

The Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council,  
Austin, Tex., Feb 19, 1894.

Hon. John M<sup>c</sup>Donald, mayor, presiding.

Roll Call.

Present- Aldermen Anderson, Arsmann, Dawson, Fischer, Glass,  
Hancock, Jackson, Linn, Nitschke, North, Platt, Powell, Redd, Rober-  
deau, Shelley, Taylor, Townsend, Warmoth; total, 18.

Absent- Aldermen Hume, Lawless, Raymond, Schneider;  
total, 4.

Minutes

The minutes of the meetings of the city council which  
were held on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> days of February, 1894, were adopted  
as published.

Aldermen Raymond and Lawless entered the council and  
answered to their names.

--- Petitions, Memorials, etc. ---

Lamparas street.

A petition of citizens who reside in and adjacent to  
Groom's addition, asking that Lamparas street be properly graded  
and the bridges thereon thoroughly repaired, was read and  
referred to the committee on streets and alleys.

Hughes and Preece

A petition from E. S. Hughes and T. W. Preece, by attorney,  
asking that they be allowed the sum of \$450 damages, alleged  
to have been sustained by the backwater in the Colorado river,  
by reason of the construction of the dam across said stream by  
the city of Austin. The land so damaged consists of nine  
acres, being part of the E. B. Wade survey, in Travis county,  
Texas. x. x. x.

It was read and referred to the board of public works.

Frank O. Babcock-  
Fire engine.

A communication was received from Mr. Frank O. Bab-  
cock, chief of Austin fire departments, recommending that  
Washington steam fire engine be overhauled and tested  
once or twice a month and that an appropriation of  
about \$15 per month be made for that purpose. It was  
read and referred to the fire committee.

E. S. Hughes.

A claim was received from Mr E. S. Hughes, by attor-  
ney, for the sum of \$5,329.75, for horses, cows, and hog killed  
and stock damaged; damages to home by obstructing  
roads to town; damage to field by scattering Johnson grass  
seed therein; damage to home by mudbanks caused by  
lowering water during a period of nine months; all  
alleged to have been sustained by reason of the formation  
of the lake above the dam. It was read and referred to  
the board of public works.

Jones

By Alderman Warmoth- A petition from Clay Jones  
and Ben C. Jones & Co, requesting that the stand pipe  
used for sprinkling the streets be removed from in  
front of their respective places of business as it creates  
a nuisance. Granted.

Second street

By Alderman Jackson- A petition of citizens of the  
Fifth ward requesting that East Second street be gra-  
velled. Referred to the committee on streets and alleys.

Alderman Hume entered the council and answered  
to his name.

Protest as to

By Alderman Linn- A lengthy and numerous

ordinance relating to carrying meat

signed petition of citizens of Austin who are engaged in the business of slaughtering cattle, sheep and hogs, and in the sale of game, fish and oysters, claiming that the ordinance recently passed by the council in regard to the carrying of meats, etc, over sidewalks of the city within certain limits of the city between certain hours discriminates against them and is unfair and injurious to their business. It was referred to the committee on markets with instructions to report an ordinance on the subject at the next regular meeting of the council that will be uniform in its effect throughout the city.

ordinance not to enforce

Alderman Kinn moved that the city marshal be instructed not to enforce the provisions of the above mentioned ordinance until after the council shall have acted on the ordinance to be presented by the committee on markets as above provided for. Carried

Alderman Schneider entered the council and answered to his name.

Reports of standing committees - Fire Committee.

Organization Fire Co in 11th Ward.

Alderman Nitochke for the committee on fire department, to whom was referred a petition of citizens of the Eleventh ward asking permission to organize a fire company and asking for an appropriation of six hundred dollars, submitted a report thereon which states:

"That your committee believe that a part of Austin is entitled to some fire protection further than that furnished by the present department, and therefore recommend that the petition be granted, conditioned, that the petitioners execute to the city a deed to a suitable lot on which to erect such building as may be required". The report was adopted.

-Ordinance Committee-

Extension Mail Carrier System

Alderman North, for the ordinance committee, to whom was referred the report of the city engineer concerning the extension of the mail carrier system in this city, presented a report thereon recommending the adoption of a resolution in regard to the matter. The resolution was laid over to be considered under the head of new business.

Schlochauer's petition as to City Employees' fault for paying bills

Alderman North presented the following which was adopted:

To the Honorable City Council:

Your ordinance committee, to whom was referred the written communication of Mr Schlochauer complaining of the nonpayment of bills by city employees, beg leave to report that the parties thereon complained of do not appear to be regular employees of the city and we presume that they belong to the street force.

