

Called meeting

Minutes of a called meeting of city council

Austin Tex Nov 11. 1893

Hon John McDonald Mayor presiding

Roll call

Roll call Present - 20

Present

Aldermen. Anderson. Asmann. Dawson. Fischer.
Glass. Hancock. Rume. Jackson. Ketchum. Linn. Nitschke
North. Platt. Parnell. Raymond. Schuber. Shelley. Taylor.
Toussend. Warrmath.

Absent

Absent - 2

Aldermen. Miller. Schneider.

Call of council

The following call of the council and certificate thereon
were read:

Office of Mayor.

To the members of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Austin.
Austin Tex Nov 11. 1893

Gentlemen - I hereby call a special meeting of the city council
of the City of Austin to assemble at the city hall in said
city at 5:00 clock P.M. this day. Nov 11. 1893 for the purpose
of ordering an election of mayor, trustees of the public free
schools and aldermen of said city in accordance with the
laws of the state of Texas and the charter and ordinances of
the city of Austin. And also for the further purpose of confirming
the election of assistant chief of the Austin fire department

Respectfully

John McDonald
Mayor

Marshal's certificate
of call

Austin Tex Nov 11. 1893. 4 O'clock P.M.

I hereby certify that the following aldermen have been
served with the above call by having it read to each of them
in person. viz Anderson. Asmann. Dawson. Fisher. Glass.
Hancock. Rume. Jackson. Ketchum. Linn. Miller. Nitschke.
North. Platt. Parnell. Raymond. Schneider. Schuber. Shelley.
Taylor. Toussend. and Warrmath.

James C. Lucey
City-Marshal

recess

A. recess of five minutes was on motion taken.

Ord. ordering an
election

After expiration of recess the following ordinance was read
An ordinance ordering an election to be held in all the wards
of the city for the purpose of electing a mayor of the city, three
members of the board of school trustees, and one alderman from
each of the wards of the city.

Section 1. Be it ordained by the city council of the city of Austin
that an election be and the same is hereby ordered to be held
in this city on the first-Monday in December A. D. 1893 for the
purpose of electing a mayor of the city for the ensuing term of
two years commencing on the expiration of the term of office
of the present-Mayor. Three members of the board of school
trustees to fill the places of W. J. Matthews, J. W. Smith, and
J. W. Graham, whose terms expire. And for the election of one
alderman from each of the wards of the city to hold the office of
Aldermen, for the term of two years from their election and
until their successors may be elected, and qualified in
place of the following Aldermen:

In the First Ward One Alderman in place of J. P. Schneider whose term expires.

In the Second Ward one Alderman in place of Chas E. Anderson whose term expires

In the Third Ward one Alderman in place of Wm D. Shelley whose term expires

In the Fourth Ward one Alderman in place of J. Schuber whose term expires

In the Fifth Ward one Alderman in place of A. A. Linn, whose term expires.

In the Sixth Ward one Alderman in place of J. L. Klume whose term expires

In the Seventh Ward one Alderman in place of G. P. Assmann whose term expires

In the Eighth Ward one Alderman in place of J. H. Warrmoth whose term expires.

In the Ninth Ward one Alderman in place of K. L. Miller whose term expires

In the Tenth Ward one Alderman in place of J. A. Jackson, whose term expires.

In the Eleventh Ward one Alderman in place of A. J. Ketchum whose term expires.

Section 2, That the polls shall be opened and the election held at the following places in the respective wards of the city - And the following named persons are hereby appointed judges of said election in said wards:

Judges appointed at
places for holding
election named

In the First Ward at Glass' Wood yard and the following persons are hereby appointed Judges of election in said ward R. C. Shelley, Aug. H. Pressler, and J. D. Schneider.

In the Second Ward at First National bank, Building and the following named persons, are hereby appointed Judges of election for said ward: J. P. Crane, Ernest W. Carleton, and C. J. Fisher.

In the Third Ward at the City hall and the following persons are appointed Judges of the election for said ward.

J. L. Wren, Tom. Smith Jr. and W. L. Lubbock.

In the Fourth Ward at Goodman's Store and the following named persons are appointed Judges of the election for said ward.

Fritz Tegener, W. W. Williams, and Ed. Junk.

In the Fifth Ward at hall of protection hose company No 3 and the following named persons are appointed Judges of the election for said ward: Chas. Ruppertz, Joe Winn, and John Luckey.

In the Sixth Ward at Hallands Shop and the following named persons, are appointed Judges of the election in said ward, J. M. Peacock, Aug. Weibacher and Joe Johnson.

In the Seventh Ward at Wellmer's Mill and the following named persons are appointed Judges of the election in said ward, M. V. Lerenshaw, C. J. Wilhelm, and Wm. Sears.

In the Eighth Ward at the County Court house and the following named persons are appointed Judges of the election in said ward, H. W. Walker, J. H. Millican, and J. H. Johnson.

In the Ninth Ward at Colored Masonic building in block no 62 on East Avenue and Pecan Street. and the following persons

are appointed Judges of the election in said ward: R. M. Bastiman, R. Y. Bandy, and Wm Risher.

In the Tenth Ward at Zickers Coal bins and the following named persons are appointed Judges of the election in said ward C. D. Walker, M. A. Turner, and W. G. Wilson.

In the Eleventh ward at ^{are appointed} and the following named persons, Judges of the election in said ward — — —

Section 3 That the polls shall be opened at 9 o'clock A. M. and shall remain open until 6 o'clock P. M.

The ordinance was read after which a motion was made to suspend the rules and place the same on its second reading which was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas - 20

Aldermen. Anderson, Assmann, Dawson, Fischer, Glass, Hancock, Hume, Jackson, Ketchum, Linn, Mitschke, North, Platt, Powell, Raymond, Schuber, Shelley, Taylor, Townsend, Warmath.

