot. The city council is requested to properly grade said street and alley. It was referred to the street committee.

Aldermen Lawless, Fischer and Nitschke entered the council and answered to their names.

Reports of City Officers for the month of September 1894
By Joseph Keppeler, engineer.

Austin, Oct 1.

To the Board of Public Works:-

Gentlemen- I herewith submit the following report for the month of September.

On Sept. 4. H. L. Breneman, contractor for the power house, commenced laying brick, since that time the brick work for a distance of 108 feet have been carried up to the elevation X37, and during the present week he brought up to the proper elevation to receive the pump bed stones.

Skilwell, Pierce & Smith Vail Co. placed in position two more of the dynamo turbine draft tubes and are now engaged in putting in place the third dynamo turbine.

Riter & Conley fitted up, riveted and placed in position the seven foot pen stock for the pump turbine and they are now putting in the nine foot penstocks.

Brown & Dabney, contractors for the rebuilding of the power house foundation, have put the masonry around the draft tube which was put in place during the month. It is expected that the power house foundation will be completed during the next two weeks.

Respect fully

Joseph Keppeler, Engineer.

Referred to the Water & Light Committee.

The report of A. Hoado Fisher, Jr., engineer, concerning the placing of water pipes, was read and referred to the committee on water & light.

By Frank E. Seovill, electrical engineer:-

To the Honorable Members of the Board of Public Works, Austin, Texas:

Gentlemen- I beg to submit herewith the following report of material in place and yet to be placed under the electric contract to date:

Material in Place.

2048 poles.

31 towers complete.

1360 pole steps.

1700 locust pins.

8550 oak pins.

4525 cross arms.

4500 glass insulators.

2748 iron braces.

30 miles of No 0 line wire.

27 miles of No 4 line wire.

51 miles of No 6 line wire.

72 miles of No 6 line wire.

12 miles of No 4 guy wire.

7 miles of Barber wire.

21 12-light transformers.

34 21-light transformers.

40 50-light transformers.

11 1250 light transformers.

186 hoods and hanging boards.

15 100-light transformers.

186 wire lights.

This material is placed on the streets and alleys of the city as provided for in the contract in such a manner that I believe nearly every residence and business house can be reached for lights.

For power the wires are provided from I & G. N. R. R. track to Tenth street on each side of Congress avenue, and on each side of East Pecan street to Red River street, as provided for in the contract.

The following is a list of the material yet to be placed to complete this contract:

25 guy studs at \$3 each	\$75.00
15 junction boxes + c	270.00
1 500-light transformer	500.00
12. 250 light transformers at \$275 each	3,300.00
65 25-light transformers at \$37.50 each	2,437.50
1050 pole steps at 5 cents each	52.50
4250 feet of No 0 wire at 7 cents per ft.	297.50
5300 feet of No 4 wire at 3 cents per ft	159.00
11500 feet of No 6 wire at 2 1/4 cents per ft.	258.75
14 hoods for street lights at \$5.00 each	70.00
14 arc lamps for street lights at \$40 each	<u>560.00</u>
Total	\$7,980.25

A part of this material is here and is being placed as rapidly as possible. In some places guys were placed temporarily on trees, fences, etc. but are being removed and guy studs put in to hold the line in position.

The contractors have received in cash	\$ 23466.98
Amount of freights paid on account	8339.48
Works yet to be placed, amounts (at contract price)	<u>7980.25</u>
Total	\$39786.11
Amount of cash due on contract	\$70,000.00
Deduct	<u>39786.11</u>
Balance	\$30213.89

Very Respectfully submitted
 Frank E. Sewell
 Electrical Engineer.

By the City Sexton	
Total number interments	22
Total number of deaths	17
White	20
Colored	2
Male	12
Female	10

Referred to Cemetery Committee.

By the City Assessor and Collector.

Collections:

Account of general revenue	\$12944.67
" " water works tax	4448.96
" " interest on old bonds	1688.81
" " School tax	<u>5453.51</u>
Total	\$24485.96

Referred to the Finance Committee.

By the City Treasurer.

