

## Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council.

Austin, June 4, 1894.

Hon. John Mc Donald, Mayor, presiding.

Roll call.

Present. Aldermen Anderson, Asmann, Dawson, Fischer, Glass, Hancock, Jackson, Lawless, Linn, North, Platt, Powell, Raymond, Redd, Schneider, Shelby, Taylor, Townsend, Warmoth.

Absent. Aldermen Hume, Nitschke, Roberdeau.

The minutes of the meetings of the City Council held on May 21, 1894, were adopted as recorded.

## Petitions, Memorials, Etc.

Petition for  
ally.

A petition was received from citizens asking that an ally ten feet in width running through block No 33 in division E. be kept open as it now exists.

It was referred to the committee on streets and alleys with power to act in accordance with the action of the city council heretofore taken on this matter.

Alderman Roberdeau entered the council and answered to his name.

E. S. Hughes

A petition was received from Mr E. S. Hughes for himself and others requesting the council to take action that will accomplish the immediate removal of the drift in the Colorado river opposite their homes. It states that the menace to the lives of their families is so apparent that it will be criminal for them longer to remain inactive, and if they can not secure the removal of this drift they will be forced to abandon their homes.

Resolution as  
to drift.

The following was then read:

Resolved by the Board of Public Works, that the city council be requested to send a committee to inspect the condition of the river created by the drift.

The above resolution was adopted by the Board of Public Works at a meeting held on June 4<sup>th</sup> 1894.

W. J. Oliphant  
Secretary.

Alderman Taylor moved that the question be referred to a special committee of three.

Alderman Glass moved to amend the motion by increasing the committee to five, and adding the mayor as chairman.

The amendment was lost.

Alderman Anderson then moved that the mayor be added to the committee, and it was agreed to.

The original motion as amended was then adopted and the chair appointed Aldermen Taylor, Glass and Jackson as the committee.

Alderman Nitschke entered the council and answered to his name.

Dr Cummings  
fine remitted.

On the recommendation of the mayor a fine that was assessed against Dr J. Cummings in the recorder's court for fast driving on the bridge over the Colorado river was remitted.

Lakeside Improvement Co.

A petition was received from the Lakeside Improvement Company, per John P. Smith, manager, requesting the City Council to remove the raft in Lake M<sup>o</sup> Donald. It was referred to the special committee appointed to consider the removal of the raft.

The following was read and on motion, the request therein contained was granted:

Austin, June 24

Austin Sewerage Co. franchise given more time

To Honorable John M<sup>o</sup> Donald, Mayor, and the board of Aldermen of the City of Austin:

Gentlemen: In view of the fact that no action has been taken on a petition of the City of Austin Sewerage Company asking for permission to change flush tanks, and the further fact that this has deferred the completion of the sewerage system, and it cannot now be completed by 6<sup>th</sup> of this month, the time such franchise specifies.

I respectfully request that an extension of time, say six months, be given for the completion of such system.

Very respectfully

Jno J. Donovan

Principal Bondholder, by John P. Smith, agent.

Report City Officers Treasurer

Report of City officers for the month of May, 1894:

By the City treasurer, account general fund and interest on bonds:

Balance June 4, account general \$8,227.50  
Account interest on old bonds 676.99

Referred to the finance committee.

Treasurer

By the City treasurer, account water and Light Interest and sinking fund:

Balance June 1-  
Account interest fund \$7,489.26  
Account sinking fund 5,000.00

Referred to the finance committee

Treasurer

By the city treasurer, account Water and Light General Fund:

Balance, June 4. \$147,755.50

Referred to the finance committee.

The three following reports were read and referred to the committee on Water and Light:

Austin, Tex, June 1.

Rhodes Parker, Engineer & part pipe laid

Honorable Board of Public Works, Austin, Texas:

Gentlemen- I have the honor to submit my report of operations on the pipe lines during the month of May, 1894.