While this body is not a collecting agency, its patronage should not be extended to persons resorting to pay current bills for necessities furnished them on the faith of their employment by the city. The street force

being under the more immediate control of the street committee and city engineer we recommend that when complaint is made to them that laborers of the city do not pay their current store bills, and such complaints are true, that it is the sense of this body that it would be proper for the street committee and city engineer to forthwith discharge such delinquents and employ more meritorious persons in their place. We also recommend that this report be published in the printed minutes of the council for the information of whom it may concern."

Alderman Anderson presented the following which was adopted and referred to the ordinance committee in accordance with the recommendations therein contained.

Austin, Feb 19.

Honorable John McDonald, Mayor, and City Council of the City of Austin:

Gentlemen: Your special committee, appointed to investigate the current rumors of irregularities in the issuing and purchasing of time checks of the city employees, and other irregularities relating to street work, beg leave to report as follows:

We have thoroughly investigated the whole subject matter by summoning before us all parties who in our judgment would be cognizant of any irregularities, and who are thoroughly familiar with the system and working of that department of the city government, and after a careful and critical examination of the witnesses, we are of the opinion that there has been no dishonesty or irregularity in any way connected with that department, but this fact is not owing to the lack of opportunity, but to the innate honesty of your officers and employees. We find it has been the custom of quite a number of employees of the city to trade or discount their time checks, and to obviate the necessity of this, we recommend that all the time checks be discontinued, and that an appropriation be made in advance to cover the estimated amount of the payroll for each current month, and that the superintendent of streets be instructed to prepare weekly payrolls, and that the city clerk be directed to pay over to all city employees whose salary is \$500 or less per annum, every Saturday evening the amount of wages to which they are entitled for said week. We further recommend that the foreman of each and every gang of men employed on the streets be required to keep a time book of all the men under his charge; that he shall enter therein in ink the name of each employee and number of days each man has worked, and shall make a daily report to the superintendent of streets. The superintendent of streets shall keep a copy of such time book also in ink, from which he shall prepare the weekly payroll, to be turned over to the city clerk after approval of a majority of the street committee, and to be

Weekly pay certain  
Employees. Some  
check.

committee

The city clerk shall at least once in each month check off the foreman's time book with that of the street superintendent and report to the street committee any discrepancy found therein.

We recommend that the man in charge of the city stables shall have only one key for the stables, and that in his absence he shall leave the key with the police station clerk. In connection with the preceding we find upon investigation that the city clerk with the assistance now given him is not able to keep up with the duties of his office and that his work is accumulating and overworking him notwithstanding his efficiency, rapidity and constant devotion to duty, and, as under the system we propose his duties will be still more multiplied, we recommend that he be allowed to employ an assistant at a salary not exceeding sixty dollars per month.

Recommendations that City Clerk employ an Assistant Salary not to exceed 60. per mo.

Very Respectfully

C. E. Anderson,

P. J. Lawless,

Thos. F. Taylor,

Special Committee.

New Business.

The mayor presented the following communications.

Office of Board of Public Works.

Austin, Texas, Feb 19.

Hon Board of Public Works.

Gentlemen - I have the honor to report that at the request of the board I have visited the Eastern cities in the interest of the Austin waterworks and electric light bonds, and will state that I have negotiated the sale of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) of said bonds at ninety two (92) cents flat, one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) of same for cash at once on delivery of the bonds and fifty thousand dollars of same to be delivered within 60 days and paid for as delivered, the sale being subject to ratification of the city council, and I respectfully ask that the board take action in the matter and make such recommendation to the city council as may be deemed best.

Respectfully,

John Mc Donald,

Mayor and President Board Public Works.

Office of Board of Public Works

Austin, Feb 19.

Hon. Mayor and City Council, Austin:

Gentlemen: I have the honor to enclose herewith a communication from Hon. John Mc Donald president of the Board of Public Works, reporting the negotiations of a sale of \$150,000. of the Austin waterworks and electric light bonds, and to state that a resolution was unanimously adopted by

Mayor's Communication as to sale of Bonds.

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the board of public works at a meeting held on this date approving the action of the president of the board and requesting that said sale be ratified by the city council.

Respectfully

W. J. Oliphant,  
Secretary Board of Public Works

By Alderman North—

A resolution confirming the sale of one hundred and fifty of the waterworks and electric light bonds of the city of Austin of \$1000 each and ordering their delivery.