General revenue, balances on hand	\$14630.29
Int on bonds issued prior to May 1, 1890, balances on hand	1994.50,

Referred to the Finance Committee.

By the City Treasurer-

Water Works and Electric Light Fund, balance on hand \$69,040.61

Referred to the Finance Committee.

By the City Treasurer.

Water Works Int. fund. bal. on hand \$12,983.14

" " Sinking " " " " 5000.00

Referred to the Finance Committee.

By the City Clerk- Statement of warrants issued against the General Fund:

Salaries of officers	\$ 1159.67
Salaries of police	1283.00
City Cemetery	97.92
Sanitary department	401.17
Fire department	978.68
Streets, bridges and alleys	1301.26
Feed for city teams	51.75
City & County hospital	346.65
Printing, stationery and postage	54.80
Charity	95.60
Feed for teams	97.71
Salary of teamsters	317.65
Street lights	137.50
Water - hydrant rental	5601.10
Salary of pound officer	73.00
Salary of porter	40.00
Payment of Aldermen	215.00
Miscellaneous	797.09.

Total

\$13246.55

Referred to the Finance Committee.

By the City Clerk- Statement of warrants issued against the Water and Light Funds:

Salaries of engineers, inspectors and secretary	\$ 740.00
Wingfield Bros. for water pipes laid.	3749.88
Stilwell, B & Smith Vail Co, resetting girders, draft tubes, etc	375.32
Ft Wayne Electric Co, electric plant	645.23
Brown & Dabney, power house foundation	2,222.90
Miscellaneous	672.36

Total

\$8475.59

Referred to the Finance Committee.

By the City Physician.

Number of patients in hospital Sept 1, 1894.	12.
Number of patients admitted to hospital during Sept. 1894	15.
Number of patients discharged from hospital during Sept., 1894	10.
Number of deaths in hospital during September, 1894	2
Number of patients remaining in hospital, Oct 1, 1894	15
Number of visits made to paupers in the city, during Sept., 1894	102
Number of prescriptions written for paupers in the city during Sept., 1894	154
Number of cases of diphtheria reported in the city during Sept., 1894	4
Number of cases of scarlet fever reported in the city during Sept. 1894	1

The general health of the city is good.

Referred to the Hospital Committee.

By the City Marshal-

Total amount of fines assessed in the recorder's court	\$ 360.00
Collected in cash	207.80
Worked out	60.20
Escaped	9.00
Carried forward	83.00
Total	\$ 360.00

Referred to Police Committee.

Reports of Committees.

Report on petition to
have alley between Comal
& Chincapin of uniform
width.

Alderman Jackson for the street committee to whom was referred a petition of citizens of the seventh and eighth wards, asking that the alley between Comal and Chincapin streets be opened to a uniform width, presented a report thereon which states: "That your committee have examined same and find that said alley is about the standard width - 20 feet - except about 150 feet, and that the property adjoining same is not enclosed now and we do not think it necessary at present, or until the adjoining property is enclosed, to do anything with it, but would recommend that at the proper time the property at north end of said alley be condemned and the alley be made the proper width". The report was adopted.

Alderman Linn presented the following report:

Report of finance
committee on tax
ordinances.

To the Hon John M^c Donald, Mayor, and the City Council of the City of Austin:

Gentlemen - The undersigned, your finance committee, beg to submit the following ordinances, the passage of which is respectfully recommended:

First. An ordinance levying a tax of 60 cents on each \$100 worth of property within the limits of the city for revenue purposes.

Second. An ordinance levying a tax of 33 1/3 cents on the \$100 valuation for school purposes.

Third. An ordinance levying 91 cents on the \$100 valuation for the purpose of paying the interest and providing for the sinking fund on the bonds issued for the purpose of constructing a water and light system for the city of Austin.

Fourth. An ordinance levying a tax of 8 cents on the \$100 valuation within the old city limits to pay the interest on the bonded indebtedness of the city prior to May 1, 1890.

Your committee beg to say that the passage of the ordinances herewith presented will reduce taxes 12 cents on the \$100 valuation as compared with the assessment for the year 1893. Your committee is of the opinion that the levies provided in accompanying ordinances provide amply for a strict compliance with all legal obligations, and provides ample revenue for general purposes.

