

Called Meeting of the City Council
of the City of Austin January 14th 1882

W. A. Paylor, Presiding
Roll call Present Alderman Hinery Cook
Schubert Brueggendorff. Rad Key, Kuppertz, Moller
Hart. Wilson. Absent. Ald. Philz.

Reading of the Minutes of Jan 10th 1882 were
suspended

Minutes of the Called meeting of Jan 9th were
read and adopted

Alderman Wilson offered the petition of George
Shumway, asking that the City Council provide for
the support of his son who is an idiot and an invalid
and being poor and unable to support him. Petition
referred to Charity Committee

Report of Finance Committee was received and
read and adopted

Hon. W. A. Paylor, Mayor.

Your committee on finance having had under
consideration the petition of E. B. Connell late City
Clerk asking for the payment of \$40.00, for services
from the 16th to 25th day of November last. We have to
report that we are reliably informed that no service
was rendered during said period by said Connell,
either personally or by substitute and that therefore
his claims ~~claim~~ be entirely rejected.

H. B. Hinery

W. Brueggendorff

Finance Committee

On Motion of Alderman Cook petition of John Sherman
for work done elsewhere was referred to Street Committee

By Request of the Mayor. Dr. Cummings ^{read} a resolution
passed by the board of health yesterday. The resolution
is as follows. Whereas small pox of a malignant type
is prevailing to a greater or less extent in sixteen states
of the Union and Whereas several cases have already
occurred in our City and as the City and County is
without a pest house where these unfortunate
can be comfortably housed and at the same ^{time} removed to
sufficient distance to prevent infection of others therefore be it

Resolved That the Board of health of the city of Austin respectfully recommend that a sum of money not less than Eight thousand dollars \$8,000.00, be raised by the City and County jointly with such assistance from private contributions as can be obtained to be used for the following purposes First for the purchase of sufficient land upon which to erect a pest house

Second the erection and equipment of a suitable pest house and third the erection of collages where those persons who have been exposed to contagion may be quarantined and comfortably provided for during the time of incubation

Resolved that these resolutions be submitted to the honorable Mayor and City Council for such immediate action as they may deem proper

J Cummings M D

J T Wheelberg M D

J W McLaughlin M D

W J Mathews M D

Board of Health

Alderman Radkey offered the following resolution which was adopted with the amendment that the County Judge appoint the committee of citizens from the County

Where as it is the sense of the City Council of the City of Austin that an imperative necessity has arisen to carry out the suggestions of the Board of Health regarding infections and contagious disease therefore be it

Resolved that a committee of six members of the Board of Aldermen Six Citizens of the City and the same number of Citizens of the County and six Physicians be appointed by the Mayor to solicit subscriptions and adopt recommendations and measures toward affecting the purpose under consideration

His honor the Mayor appointed the following committee as per Alderman Radkey's resolution

Committee of Aldermen

R Radkey H B Kinnery R Rast E Huppertz W Brueggerhoff
A H. Cook Jr.

Committee of Citizens of Austin

Eugene Raymond Walter Lips Peter Smith C W Berryman
A Williams H C. Still

Committee of Physicians

J Cummings J W McLaughlin R L S Bell
W J Mathews J T Wheelberg R W Sherrington

Alderman Shumway moved that the City attorney be instructed to draw up an Ordinance for the payment of the account of J. W. Howard City Treasurer and Motion Carried Ordinance drawn up by City Attorney and laid over until next meeting

Alderman Shumway offered the following Ordinance which on Motion of Alderman Cook ^{was} referred to Finance Committee

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Austin That the sum of one hundred and eighty seven dollars and thirty cents be and the same is hereby appropriated to pay the account of Capt. Ed. Conary for feeding city prisoners and city hored during the months of November and December 1881

The bond of the City Clerk was presented and on motion of Alderman Brueggerhoff the Mayor was authorized to approve the same

On motion of Alderman Koller the resolutions offered by Alderman Platt on December 7th 1881 in reference to resolutions passed by the late City Council on Nov. 12. 1881 was called up and read as follows:

First that the principal extravagant City administration known to us was the City of Austin which was adopted with such show of virtuous indignation the foregoing preamble and resolution

