

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council.

Knox, May 7, 1894.

Hon John M^r Donald, mayor, presiding.

Roll call.

Present: Aldermen Anderson, Glass, Hancock, Jackson, Lawless, Linn, Mitschke, North, Platt, Powell, Raymond, Redd, Schneider, Shelley, Taylor, Townsend, Warmoth; 17

Absent: Aldermen Alsmann, Dawson, Fischer, Hume, Roberdeau; 5.

The minutes of the meeting of the city council, held on the 16th day of April 1894, were adopted as printed.

Petitions, Memorials, Etc.

Petition to have 11th street opened through division O.

A petition was received from citizens requesting that 11th street be opened through division O. It was read and referred to the committee on streets and alleys.

Petition from John Tuttle.

By Alderman Warmoth - A petition from John Tuttle, requesting the council to pay him for his horse that was killed by a policeman because it was thought to have hydrophobia. Referred to the committee on claims and accounts.

Petition of Wm Whitehead

A petition was received from Wm Whitehead, asking permission to open an automatic shooting gallery on Congress Avenue between East Sixth and Seventh streets. It was referred to the street committee with power to act.

John F. Prior - fine remitted.

On the recommendation of the mayor a fine that was assessed in the recorder's court against John F. Prior was remitted.

Aldermen Roberdeau and Fischer entered the council and answered to their names.

Petition from Miss Du Pre

By Alderman Linn - A petition from Miss Du Pre of 1604 East Thirteenth street, stating that her cow with some 20 others was placed in the city pound a few days ago, and that "it is passing strange that nearly every cow in this entire section should all at one time have trodden on the city at the same time and place, many of them not ranging in the same direction. Relief is asked for.

Alderman Linn moved to refer the petition to the committee on claims and accounts, with instructions to thoroughly investigate the subject.

Alderman Anderson moved to amend the motion by further instructing the committee to fully investigate and consider the pound question in all its bearings. The amendment was accepted and the motion as amended, adopted.

Report of City Officers for the month of April, 1894.

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Thirty-four carloads of pipe and castings were received, containing 546.71 tons of pipe and 37.93 tons of special castings. The pipe received was divided as follows: 10,008 feet of 6-inch pipe, 5412 feet of 16 inch pipe and 384 feet of 20-inch, making the total received to date as follows: 23,904 feet of 6-inch, 5604 feet of 8-inch, 10,908 feet of 16 inch and 3728 feet of 20 inch pipe or 1572.39 tons of pipe. The total weight of special castings received to date is 57.83 tons.

City Section

It was referred to the committee on water and light.
By the City Section. Total number of deaths, 23; white, 21; colored, 3; Mexican 1; male, 15; female, 10.

City Treasurer

Referred to the cemetery committee.
By the City Treasurer. Account Water and Light fund.
May 7, balance on hand \$197,837.50

City Treasurer

Referred to the Finance committee.
By the City Treasurer. Account Waterworks and Electric Light and Sinking fund:

May 7- Balances on hand-

Interest fund	\$ 3,195.71
Sinking fund	11,000.00

Referred to the Finance committee.

City Treasurer

By the City Treasurer. Account General fund and old bonds interest fund:

May 7- Balance account general fund	\$10,463.75
May 7- Balance account old bond interest fund	478.58

Referred to the Finance committee.

City Clerk

By the City Clerk. Statement of warrants issued against the Water Works and Electric Light fund:

Engineering department	\$1354.12
Geo F. Hart & Co, account power house foundation	1948.28
Piter & Conley, account perm stocks	4000.00
Hart & Co, extra work	293.80
Rensselaer Manufacturing Company, account valves	2614.90
H. L. Breneman, account power house	1920.66
Howard Harrison Iron Company, pipe	5000.00
Submerged lands	620.00
Miscellaneous	286.64
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	\$18,038.40

Referred to Finance Committee

City Clerk

By the City Clerk. A statement of warrants issued against the General fund:

Salaries of officers	\$1,141.67
Salaries of policemen	1,203.00
City Cemetery	32.92
Sanitary Department	329.19
Fire Department	612.00
Streets, bridges and alleys	3888.10
Meals for City prisoners	65.75
City and County Hospital	1111.15
Premium, Stationery & Postage	8.31
Charity	142.34
Feed for teams	105.77
Salaries of teamsters	482.00

Street Lights	137.50
Salary of poundmaster	73.00
Salary of porter	40.00
Pay of aldermen	220.00
Miscellaneous	<u>634.55</u>
Total	<u>\$907.44</u>

Referred to the Finance Committee.