Your committee realizes that the burdens imposed on the tax paying citizens has been onerous, pending the construction of the dam, but it is the candid opinion of your committee that the necessity for this onerous tax with soon cease; that the revenue derived from the water and light system with no doubt be sufficient to a large extent unnecessary, and that water and light,

at a reasonable price, can be had by every citizen of the city.

Respectfully submitted.

Henry A. Linn.

Thos F. Taylor.

W. F. North

Finance Committee.

The report was laid over to be taken up with the ordinances named therein.

Alderman Roberdeau moved that the report be printed in full in the minutes of the city council and the motion prevailed.

Alderman Shelby presented the following report:
Austin, Oct 1.

Hon. Geo M^c Donald, Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Austin:

Your Claims and Accounts committee, to whom was referred the petition of M. Schlachauer asking that one Lewis Smith be required to pay a certain account, claimed to be due, beg leave to say that, in the opinion of your committee the matter is not a proper subject for cognizance by this body. The petition is herewith returned.

Respectfully

W. D. Shelby

Chas P. Raymond

Alderman Platt moved that action on the report be postponed and the city engineer instructed to inform Lewis Smith that if he does not pay the bill mentioned he will be discharged.

Alderman Linn moved to lay the motion on the table, which was lost by the following vote:

Yeas- Aldermen Anderson, Hume, Jackson, Linn, Raymond, Roberdeau, Shelby, Townsend-8.

Nays- Aldermen Asmann, Dawson, Fischer, Glass, Hancock, Lawless, Nitschke, North, Platt, Powell, Redd, Schneider, Taylor, Warmoth-14.

The motion made by Alderman Platt was then adopted by the following vote:

Yeas- Aldermen Asmann, Dawson, Fischer, Glass, Hancock, Lawless, Nitschke, North, Platt, Powell, Redd, Schneider, Taylor, Warmoth-14

Nays- Aldermen Anderson, Hume, Jackson, Linn, Raymond, Roberdeau, Shelby, Townsend-8.

Alderman North for the ordinance committee, to whom was referred an ordinance authorizing the mayor of the city of Austin to sign an agreement with the Bethany Cemetery Company for furnishing the ground and burying the colored paupers, submitted a report thereon, recommending the passage of the same. The report was laid over, to be taken up under the head of unfinished business, together with the ordinance named therein.

Alderman North for the ordinance committee, to whom was referred an ordinance regulating assemblies in public places and fixing a penalty for violation of

Report on claim of M. Schlachauer.

Bethany Cemetery Co. Ordinance for Mayor to sign contract

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same, presented a favorable report thereon, which was laid over to come up with the ordinance named therein under the head of unfinished business.

C. J. Martin awarded
feed contract.

Alderman North for the committee on purchases, submitted a report relative to bids received for supplying the city mules with feed during the quarter ending Dec 31, 1894, which states that the bid of C. J. Martin being considered the lowest, we accept his bid and recommend that contract be awarded him."

The report was adopted and award made, subject to the filing of the requisite bond.

Water + Light + Power
Co. Hydrants to be
counted.

Alderman Anderson moved that as there is some misunderstanding with the receiver of the Austin Water, Light and Power company as to the number of fire hydrants now in use by the city that the city engineer be instructed to make a careful count of such hydrants, in company with some person designated by the said receiver, and report the result of said count to city council as soon as practicable. Carried.

Alderman Powell was excused from further attendance on the session of the council.

Electric Wiring. Report
of special Com.

Alderman Taylor presented the following report:

Austin, Oct 1

Hon John M^c Donald, mayor, and City Council of City of Austin, Gentlemen - Your special committee, to whom was referred a resolution relative to the construction, alteration and repairs of all electrical wires and the running and maintaining of electric plants within the city of Austin, beg leave to submit as a substitute therefor the accompanying ordinance and respectfully recommend its passage.

Respectfully submitted

Thomas F. Taylor

Chas P. Raymond

P. J. Lawless

Francis Fischer

Job. Mitschke

The report was laid over to be taken up with the ordinance named therein under the head of new business.

