

The Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council, Austin Tex, March 5, 1894.

Hon Henry A. Linn, president of the board of Aldermen, presiding.

Roll Call.

Present - Aldermen Anderson, Dawson, Fischer, Glass, Hancock, Hume, Jackson, Lawler, Linn, North, Platt, Powell, Raymond, Redd, Schneider, Shelly, Taylor, Townsend, Warmoth - 19

Absent - Aldermen Asmann, Nitschke, Roberdeau - 3

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the city council which was held on the 19th day of February, 1894, were adopted as printed.

Petitions, Memorials, Etc

Victor Mather's
petition

By Alderman Jackson - A petition from Victor Mather for permission to relocate the stand pipe now in front of Mr Clay Jones' place of business at some other place on Congress avenue. It was referred to the street committee with power to act.

Alderman Nitschke and Roberdeau entered the council and answered to their names.

John B and Joseph
Fischer's petition

By Alderman Nitschke - A petition from Messrs John B and Joseph Fischer, owners of more than one-half of the property fronting on the north side of the alley running east and west in block N250, in the city of Austin, requesting the city council "to instruct the city marshal to have the owners on the south side of said block remove all obstructions from said alley, and to allow same to remain open until ordered closed by the city council." It was referred to the street committee.

Morgan Calloway, Jr.
petition

By Alderman Linn - A petition from Morgan Calloway, Jr asking the city council to refund to him \$40.86, being the amount of his city taxes on a life insurance policy erroneously rendered ^{for taxation} by him. It was referred to the claims and accounts committee.

H. W. Steink - pe-
tition

By Alderman Linn - A petition from Mr H. W. Steink for permission to continue the tin roof of his building now being erected just north of the building occupied by Protection Hose company over the wall of his building and join the same to the wall of the building occupied by said company.

Alderman Anderson moved that the petition be granted.

Alderman Schneider moved as a substitute that the petition be referred to the fire committee with power to act, and it was adopted by a rising vote of 16 to 3.

John A. Miller's
petition

By Alderman Warmoth - A petition from J. A. Miller requesting permission to remove about 50 yards of clay from some point on the streets to be designated by the city engineer, to be used in filling in at 207 East North street.

It was referred to the street committee.

Alderman Asmann entered the council and answered to his name

H. M. Metzger's
communication

A communication from H. M. Metzger, president of the Austin Dam Street Railway Company, was read as follows:

"In the event our proposition heretofore submitted to you is rejected, we the Austin Dam Street Railway Company, respectfully ask that the rent for said railway, on and after March 1, 1894, be reduced to \$2500 per annum, said company to pay the rent for said road up to said date at the rate of \$5000.00 per annum. This relief is asked as the operation of said road to this time has demonstrated that the present rent is exorbitant and not justified by the earnings of said road."

Alderman Shelly moved that the communication be referred to the special committee already appointed to consider the proposition heretofore made by said company.
Carried.

Reports.
City Sexton's report

Reports of city officers for the month of February, 1894:
By the City Sexton - Total number of deaths, 28. White 19; colored 7; Mexican 2; males, 18; female, 11. Referred to the cemetery committee.

City Clerk's report.
Warrants against
General fund

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

Balances of officers	\$ 1028.67
Balances of policemen	1275.00
City cemetery	22.92
Sanitary department	544.15
Fire department	655.05
Streets, bridges and alleys	1434.57
Meals for City prisoners	96.75
City and county hospital	452.88
Printing, stationery and postage	247.88
Charity	124.60
Feed for teams	111.87
Teamsters	796.00
Street lights	136.60
Salary of poundmaster	73.00
Salary of porter	40.00
Aldermen	215.00
Miscellaneous	188.38
Total	\$ 7390.76.

Referred to the finance committee.

City Clerk's report.
Warrants against
Water and light
fund.

By the City Clerk - A statement of warrants issued against the water and light fund:

Balances of engineers, inspectors, etc	\$ 2,119.83
Services of consulting engineer	1,866.10
J. F. Hartels, estimating construction of wall, etc	12,017.87
H. L. Breneman, acct. power house	7,298.77
H. L. Breneman, for extras	389.07
St. Wayne Electric Co	633.05
Stilwell Pierce & Smith, Vaile Co, acct. pumps, etc	60.96
Riter & Conley, acct. pen stocks	27.00
Rignassbauer Mfg. Co., acct. valves	116.50
Submerged lands	537.50

Other Purposes,

Payment of laborers and teamsters for work on coffee dam	\$ 16,388.20
Hardware, fuses, etc	1,469.71
Empty sacks	288.39
Coal, lumber, derrick and sundries	<u>4,456.14</u>
Total	\$ 21,602.44

It was referred to the finance committee.

City Treasurer's report

By the City Treasurer:

Balances on hand March 5, next general fund	\$ 4,952.98
Account Water and Light fund	47,413.25
Account Water and Light interest fund	10,048.44
Account Water and Light sinking fund	25,000.00

It was referred to the finance committee.

City Marshal's report.