2^d That the hure say that municipal government was created to protect property alone has its origin in ignorance or selfishness unworth the spirit of Americans

3^d That the municipal government of the City of Austin is not supported by Tax on the realty alone as less than half of her revenue is derived from that source

4th That the cry of no ballot without taxation is derived from Judulistic ignorance is unjust in these days of progress is vicious for does not the labor of the Country pay for every thing without labor would realty have the value it now boast of is not labor entitled to the highest consideration and does it not receive the highest consideration from far seeing statesmen Does not the constitution of the United States declare that all men are free and equal Being the very foundation is not labor now interested in the welfare of the country than any other interest

Or has the time come when the reality of the country has snatched the crown of sovereignty from the people.

3rd A proper regard for their own course in such matters, should have caused our predecessors to omit any reference to an alarming growth of municipal indebtedness. References suggested to the financial condition of the City made by the report.

We the City Council of the City of Austin do therefore respectfully represent to his Excellency O. M. Roberts Governor of Texas that those resolutions are unjust to the prevailing sentiments of the people of Austin and the offspring of a disappointment at the defeat of the mover in the last City election.

We also respectfully represent that the manifest desire of the people of Austin is to be found in full accord with that spirit of progress of the day which alone can secure moral and physical development.

That they do not desire now any further legislation.

That they do desire to remain undisturbed by any interference until the extravagances of the past can be corrected without injustice to any, and we do respectfully recommend to the consideration of your Excellency that grand axiom.

That in a republican form of government the right of suffrage should rest not upon the accident of humanity but humanity itself.

Alderman Broeltas moved that the resolutions be adopted Adopted by the following vote.

Yeas. Alderman Shinnay Schuler.

Brueggerhoff Radkey Shuppertz Morrell

Slatt. Wilson Says Cook Alvord Metz.

Alderman Cook voted no for the reason that the resolutions offered by Alderman Robinson were passed by a former council This council has nothing whatever to do with said resolutions.

On Motion of Alderman Brueggerhoff the City Clerk was instructed to furnish his excellency with a copy of these resolutions passed.

His honor the Mayor presented his veto message which reads as follows.

Mayors Office

January 14th 1882

I have the honor to return herewith an Ordinance reducing the salary of the City engineer from \$1200. to \$900. per annum. without my approval for the following reasons viz

The office of City engineer is of such importance that none but competent and skilful engineer should fill such a position and believing the present incumbent to be capable as well as a faithful officer and that his services are well worth the former salary. I ask your reconsideration of the Ordinance reducing said salary. Very Respectfully
W A Taylor.

Alderman Shuppertz moved that the council sustain the Mayor in his veto seconded by Alderman Moeller The Yeas nay being called. the Mayor was sustained by the following vote Yeas Aldermen Cook Schuber Rackey Shuppertz Moeller Wilson Nay. Kinney Brueggerhoff. Platt. Absent Metz.

Alderman Brueggerhoff moved that the Council now pass the Ordinance notwithstanding the veto of the Mayor. which was lost by the following vote. Nay. Cook Schuber Shuppertz Moeller Wilson Yeas Kinney Brueggerhoff. Rackey. Platt. Absent Metz.

Alderman Brueggerhoff offered the following Ordinance which was read

Be it resolved by the City council of the City of Antio that the salary of the City engineer shall be reduced from twelve hundred dollars to nine hundred and fifty dollars per year Alderman Schuber moved to strike out nine hundred and fifty and substitute one thousand dollars. Alderman Brueggerhoff accepted the amendment.

Alderman ^{Moeller} Motion to lay Ald Brueggerhoff's resolution on the table was lost by the following vote Yeas Kinney Schuber Rackey Shuppertz Platt. Nay. Cook Brueggerhoff. Moeller Wilson Absent Metz.

Alderman Brueggerhoff moved that the rules be suspended and the Ordinance be placed on its second reading lost by the following vote.

Chair Alderman Kinney Schuler Bruggenhoff
 Radkey. Platt. Nays. Cook Suppurtz Morley
 Wilson Absent City.

On Motion of Alderman Morley the
 Council adjourned.

A. J. Burnell
 City Clerk