Unfinished Business.

Hay, fodder + ordinance

An ordinance amending article 196, title V, chapter 3, of the revised Penal Ordinances of the city of Austin, was taken up on its third reading, read and passed by the following vote:

Ayes. Aldermen Anderson, Armann, Dawson, Fischer, Glass, Hancock, Hume, Jackson, Lawless, Linn, North, Platt, Raymond, Redd, Robertson, Schneider, Shelley, Taylor, Townsend, Warmoth, Wetzel
Nays. Alderman Mitschke.

The ordinance relates to the storage of hay, shucks, fodder, etc and was noticed at length in a recent report of the council proceedings.

The ordinance prohibiting assemblies in public places, and fixing a penalty for the violation of same, was taken up on its first reading and read, 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 then read a second time, after which Alderman Anderson moved to amend section 1 thereof by striking out the words "a majority of the police committee of the city council" and inserting in lieu thereof "the alderman of the ward in which such public hall, dance or public assemblage is to take place. Carried."

Alderman Nitschke moved to amend section 1 of the ordinance by inserting "special" before the word "officers". The amendment was lost by the following vote:

Yeas - Aldermen Dawson, Fischer, Nitschke, Raymond, Schneider & Nays - Aldermen Anderson, Asmann, Glass, Hancock, Hume, Jackson, Lawless, Linn, North, Platt, Redd, Roberdeau, Shelby, Taylor, Townsend, Warmoth - 16.

Alderman Anderson moved to amend section 1 by striking out "two" and inserting instead "one" as the minimum number of officers that shall be employed to attend such dances, etc. The amendment was adopted.

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 a third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas - Aldermen Anderson, Asmann, Dawson, Fischer, Glass, Hancock, Hume, Jackson, Lawless, Linn, Nitschke, North, Platt, Raymond, Redd, Roberdeau, Schneider, Shelby, Taylor, Townsend, Warmoth; 21.

The ordinance will be published for ten days.

An ordinance authorizing the mayor of the city of Austin to sign an agreement with the Bethany Cemetery Company for furnishing the ground and burying the colored paupers, was taken up on its second reading and read and passed under suspension of the rules.

New Business.

The mayor presented the following message:

Austin, Tex. Oct. 1, 1894.

Hon City Council, Austin, Texas.

Gentlemen: I believe, if no unforeseen accident occurs to interfere with our work, that we will have the pumps in place and be ready to begin supplying our city and citizens with water by the first of December next, and that very soon thereafter we will be in position to furnish electric light and power throughout the city for public, domestic and commercial purposes.

Many inquiries are being made as to what prices will be charged for water and light when furnished by the city, and concerning the rules and regulations that will govern the tapping of mains and the laying of supply pipes. These are questions which can be determined only by the city council and they should have your very early attention. The fixing of the prices of water, light and power to be furnished our citizens is an important matter and requires careful consideration for the schedules should be so arranged that the

Bethany Cem. Co.
Ordinance for mayor
to sign contract.

Mayor's message as
to light, power,
water &c.

revenues of the system will be sufficient to pay all operating expenses and meet the interest and sinking fund on the water and light bonds and thus do away with the water and light tax.

It must not be forgotten that as the plant will be run by water power, the operating expenses of the system will be the same, regardless of the number of water, light and power takers in the city, and that the amount of interest and sinking fund on the bonds will be the same every year. The prices of water, light and power to be furnished our citizens should, in consequence of the facts, be, in my opinion, fixed at the lowest possible rates, so that as many of our citizens as possible will be induced to become at once patrons of the city's plant, for we know that the greater the number of takers there be the lower the price can be fixed. In this connection I beg to refer you to the recommendations as to prices to be charged to my last annual report.

I therefore recommend the adoption by your honorable body of a resolution requesting the water and light, the finance and the ordinance committees of the city council to prepare an ordinance or ordinances regulating the tapping of water mains and electric wires for furnishing our citizens with water, light and power and fixing the prices for same.

Very respectfully

John Mc Donald

Mayor.