By the City Marshal:

Total amount of fines accrued in recorder's court	\$ 365.00
Collected in cash,	\$ 132.00
Worked out	100.00
Escaped	24.00
Carried forward	<u>109.00</u>
Total	\$ 365.00

Arrests made, 58.

Referred to the police committee.

City Assessor and Collector's report.

By the City Assessor and Collector:

Collections,

Account general revenue	\$ 8,872.71
" interest on old bonds	871.03
" waterworks tax	997.57
" school	<u>368.54</u>
Total	\$ 23,370.85

Referred to the finance committee.

City Physician's report.

By the City Physician:

Number of patients in the hospital Feb 1	20
Number of patients admitted to the hospital during February	14
Number of patients discharged from the hospital during February	12
Number of deaths in the hospital during February	2
Number of patients remaining in the hospital March 1	16
Number of visits made paupers in the city during February	108
Number of prescriptions written for paupers during February	143
Number of cases of scarlet fever reported during February	1

Referred to the hospital committee.

Engineer Keffeler's report.

Report of Engineer Keffeler concerning work at the dam during the month of February, was read and referred to the Water and Light committee.

Report of Committees.

Police Committee's report

By Alderman Schneider, for the police committee, to whom was referred the city marshal's reports for the months of December, 1893 and January 1894, presented a report which states that said reports were examined and found to be correct.

The report was adopted.

Alderman Shelby, for the committee on claims and accounts to whom was referred the claim of W. W. Platt for loss and damage to stock and for compensation for time consumed in guarding, rescuing

and caring for stock submitted a report thereon recommending that the claim be referred to the Board of Public Works. The report was adopted.

Market Committee's report on market fish etc.

Alderman Redd, for the committee on markets, presented a report recommending the passage of an ordinance to regulate the placing of fish, meats, goods, wares and merchandise on the sidewalks in this city. It limits such displays to not more than two feet in width and provides that the space so occupied shall be next to the building used by the person making the display. The report and ordinance were laid over to be considered under the head of new business.

New Business.

Ordinance appropriating \$600 for fire truck &c in South Austin.

By Alderman Redd. An ordinance appropriating \$600 for the purpose of purchasing a fire truck, and erecting a house in which to keep the same, for the use of South Austin. It was read, after which a motion was made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second reading which was adopted by a vote of two thirds of the entire board of aldermen.

The ordinance was accordingly read, after which alderman North moved to amend section two of the same, which states that the money appropriated by the ordinance shall not be drawn until a deed has been made to the city of Austin, conveying a suitable lot upon which to erect said building, by adding the following "said title to be approved by the city attorney. Carried. The ordinance was then passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:

Yeas: Aldermen Anderson, Assmann, Dawson, Fischer, Glass, Hancock, Hume, Jackson, Lawless, ~~Stitt, Blair~~, B. Platt, Powell, Raymond, Redd, Roberdeau, Schneider Shelly, Taylor, Townsend, Warranath; total, 20

Nays: Aldermen Linn, North; total, 2

Res. St Com to ascertain cost of land from dummy road to 3+4 N. road.

By Alderman Powell: A resolution authorizing the street committee to ascertain the cost of a strip of land 60 feet wide through the Duval property from the dummy rail road to the International and Great Northern railroad.

It was referred to the street committee.

Res. U & C to rent room down street.

By Alderman Glass. A resolution authorizing the City Assessor and collector to rent a suitable and more accessible office at a monthly rental of twelve dollars.

It was adopted by a rising vote of 18 to 5.

Res. recommending General fund

By Alderman Taylor. Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby instructed to transfer the sum of \$3622.02 from the Water and Light fund to the General fund to reimburse said general fund for amount heretofore loaned to the Water and Light fund. Adopted.

Res. U & C to employ assessor

By Alderman Taylor. A resolution authorizing the city assessor and collector to employ one or

more deputies to assist him in assessing property and doing such other work as may be necessary. Adopted.

Young Men's

Recreation Ass.

Alderman Shilley moved that the Young Men's Recreation association be authorized to use Humphill square during the present year.

Alderman Schneider moved as a substitute that the matter be referred to the committee on parks, and it was so ordered by a rising vote of 17 to 3.

Joe Booth.

Alderman Jackson moved that Mr Joe Booth be authorized to sell at auction animals, wagons, etc on East Seventh street near the Eclipse livery stable.

Alderman Lawless moved to lay the motion on the table, and the motion was adopted by a rising vote of 15 to 1.

Ordinance approp
\$2705.75 for approp
accounts.

By Alderman Taylor - An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$2765.75 for the purpose of paying approved accounts.

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

Yea - Alderman Anderson, Asoman, Dawson, Fisher, Glass, Hancock, Hume, Jackson, Lawless, Linn, Nitche, North, Platt, Powell, Raymond, Redd, Roberdeau, Shilley, Taylor, Townsend, Warmoth - 21

Nay - Alderman Schneider

Ordinance as to
goods, wares &c

The ordinance to regulate the placing of goods, wares, merchandise etc on sidewalks was read and referred to the committee on ordinances.

The Council then adjourned

Milton Morris,

City Clerk