Assessor & Collector

By the City Assessor and Collector: Collections-	
Account of general revenue	\$5,828.27
Account of Water works tax	5,314.70
Account of interest on old bonds	537.31
Account of school tax	2060.50
Total	<u>\$13,740.78</u>

Referred to Finance Committee

City Physician

By the City Physician:	
Number of patients in hospital April 1, 1894	16
Number of patients admitted to hospital during April	16
Number of patients discharged from hospital during April	16
Number of patients remaining in hospital May 1	16
Number of visits made paupers in city during April	98
Number of prescriptions written for paupers in city during April	188

Referred to the hospital committee.

City Marshal

By the City Marshal:	
Total amount of fines assessed in recorder's court	\$405.00
Collected in cash	159.00
Worked out	143.00
Appealed	10.00
Escaped	13.00
Carried forward	80.00
Total	<u>\$405.00</u>

Arrests made, 75.

Referred to police committee.

Reports of Committees

Report Police Committee.

Alderman Schneider, for the police committee, to whom was referred the city marshal's reports for the months of February and March, 1894, presented a report thereon which states that the marshal's reports were examined and found to be correct. No action was taken on the report of the committee.

Report of Com. on Dam Railroad proposition.

Alderman Glass presented the following: Your committee to whom was referred a proposition from the president of the Dam Railroad company asking that they be allowed to settle their rents to June 1, 1894, being the three quarters now due the city on the basis of fifty cents on the dollar, beg leave to report by offering the following proposition as a substitute for above, and recommend that the same be accepted as full payment of rents due by said Railroad Company to June 1, 1894, as follows:

That the said railroad company turn over to the City of Austin all their rolling stock and equipments free and unincumbered to the city, June 1, 1894, and possession of the railroad in full payment of all rents due the city to June 1, 1894, and that the City release the bondsmen from all liability in connection with

same

(Signed) W. A. Glass
P. J. Lawless.

Alderman Taylor moved to lay the report on the table, which was agreed to by the following vote:

Yeas - Aldermen Anderson, Hancock, Linn, North, Platt, Raymond, Redd, Roberdeau, Shelley, Taylor, Townsend - 11

Nays - Aldermen Fischer, Glass, Jackson, Lawless, Mitchell, Powell, Schneider - 7.

Excused from voting - Alderman Warmoth.

New Business.

Memorial from
Austin working men.

By Alderman Raymond - A memorial which was adopted at a mass meeting of the working men of Austin, held at the County Court house on May 1, 1894, concerning the employment of bona-fide citizens of Austin in connection with the laying of pipes for the city's water supply.

Alderman Anderson moved to refer it to a special committee of five.

The motion carried and the chair appointed Aldermen Anderson, Raymond, Hancock, Fischer and Mitchell as such committee.

F. E. Jones.

A communication was received from F. E. Jones alleging that Police Officer A. P. Corwin owes him \$170 and will not pay it.

A. P. Corwin

Alderman Taylor presented a communication from Mr. A. P. Corwin which states that he has settled his indebtedness to Mr. Jones and does not now owe him anything, and further, if he owed him any money he could not pay it to him, as Messrs. John Raymond & Co. have garnished all funds that he may owe Mr. Jones, claiming that Mr. Jones owes them \$159.59, with interest, for nine years and cost of court.

Alderman Raymond moved that the communications be returned to their respective authors with the information that the City Council is not a collecting agency. Adopted.

From B. P. W. as to
street lights.

The following was read:

Austin, Tex., May 7, 1894.

Hon. City Council, Austin, Texas:

Gentlemen - I have the honor to inform you that a resolution was adopted by the Board of Public Works at a meeting held on this date referring the matter of location of the towers for street lighting to a committee, consisting of Hon. John M. Donald and Messrs. W. C. Walsh and John W. Maddox, and inviting the city council to appoint a similar committee to act in the matter with the committee from the Board.

Respectfully

W. J. Deliphant

Secretary Board of Public Works.

Alderman Anderson moved that a committee be appointed as suggested. The motion prevailed and the chair appointed Aldermen Anderson, Jackson and Mitchell.