Alderman Nitschke moved that the recommendations of the mayor be concurred in and that the message be published in the proceedings of the city council. Carried.

The mayor stated that it would soon be necessary to make certain fills at the dam and grade in over the pen stocks, and suggested that the city teams be used in the connection.

Alderman Schneider moved that the teams be ordered to the dam at the proper time to be used as suggested. Carried.

By Alderman Linn. An ordinance, ^{entitled "An ordinance"} providing for the levy and collection of a tax of 60 cents on each \$1000 worth of property within the limits of the city of Austin for the year 1894.

It was read first time, after which a motion was made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second reading, which was adopted by the following vote:

Yea. Aldermen Anderson, Armstrong, Dawson, Fisher, Glass, Hancock, Hanna, Jackson, Lawrence, Linn, Nitschke, North, Platt, Robb, Robertson, Schenker, Shick, Taylor, Townsend, Winton. Total 20.

Nay. Alderman Baywood.

The ordinance was accordingly read, after which a motion was made to suspend the rules and place

City teams ordered
to Dam.

Tax of 60 cts. Ord.

the same on its third reading, which was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas- Aldermen Anderson, Asmann, Dawson, Fischer, Glass, Hancock, Hume, Jackson, Lawless, Linn, Nitschke, North, Platt, Raymond, Redd, Roberdeau, Schneider, Shelley, Taylor, Townsend, Warmoth; total 21.

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

Yeas Aldermen Anderson, Asmann, Dawson, Fischer, Glass, Hancock, Hume, Jackson, Lawless, Linn, Nitschke, North, Platt, Raymond, Redd, Roberdeau, Schneider, Shelley, Taylor, Townsend, Warmoth; total 21.

School tax. Ord.

By Alderman Linn- An ordinance entitled "An ordinance levying a tax of one-third of 1 per cent for the support and maintenance of the public schools within the city of Austin for the year 1894".

It was read first time after which a motion was made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second reading, which was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas- Aldermen Anderson, Asmann, Dawson, Fischer, Glass, Hancock, Hume, Jackson, Lawless, Linn, Nitschke, North, Platt, Raymond, Redd, Roberdeau, Schneider, Shelley, Taylor, Townsend, Warmoth total-21.

The ordinance was accordingly read, after which a motion was made to suspend the rules and place the same on its third reading, which was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas- Aldermen Anderson, Asmann, Dawson, Fischer, Glass, Hancock, Hume, Jackson, Lawless, Linn, Nitschke, North, Platt, Raymond, Redd, Roberdeau, Schneider, Shelley, Taylor, Townsend, Warmoth - total 21.

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

Yeas- Aldermen Anderson, Asmann, Dawson, Fischer, Glass, Hancock, Hume, Jackson, Lawless, Linn, Nitschke, North, Platt, Raymond, Redd, Roberdeau, Schneider, Shelley, Taylor, Townsend, Warmoth- 21.

Int + Sinking fund tax for 1894. Ord.

By Alderman Linn, an ordinance entitled "an ordinance levying a tax of ninety-one cents on each one hundred dollars worth of property within the limits of the city of Austin for the year 1894, to pay interest and sinking fund of the water works and electric light bonds of the city of Austin and confirming the sale and delivery of those heretofore sold and ordering the sale and delivery of the remainder".

It was read first time after which a motion was made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second reading, which was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas- Aldermen Anderson, Asmann, Dawson, Fischer, Glass, Hancock, Hume, Jackson, Lawless, Linn, Nitschke, North, Platt, Raymond, Redd, Roberdeau, Schneider, Shelley, Taylor, Townsend, Warmoth. Total 21.

The ordinance was accordingly read, after which a motion was made to suspend the rules and place the same on its third

reading which was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas- Aldermen Anderson, Armann, Dawson, Fischer, Glass, Hancock, Hume, Jackson, Lawless, Linn, Nitschke, North, Platt, Raymond, Redd, Roberdeau, Schneider, Shelley, Taylor, Townsend, Warmoth. Total 21. Nay- Alderman Raymond.

