

Called Meeting of the City Council
Austin Texas May 31st 1882

W. A. Taylor, Mayor Presiding

Roll call present Aldermen H. G. Kenney, Schulz, Bruggenhoff, Kuppertz, Noeller.

Call of the Council read which was for the consideration of the Advancem^t Tax of 1882 and matters pertaining to rail roads.

Minutes of the Called meeting of May 18th 1882 read and approved.

Motion to call the Council was carried and the Marshal sent after absentees.

Alderman Wilson and Platt came in and answered to their names.

Motion to suspend the call of the Council was lost.

Alderman Cook was excused from attending this meeting of the Council.

On Motion of Alderman Bruggenhoff the Call of the Council was suspended.

On the Question of the right of the Int. & N. Rail Road to cross Congress Avenue with its track the Mayor presented the following letter which was read.

International & N. Northern R.R. Co.

Vice President's Office

Palestine Texas Dec 20th 1876

To.

The Hon. Mayor and City Council of the City of Austin
 Gentlemen

Whereas on the 14th day of April 1876 an Ordinance was passed to take effect from and after its passage which was approved April 18 1876 Entitled an Ordinance granting the right away to the International or International and Great Northern R.R. Co. through the City of Austin

By the terms of which Ordinance it is made the duty of said Company, to select and indicate the streets it shall occupy with its tracks and the crossing of those streets it may cross with in one year from the passage of this Ordinance. Therefore on behalf of the Companies above mentioned I hereby designate the following streets to be occupied and crossed by the tracks of said Railroad Company in the City of Austin Texas through Cypress Street from its western terminus where it intersects Crockett Street for its entire length to its Eastern terminus at the Corporation line of said City and the crossing of all the streets intersecting said Cypress Street throughout its entire length aforesaid also from Cypress Street through East Avenue and across Cedar Street to such points as may be selected for a junction with the Houston and Texas Central Railroad and also from Cypress Street through San Antonio Street in a southerly direction crossing Live Oak and Water Street. This designation of streets and crossing is made with the understanding that it does not prejudice or effect the right of said Company, to make other and further designations of streets and crossing to be occupied by its tracks to which it may be entitled upon the terms and within the time prescribed in said Ordinance.

Respectfully Yours
R. S. Hays

Vice Pres. T. & N. R. Co.

Attest
Geo. H. Evans
Secy. T. & N. R. Co.

Alderman Kinney called up the Ordinance fixing the Surplus of Ad Valorem Tax for the year 1892 at one per cent on all property real and personal also setting apart one tenth of the amount collected on the assessment of 1892 for the purpose of building a hospital in conjunction with the County of Davis for joint use of the County and City. On motion of Alderman Kinney the Ordinance passed by the following vote: Yeas 10, Nays 4. Kinney, Schuler, Kuppert, Wilson, Day, Bruggenhoff, Koller and Platt absent. Radkey, Eufred Cook.

The following is the report of the majority of the special committee to whom was referred the Ordinance granting the right away on the Austin & Northwestern RR
To the Hon

Mayor and City Council of the City of Austin

We the undersigned majority of special committee beg leave to report that we consider the granting of the right of way to the Austin & Northwestern R Road Company, of great importance to the City and recommend the passage of the Ordinance with the amendment attached thereto

H. W. Mueller
R. Platt

The following is the report of the Chairman of the special committee to whom was referred the Ordinance granting the right away on the Austin & Northwestern Rail Road, through the City of Austin

Hon W. A. Taylor

Mayor of Austin

The undersigned is constrained to differ from the other members of the special committee to whom was referred the Ordinance granting the right away through certain streets of the City of Austin to the Austin and Northwestern Railroad Company for the purpose of delivering stone material to be used in the construction of the new Capital & University Building

I doubt the propriety if not the right of the City Council granting special privileges to any contractor or proposed contractor, whether that contractor be a R R Co. or an individual. It seems to me to be an unwise policy to so legislate as to exclude the Citizens generally of Austin and its vicinity from seeking to furnish material and find employment in the transportation of and handling said material. I should regard it very detrimental to the convenience and safety of travel on Congress Avenue for another R R track to be laid on that street for any purpose whatever and especially for the purpose contemplated. Besides the right away is asked for with the completion of the University Building which may or may not take place in twenty years. For these and other obvious reasons I am compelled to present this minority report and recommend that the Ordinance granting the right of way, as asked for do not pass.
Very respectfully H. B. Runney Chairman of Committee

Alderman Brueggerhoff offered an Ordinance as a substitute to the Ordinance granting the right away to the Austin and North Western R.R. which was read. Alderman Kitz moved to lay the substitute on the table. Motion lost by the following vote: Yeas, Kitz, Finney, Schuler, Wilson, nays, Brueggerhoff, Kuppert, Moulder, Plath, and Krueger after vote the Mayor voted nay.

On motion of Alderman Plath the Ordinance was recommitted to the special committee by the following vote: Yeas, Kitz, Finney, Schuler, Plath and Wilson nays Moulder, Kuppert, Brueggerhoff. A fine of one dollar was entered against Alderman Rader for non attendance ^{at this meeting}.

On motion of Alderman Finney the Council adjourned.

J. J. Purcell
City Clerk

Read and approved June 6th 1887