From B. P. W. as to
raft up river.

The following was read:

Honorable City Council, Austin, Tex.

Gentlemen- I have the honor to inform you that the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Public Works at a meeting held on this date.

"Resolved, That the Board advise the city council that a raft is farming in the lake some 10 miles above the dam and recommend that prompt and efficient action be taken to remove same, if deemed expedient by the city council."

Respectfully

W. J. Oliphant,

Secretary Board of Public Works.

Alderman North moved that the whole matter be referred to the mayor with power to act and authority to expend not exceeding \$100 in removing the raft. Carried.

Aldermen Shelby and Kim were excused from further attendance on the session of the council.

By Alderman Glass. An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$329.29 for the purpose of repairing the wooden bridge over Waller creek on First street

It was read first time and a second and third time under suspension of the rules and passed by the following vote:

Yea- Aldermen Anderson, Fischer, Glass, Hancock, Jackson, Lawless, North, Platt, Powell, Raymond, Redd, Roberdeau, Schneider, Taylor, Townsend, Warrmoth; 16.

Nay- Alderman Nitschke.

By Alderman Taylor. An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1833.75 for the purpose of paying approved accounts. It was read first time and a second and third time under suspension of the rules and passed by the following vote:

Yea- Aldermen Anderson, Fischer, Glass, Hancock, Jackson, Lawless, Nitschke, North, Platt, Powell, Raymond, Redd, Roberdeau, Taylor, Townsend, Warrmoth. Total 16.

Nay Alderman Schneider.

By Alderman Anderson - An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$12743.64 for the purpose of paying certain approved accounts against the Water and Light fund.

The accounts referred to are as follows:

Supplemental estimate No. 1, of work done by Wingfield Bros, account of pipe laying	\$ 29.90
Estimate No. 1 in favor of Wingfield Bros	9678.48
Estimate No. 3 in favor of Stillwell-Pierce & Smith & Co	7500.00
Estimate No. 7 in favor of H. L. Breneman	1525.91

The ordinance was read first time and a second and third time under suspension of the rules and passed by the following vote:

Yea- Aldermen Anderson, Fischer, Glass, Hancock, Jackson, Lawless, Nitschke, North, Platt, Powell, Raymond, Redd, Roberdeau, Schneider, Taylor, Townsend, Warrmoth. Total 17

By Alderman Schneider - An ordinance entitled "An ordinance regulating the running at large of dogs and licensing the same and fixing a penalty

Ordinance app'g
\$329.29 for bridge
over Waller creek.

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\$1833.75 for
approved accounts

Ordinance app'g
\$12743.64 approved
accounts W & L fund.

for the violation thereof."

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, Fischer, Glass, Hancock, Jackson, Lawless, Nitschke, North, Platt, Powell, Raymond, Redd, Roberdeau, Schneider, Taylor, Townsend, Warmoth. Total 17.

The ordinance was accordingly read, after which Alderman Anderson moved to strike out §1. and to insert in lieu thereof §2. as the annual tax on each dog. Lost.

Alderman Taylor moved to strike out §50. and to insert instead thereof §40 as the salary of persons engaged to enforce the provisions of the ordinance. The amendment was adopted, after which a motion was made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its third reading, which was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas- Aldermen Anderson, Fischer, Glass, Hancock, Jackson, Lawless, Nitschke, North, Platt, Powell, Raymond, Redd, Roberdeau, Schneider, Taylor, Townsend, Warmoth; 17.

The ordinance was accordingly read and on motion, passed by the following vote:

Yeas- Aldermen Anderson, Fischer, Glass, Hancock, Jackson, Lawless, Nitschke, North, Platt, Powell, Raymond, Redd, Roberdeau, Schneider, Taylor, Townsend, Warmoth - 17.

Alderman Anderson moved that the resolution recently adopted by the city council requesting the city marshal not to enforce the so-called meat and petit ordinance until further notice from the city council be now rescinded.

The motion was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas- Aldermen Anderson, Fischer, Jackson, Lawless, North, Roberdeau, Schneider, Taylor, Townsend, Warmoth - 10

Nays- Aldermen Glass, Hancock, Nitschke, Platt, Powell, Raymond, Redd. Total 7.

The council then adjourned

Milton Morris,

City Clerk.

meat ordinance
to be enforced.