The ordinance was accordingly read, after which a motion was made to suspend the rules and place the same on its third reading, which was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas- Aldermen Anderson, Armann, Dawson, Fischer, Glass, Hancock, Hume, Jackson, Lawless, Linn, Nitschke, North, Platt, Redd, Roberdeau, Schneider, Shelley, Taylor, Townsend, Warmoth. Total 20.

Nay- Alderman Raymond.

The ordinance was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas- Aldermen Anderson, Armann, Dawson, Fischer, Glass, Hancock, Hume, Jackson, Lawless, Linn, Nitschke, North, Platt, Redd, Roberdeau, Schneider, Shelley, Taylor, Townsend, Warmoth. Total 20.

Nay- Alderman Raymond.

put on words read
prior to May 1, 1890.
Ord.

Alderman Linn- An ordinance entitled "an ordinance providing for the levy and collection of a tax of 8 cents on each \$100 worth of property within the former limits of the city of Austin to pay the interest and principal on the valid bonds of the city of Austin issued prior to May 1, 1890."

It was read first time, after which a motion was made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second reading, which was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas- Aldermen Anderson, Armann, Dawson, Fischer, Glass, Hancock, Hume, Jackson, Lawless, Linn, Nitschke, North, Platt, Raymond, Redd, Roberdeau, Schneider, Shelley, Taylor, Townsend, Warmoth. Total 21.

The ordinance was accordingly read, after which a motion was made to suspend the rules and place the same on its third reading which was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas- Aldermen Anderson, Armann, Dawson, Fischer, Glass, Hancock, Hume, Jackson, Lawless, Linn, Nitschke, North, Platt, Raymond, Redd, Roberdeau, Schneider, Shelley, Taylor, Townsend and Warmoth- 21.

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

Yeas- Aldermen Anderson, Armann, Dawson, Fischer, Glass, Hancock, Hume, Jackson, Lawless, Linn, Nitschke, North, Platt, Raymond, Redd, Roberdeau, Schneider, Shelley, Taylor, Townsend and Warmoth- 21.

Nay- Alderman Linn- An ordinance of appropriating the sum of \$125 for the purpose of paying interest on water works and other light bills of the city of Austin.

It was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:

Yeas- Aldermen Anderson, Asmann, Dawson, Fischer, Glass, Hancock, Hume, Jackson, Lawler, Linn, Nitschke, North, Platt, Raymond, Redd, Roberdeau, Schneider, Shelby, Taylor, Townsend, Warmoth; 21.

#1380.30 approved accounts aud.

By Alderman Linn- An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1380.30 for the purpose of paying approved accounts.

It was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:

Yeas- Aldermen Anderson, Asmann, Dawson, Fischer, Glass, Hancock, Hume, Jackson, Lawler, Linn, Nitschke, North, Platt, Raymond, Redd, Roberdeau, Schneider, Shelby, Taylor, Townsend, Warmoth; 21.

#23062.48 for expenses at Sum.

By Alderman Anderson- An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$23062.48 for the purpose of paying certain expenses connected with the construction of the Water and Light System for the city of Austin. The items are:

H. L. Breverman, estimate No 10, account power house	\$ 34,055.98
H. L. Breverman, estimate No 1, per extra brick work	5,471.85
Ft Wayne Electric Co, estimate No 3	12,500.00
Wingfield Bros, estimate No 4, for laying pipe	1684.65

The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:

Yeas- Aldermen Anderson, Asmann, Dawson, Fischer, Glass, Hancock, Hume, Jackson, Lawler, Linn, Nitschke, North, Platt, Raymond, Redd, Roberdeau, Shelby, Taylor, Townsend, Warmoth; 20.

St Com's office. Resolution to discontinue same.

By Alderman Raymond- Resolved, By the city council of the city of Austin, that from this date until the city council may deem it well and advisable, the office of street commissioner is hereby discontinued and that any money in the treasury fund which has amount reserved or appropriated for the payment of his salary be and is hereby transferred to the fund which is most in need of same.

The chair ruled that the resolution was out of order as it conflicted with the city charter, which requires, that there shall be a street commissioner; and further, that the compensation of officers and employes shall not be increased nor diminished during their term of office.

Res to remodel city wards.