34,062.2 feet of pipe were laid, 77 hydrants and 28 valves were set during the month, as follows:

1966 feet of 16 inch pipe were laid on Congress avenue between second and sixth streets, 1446 feet of 16 inch on sixth street between Congress avenue and Red River street; 307 1/2 feet 8 inch pipe were laid on Red River between sixth and Fourteenth streets; 366.7 feet on Fourteenth street between Red River and Sabine streets, and 559

feet on Sabine street between Fourteenth and Sixteenth streets; 1767 feet of 6-inch pipe were laid on Eighth street between Congress avenue and Red River street, 1819 feet on Tenth street between Congress avenue and Red River street, 4451 feet on Fifteenth street between Sabine and Rio Grande streets; 7183 feet on Fourth street between Rio Grande and Navasota streets, 6212 feet on second street between San Antonio and Red River streets and Navasota street and East avenue, 3278 feet on San Jacinto between Tenth and Nineteenth streets, 700 feet on Rio Grande between First and Sixth streets, 706 feet on Navasota between Second and Fourth streets, 828 feet on First street between East avenue and Red River street, 440 feet on East avenue between First and Second streets, 335 feet on Davis between Red River and Rainey streets, 934 feet on Red River between First and Davis streets, 758 feet on Trinity between Second and Willow streets, 712 on San Antonio between Second and Fourth streets, and the other 1024.5 feet were used in making hydrant connections.

Respectfully submitted

Rhoads Fisher, Jr.

Engineer.

Austin, Tex. June 1, 1894.

W. J. Oliphant,  
Secy B. P. W.  
Report pipe  
received.

Honorable Board of Public Works:

Gentlemen— I have the honor to report that 58 car loads of water pipe and special castings, containing 1040.88 tons of pipe and 14 tons of special castings were received during the month of May. The pipe received during the month was divided as follows— 16,956 feet of 6-inch, 4005 feet of 8-inch, 1,128 feet of 10-inch, 8,580 feet of 12-inch, 480 feet of 16-inch and 2,676 feet of 20-inch pipe, making the total pipe received to date 40,860 feet of 6-inch, 9,612 feet of 8-inch, 1,128 feet of 10-inch, 8,580 feet of 12-inch, 11088 feet of 16-inch and 6404 feet of 20-inch pipe, or 2,613.27 tons of pipe.

The total weight of special castings received to date is 71.83 tons.

Respectfully,

W. J. Oliphant,

Secretary Board of Public Works.

Austin, June 1

Joseph Kupperly,  
Engineer. Report  
work done at  
Dam.

To the Board of Public Works:

Gentlemen— I herewith submit the following report for the month of May:

On May 10 John F. Hart & Co. ceased pumping water from the power house foundation; in the meantime a gang of men were started on the excavation for a foundation and cut off wall along the north line of the power house. Skidwell Prince & Smith Vicks Company finished making draft tubes Nos 1 and 2 and did such other work necessary to get the turbines on stop.

On May 1 the water in the lake was 14 feet over the crest of the dam. This is the greatest depth

reached during the month.

Mr E. H. Kellogg, hydraulic engineer, of Denver, Col. arrived on the ward May 23.

Respectfully  
Joseph Kupperle, Engineer.

Assessor & Collector

By the City Assessor and Collector-

Collections:

Account general revenue	\$5,984.70
Account Waterworks tax	5693.55
Account interest on bonds issued prior to May 1, 1890	578.30
Account School taxes	<u>2114.97</u>
Total	\$14,371.52

Referred to the Finance Committee.

Dea.

By the City sexton-

Total number of deaths	13
White	12
Colored	1

Referred to the Cemetery Committee.

Clerk

By the City Clerk- Statement of warrants issued against the general fund:

Salary of officers	\$1,156.67
Salaries of policemen	1200.00
City cemetery	27.92
Sanitary department	948.84
Fire department	600.75
Streets and bridges	1442.67
Meals for City prisoners	51.00
City and County hospital	520.17
Printing, stationery and postage	299.90
Charity	86.46
Feed for teams	103.74
Salaries of teamsters	427.25
Street lights	137.50
Salary of pound officer	73.00
Salary of porter	40.00
Pay of Aldermen	190.00
Miscellaneous	<u>209.00</u>
Total	\$6912.93

Referred to Finance Committee

Clerk

By the City Clerk- Statement of warrants issued against the waterworks and electric light fund.