Resolved, That the sale by the mayor of one hundred and fifty of the waterworks and electric light bonds of the city of Austin of \$1000 each (the same being a portion of the bonds contemplated and provided for by an ordinance levying a tax of 91 cents on each \$100 worth of property for the year 1893, approved Oct. 18, 1893) at the price of ninety-two cents flat on the dollar, be and the same is hereby confirmed, and the mayor is hereby instructed to deliver the same to the purchasers on their paying the purchase money into the city treasury.

It was read the first time, after which a motion was made to suspend the rules and place the resolution on its second reading, which was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Aldermen Anderson, Assman, Dawson, Fischer, Glass, Hancock, Jackson, Lawless, Linn, Nitschke, North, Powell, Raymond, Redd, Roberdeau, Schneider, Shelley, Taylor, Townsend, Warmoth; total, 20

Nays—Aldermen Herne, Platt; total, 2.

The resolution was accordingly read, after which a motion was made to suspend the rules and place the same on its third reading, which was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Aldermen Anderson, Assman, Dawson, Fischer, Glass, Hancock, Jackson, Lawless, Linn, Nitschke, North, Powell, Raymond, Redd, Roberdeau, Schneider, Shelley, Taylor, Townsend, Warmoth; total, 20

Nays—Aldermen Herne, Platt; total, 2.

The resolution was read again, after which a motion was made to adopt the resolution, which was carried by the following vote:

Yeas—Aldermen Anderson, Assman, Dawson, Fischer, Glass, Hancock, Jackson, Lawless, Linn, Nitschke, North, Powell, Raymond, Redd, Roberdeau, Schneider, Shelley, Taylor, Townsend, Warmoth; total, 20

Nays—Aldermen Herne, Platt; total, 2.

The following was then read:

Office of Board of Public Works,  
Austin, Tex, Feb 19, 1894.

Hon. City Council, Austin, Tex.

Gentlemen. I have the honor to state that the board of public works at a meeting held on this date, approved all the labor pay

rolls for labor done at the dam from June 21<sup>st</sup>, 1893 to November 10<sup>th</sup>, 1893, amounting to \$16,388.20 and requesting that an appropriation be made to pay the same.

Also that the monthly pay rolls for the months of September, October, November, December, January and February were approved by the board and an appropriation requested for payment of same.

Respectfully

W. J. Oliphant

Secretary Board of Public Works.

By Alderman Anderson - An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$38,671.27 for the purpose of paying approved accounts of the waterworks and electric light system.

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

Yeas - Aldermen Anderson, Assman, Dawson, Fischer, Glass, Hancock, Hume, Jackson, Lawless, Linn, Nitschke, North, Powell, Raymond, Redd, Roberdeau, Schneider, Shulley, Taylor, Townsend, Warmoth; total, 21.

Nays - Alderman Platt.

The mayor stated that Messrs Jas H. Raymond & Co had advanced money to keep the work at the dam underway and that they made no charge whatever for the use of same.

Alderman Lawless moved that the council extend a vote of thanks to Messrs Raymond & Co, for their liberality and enterprise, and it was unanimously adopted.

Alderman Taylor moved that the council tender the mayor a vote of thanks for disposing of the bonds and it was also unanimously adopted.

By Alderman Anderson - An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$500 for the purpose of paying extra street laborers. It was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:

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

By Alderman North - Whereas the latter delivery district of the city of Austin as at present established forms but an insignificant portion of the corporate limits of said city, and

Whereas, There are within said corporate limits and adjacent to the existing delivery district a number of quite thickly settled neighborhoods which are now without the partial facilities enjoyed by the rest of the city, and

Whereas, by virtue of an extension of the delivery limits as shown by the accompanying map of the city of Austin would embrace 641 houses and an estimated population of about 3000, while the additional mileage would only be 14 7/10, and

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Mayor

Extra Street Labor

Extending Mark  
Carter System

Whereas, The people of said district are unable in many cases to call at the postoffice within the delivery hours on account of their avocations and distance from the postoffice,

Therefore be it resolved by the city council of the city of Austin, that the postmaster-general be respectfully memorialized and requested to grant the postal facilities recited in the preamble hereof.

Resolved, That the postmaster of the city of Austin be furnished by the city clerk with a copy of these resolutions and map, and be respectfully requested to transmit the same to the postoffice department with his favorable endorsement thereof."

Alderman Linn moved that the ordinance committed and city attorney be instructed to report an ordinance at the next regular meeting removing all conflicting points between the present ordinance defining the so-called "caw limits" and articles 127 to 137, and re-enacting the ordinance now in use, to the end that all legal objections may be obviated. Adopted.

The Council then adjourned.

Milton Marris,  
City Clerk.

Ordinance no. 10  
Caw limits