By Alderman Raymond- Be it resolved by the city council of the city of Austin, that the wards of this city be remodeled in such manner as to cause them to run parallel with each other from the eastern to the western boundary lines of the city, and that this resolution be referred to a special committee of three, whose duty it shall be to thoroughly examine into the matter and report to the council at its earliest opportunity an ordinance so remodeling said wards; and that the city shall pay the expenses of such committee, provided it does not exceed \$25.

Alderman Raymond moved the adoption of the resolution.

Alderman Taylor moved to refer it to the committee

\$75 for street crossing at Guadalupe & 2nd Sts.

committed, and the motion carried.

By Alderman Jackson. An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$75 for the purpose of paying for a street crossing at the intersection of Guadalupe and Twenty-fourth streets, in the Sixth ward.

It was read and referred to the street committee.

\$1000. Street laborers.

By Alderman Jackson. An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1000 for the purpose of paying street laborers.

It was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:

Yeas. Aldermen Anderson, Asmann, Dawson, Fischer, Glass, Hancock, Hume, Jackson, Lawless, Linn, Nitschke, North, Platt, Raymond, Redd, Roberdeau, Schneider, Shelley, Taylor, Townsend, and Warmoth. 21.

By Alderman Schneider. An ordinance to prohibit the placing of bill boards on telegraph and other poles within the city of Austin and fixing a penalty therefor.

It was read and referred to the ordinance committee.

By Alderman Taylor. An ordinance entitled "An ordinance regulating the running and maintaining of electric wires and plants in the city of Austin."

Alderman Linn moved to suspend the rules and have the ordinance read only by caption.

Alderman Platt moved that the council stand adjourned which was lost by the following vote:

Yeas: Aldermen Asmann, Glass, Hume, Platt; 4

Nays. Aldermen Anderson, Dawson, Fischer, Hancock, Jackson, Lawless, Linn, Nitschke, North, Raymond, Redd, Roberdeau, Schneider, Shelley, Taylor, Townsend, Warmoth; 17.

While the ordinance was being read, Alderman Schneider moved that further reading of the ordinance be dispensed with and that the amendments submitted by the committee be considered. The motion was lost.

Aldermen Hume and Platt were excused from further attendance on the session of the council. Reading of the ordinance was then resumed.

Alderman Schneider moved that the city marshal be instructed to send after the aldermen who had left the council chamber without permission and the motion carried.

Aldermen Fischer and Lawless were excused from further attendance on the session.

Reading of the ordinance was again resumed and completed.

A motion was then made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second reading, which was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas. Aldermen Anderson, Asmann, Glass, Hancock, Jackson, Linn, Nitschke, North, Raymond, Redd, Roberdeau, Schneider, Shelley, Taylor, Townsend and Warmoth. 16.

Nays. Alderman Dawson.

The ordinance was accordingly read, after which a motion was made to suspend the rules and place

as to prohibit posting bills on telegraph poles.

Electric Wiring Ordinance.

the same on its third reading, which was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas - Aldermen Anderson, Asmann, Glass, Hancock, Jackson, Linn, Nitschke, North, Raymond, Redd, Roberdeau, Schneider, Shelly, Taylor, Townsends, and Warmoth.

Nays Alderman Dawson.

The ordinance was read a third time and passed.

Alderman Dawson filed the following:

I vote against the passage of the above ordinance because I believe an ordinance covering pages, with every paragraph therein containing different requirements and containing technical expressions can not be put into execution, and because I believe the above ordinance, if put into execution, will work a great hardship on the citizens of Austin.

N. S. Dawson.

Alderman Taylor moved that the committee on printing, be requested to ascertain the cost of printing not less than 5000 copies of the ordinance.

Alderman Schneider moved that the council stand adjourned and the motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas - Aldermen Anderson, Asmann, Glass, Hancock, Jackson, Linn, Nitschke, North, Redd, Roberdeau, Schneider, Shelly, Townsends, Warmoth. Total 14

Nays - Aldermen Dawson, Raymond, Taylor - 3

Milton Mevius,

City Clerk.

Alderman Dawson
reason for voting