Engineering department	\$ 681.25
H. L. Breneman, account power house	1525.91
Howard Harrison Iron Company, pipes	8000.00
Stidwell Pierce & Smith-Nails Company, account pumps etc	7650.00
Wingfield Bros, pipe buying	3707.73
Ft Wayne Electric Company, towers	515.32
Account bonds	1400.00
Miscellaneous	<u>548.33</u>
Total	\$23,078.74

Referred to the Finance Committee  
By the city marshal:

Total amount of fines assessed in the Recorder court		\$ 415.00
Collected in cash	226.75	
Worked out	81.00	
Carried forward	<u>107.00</u>	
	Total	\$ 415.00

Arrests made 69  
 Referred to the Police Committee.

Physician

By the City Physician:

Number of patients in hospital May 1	16
Number of patients admitted to hospital during May	16
Number of patients discharged from hospital during May	16
Number of deaths in hospital during May	1
Number of patients remaining in hospital June 1	15
Number of visits made to paupers in city during May	87
Number of prescriptions written for paupers in city during May	196
Number of cases of scarlet fever reported in city	1

Referred to hospital committee.

Engineer's report on condition of the Dam

By the City Engineer: A report of the probable cost of repairing the dam railroad. The amount named is \$541.  
 Alderman Anderson moved to refer the report to the street Committee, with power to act.

Alderman Nitschke moved to amend the motion by striking out "with power to act." The amendment carried and the original motion as amended was adopted.

Reports of Committees.

Street Com. Opening of E. 4th

Alderman Jackson, for the street committee, to whom was referred a petition of citizens asking that East Fourth street be opened through division O and other adjoining property, presented a report which states: "That we find some of the owners of said property willing to give the right of way for the continuance of said East Fourth street, but a number of the owners of said property are not living here, and we are unable to ascertain at present whether or not they would give a street. Therefore we recommend that the street be opened, provided it does not cost the city other than the grading of said street." The report was adopted.

Opening of alley in blocks 37 & 38.

Alderman Jackson, for the street committee, to whom was referred the petition of Mrs Amelia Brass, asking that the alley running through blocks 37 and 38 be opened, made a report recommending that said petition be not granted, as a number of the property owners of said block are opposed to opening said alley. Adopted.

Continuation of Davis street

Alderman Jackson, for the street committee, to whom was referred a resolution, asking that lots 1 and 10, block 2, of outlets 72 and 73, division E, be condemned and that Davis street be continued from its present terminus to East Avenue, made report recommending the purchase of said lots by the city for the purpose set forth in the resolution, as early as the finances of the city will admit. The report states that the lots can be purchased for \$225 and \$250 respectively, and that the streets should be opened, as it would be a great convenience to the residents of that part of the city. The report

\$22,821.39 for miscellaneous work system.

was adopted.

Alderman Anderson introduced an ordinance, appropriating the sum of \$22,821.39 for the purpose of paying miscellaneous and other expenses connected with the construction of the Water and Light System for the City of Austin. The items embraced are:

Freight and other charges on material forwarded by Fort Wayne Electric Company	\$ 5,000.00
Payment of miscellaneous expenses, submerged land, etc	10,000.00
H. L. Breneman, estimate No. 8, account power house	1606.88
Wingfield Bros, estimate No. 2, pipe laying	6,215.06
	<hr/> \$22,821.39

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

Yeas- Aldermen Anderson, Asmann, Dawson, Fischer, Glass, Hancock, Jackson, Lawless, Linn, Nitschke, North, Platt, Powell, Raymond, Redd, Schneider, Shelby, Taylor, Townsend, Warmoth; 20

Nays- Alderman Roberdeau, 1

\$1343.62. Approved accounts.

Alderman Linn introduced an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1343.62 for the purpose of paying approved accounts. The ordinance was read first time and then a second and third time under suspension of rules and passed by the following vote:

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

Nays- Alderman Schneider.

City Attorney to bring suit vs. Bureau Dam Railroad.

Alderman North moved that the motion, previously adopted, authorizing the city attorney to suspend institution of suit against the lessees of the Dam railroad, be revoked and that he be requested to bring said suit according to ordinance heretofore passed. Carried.

On motion the question of changing the location of the light tower from Third street and Congress avenue to Second and Congress avenue was referred to the Water and Light Committee for consideration.

Changing tower on 3rd st. Committee.

Alderman Jackson introduced an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$500 for the purpose of paying extra street and sanitary laborers. It was read a first time and then a second and third time, under suspension of the rules, and passed by the following vote:

\$500 for extra street and sanitary laborers.

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

The Council then adjourned.

W. L. ...  
City Clerk