

Called meeting of the City Council

Nov 25th 1881

Mayor H. A. Saylor presiding

Roll called. Present - Aldermen Kinney, Cook, Schuber, Brueggerhoff, Radkey, Huppertz, Moeller, Platt & Wilson. Absent - Alderman Metz. Alderman Moeller moved a call of the Council. Carried. Minutes of the called meeting of Nov 22 1881 read and approved.

The Mayor stated that the Council was called together to take under consideration the granting of right of way to the Austin and North Western Railroad, and to consider financial matters.

Alderman Metz appeared and answered to his name. On motion of Alderman Brueggerhoff the call of the Council was suspended.

An ordinance granting the right of way to the Austin and North Western Railroad Company was read first time. On motion of Alderman Huppertz the petition of citizens protesting against the granting of right of way through Cedar street east of East Hornum, was read.

Alderman Moeller moved to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second reading. Carried by the following vote.

Ayes - Aldermen Metz, Kinney, Cook, Schuber, Brueggerhoff, Huppertz & Moeller.

Nays - Aldermen Platt and Wilson.

Alderman Radkey not voting.

On motion of Alderman Moeller, the rules were further suspended and the ordinance placed on its third reading and passed by the following vote.

Ayes - Aldermen Metz, Kinney, Cook, Schuber, Brueggerhoff, Huppertz & Moeller.

Nays - Aldermen Platt and Wilson.

Alderman Radkey not voting.

Alderman Cook offered the following resolution which was adopted

City Council Chamber.

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Whereas there having passed the City Council, a resolution allowing the Ex. City Clerk a reasonable time in which to write up his minutes and post his books, and ten days having elapsed, since said resolution was passed, and nothing as yet has

been done. Therefore, be it resolved. That the Mayor be authorized to call upon the Ex city-clerk and request him to turn over all books and papers in his possession at once to our present City Clerk. and that he also notify him that his services are dispensed with from this time.

The following resolution offered by Alderman Kimney was adopted.

Resolved by the City Council of Austin. That the Mayor be requested to make public notice, calling on the holders of all claims against the city for which warrants have not been issued, to present them at once at the office of city clerk, for record, not as a recognition of their validity, but that the investigating committee may know the utmost extent, which the present indebtedness of the city can possibly reach.

The following resolution offered by Alderman Kimney was adopted.

Resolved by the City Council of Austin. That as a measure of temporary relief, and in order that the salaries of city officers and policemen, and other current expenses absolutely necessary may be paid, The City Treasurer be and is hereby instructed not to pay, until otherwise directed by this city council, any city warrants drawn prior to the incoming of the present administration.

The Finance Committee made the following report which was received and accepted, and the ordinance committee and city atty requested to draw up an ordinance appropriating the amount named in the report.

Report

Hon H. A. Saylor

Mayor of Austin

Sir Your committee on Finance having had under consideration the account of F. B. Forster, Financial agent of the city of Austin, beg leave to report as follows. We find that the recent mayors

under authority conferred by the City Council, employed said Francis B. Fortier as Financial Agent of the City of Austin, and instructed him to proceed to New York, to negotiate the sale of six per cent bonds placed in his hands, and the purchase of outstanding ten per cent bonds.

That in the employment of said Agent no bond was required of him by the said Mayor. Nor was there any written agreement fixing the terms of said sale and purchase, or the compensation to be allowed said agent for his services, but only a verbal understanding, about which there is a difference of opinion between the parties referred to.

That there are now in the hands of said agent \$2000.00 10% bonds purchased by him, \$5500.00 6% bonds, \$8500.00 unsigned 6% bonds and the balance of the proceeds of the sale of \$9500.00 6% bonds after deducting the amount paid for the \$2000.00 10% bonds referred to.

In view of these facts your committee recommends that the account presented by said Financial Agent at the last meeting of the City Council be allowed, except the item of \$500.00 for services as agent of the city, which we recommend be reduced one half, making said item \$250.00 instead of \$500.00, and the whole amount \$750.00 — provided he accepts this last amount as a full payment of his account, and turns over to the Mayor all the city bonds in his possession and heretofore referred to, and the balance of money in his hands resulting from the sale of the 6% bonds and the purchase of the 10% bonds heretofore referred to, after deducting the \$750.00 herein recommended to be allowed as payment in full of his account.

All of which is respectfully submitted

Signed H. B. Kinney Chairman

B. Radkey

Wm Brueggeloff

A petition ^{was read} signed by H. A. Cruehon and F. L. Savage asking the privilege of leasing for a term of twenty five years, a portion of the City Reserve fronting on Colorado River, south of Block #2 for the purpose of erecting thereon, building steam engines and machinery for sawing

stone, and operating a steam grist mill.
 Alderman Huppertz offered the following resolution
 which was adopted:

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin,
 that the Mayor be authorized to enter into a
 contract with Mr W. H. Brushon and Mr F. L. Savage
 to permit them to erect such buildings as
 asked for in their petition and to refer this
 contract to this Council for their approval.

Mr James Simms presented an account for
 work done on the sewer near the bridge. On motion
 the account was referred to the finance committee
 and the committee given full power to settle
 the matter.

On motion the council adjourned

G. H. Patterson

City Clerk