The ordinance was accordingly read after which alderman Ketchum moved to fill the blank concerning the Eleventh ward by naming the place of Henry Pohl, West-Monroe street near Carson's store as the polling place for the election and J. W. Blotner, H. B. Wilson, and Chas Schapper as the Judges of the election in said ward.

Alderman Dawson offered as a substitute the same place for holding the election and the following named persons as judges of the election in said ward, Henry Wilson, Chas Schapper, P. W. Boudelin.

The Substitute was lost and the motion made by alderman Ketchum adopted.

Alderman Dawson requested permission to have his reasons for voting against the amendment made by Alderman Ketchum spread upon the minutes

Granted

The reasons given are as follows

Alderman Dawson as his reasons for offering and voting for such substitute stated the following, "Mr W. C. Redd a candidate for alderman from the Eleventh ward in opposition to Alderman Ketchum of the Eleventh ward who is a candidate for reelection requested of me as alderman of said ward to have Mr Boudelin appointed as one of the judges of election and as two of the judges selected and agreed upon by alderman Ketchum and myself are known and recognized as supporters of alderman Ketchum

I think it fair that the person selected by Mr Redd should be chosen as one of the judges at said election and surely no harm or injustice to Alderman Ketchum will result from the selection by the council of Mr Boudelin, And before offering the foregoing substitute I proposed to Alderman Ketchum to substitute said resolution with names of either of the following gentlemen, Geo A. Brush, J. J. Terrell, G. W. Beaver, Dr King, Jas Dornie, J. W. Poter, E. L. Whitehead, or Walter Durham or any other gentleman whose name might be suggested who

time for
Polls to open & close

Ord read & motion to
suspend rules and place
same on 2nd reading

to amend by naming
Judges & place

Was offered a substitute

Ald. Dawson requests
his reasons be spread
in the minutes
Granted

Alderman Dawson
gives his reasons

is known to be a supporter of Mr Reed. And while it is claimed by Alderman Ketchum to be the courtesy and custom of the Council to allow out-going aldermen to name the judges of election in their respective wards I regard such rule as a dangerous one and as tending to lead to the perpetuation in power of any existing administration.

And I regard the power of any out-going administration to appoint all officers of election as a dangerous one and as leading to oppression if corrupt measures are resorted to and while I know no such methods are contemplated in the present instance I consider it an act of injustice to deny any citizen a right that is reasonable and within the power of the Council to grant.

Motion to suspend rules
& place ord on 3rd reading
adopted

A motion was made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its third reading which was adopted by the following vote
yeas-20-

Alderman. Anderson. Assmann. Dariusson. Fischer. Glass Hancock. Hume. Jackson. Ketchum. Linn. Mitschke. North. Platt. Powell. Raymond. Schuber. Shelley. Taylor. Townsend. Warmoth.

Ord read & on motion
passed
yeas

The ordinance was accordingly read and on motion passed by the following vote. yeas-20-

Aldermen Anderson, Assmann, Dariusson, Fischer, Glass Hancock, Hume, Jackson, Ketchum, Linn, Mitschke, North, Platt, Powell, Raymond, Schuber, Shelley, Taylor, Townsend, Warmoth.

Resignation of H W Brown
accepted

The resignation of Henry W. Brown, Assistant Chief of the Austin Fire Department having been accepted the following was read

Communication from
W P Ford Recorder C. F. D.

Austin Tex Nov 11. 1893
Hon John W. McDonald, Mayor of the City of Austin
Dear Sir- I have the honor to present through you to the City Council for confirmation the name of Albert Peterson for assistant chief of the Austin Fire Department who was elected by ballot at a meeting held by the foremen and assistant foremen of the respective companies at Washington hall Nov 10. 1893 to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Assistant Chief Henry W Brown.
Respectfully
W P Ford
Recorder C. F. D.

Motion to confirm the
election of A. Peterson
Asst-Chief C. F. D.

It was then moved that the election of Mr Albert Peterson as assistant chief of the Austin Fire Department be confirmed and the motion prevailed

Mayor message

The Mayor stated that he desired to present a message to the Council on a subject not embraced in the call of the Council whereupon a motion was made and adopted requesting him to have the message read The following was then presented:

Office of Mayor
Austin Tex Nov 11. 1893
To the Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of Austin

Gentlemen- My attention has been called to false reports circulated in the City of Austin setting forth "that the bonds now owned by the city of Austin remaining unsold are hypothecated, money having been obtained upon them unlawfully" While this slander is totally unworthy of notice yet that you may be informed in regard to this matter I submit the following correspondence with the National City Bank of New York where the bonds are now held for the city of Austin subject to my order as Mayor of the city of Austin

The bonds were originally sent to the aforesaid bank to be delivered to one Morton upon his payment for the same. Morton failed to take the bonds and make payment. The National City Bank was then instructed to hold them to the credit of the City of Austin.

I received the following letter:

No 1461

James Stillman President

Capital \$1 000 000

David Palmer Cashier

Surplus \$1 000 000

G. S. Whitson Asst Cashier

Undivided Profits

\$1,500,000

The National City Bank
of New York

New York, June 19th 1893

Hon Mayor of the City of Austin
Austin Texas

Dear Sir:-

We wired you today and now confirm as follows
"We hold \$500,000 City of Austin bonds for your account and risk subject to your orders"

Yours Respectfully

D Palmer

Cashier

After the above state \$50,000 of bonds were sold to Bernard Carrigan of Kansas City and were ordered to be forwarded to the National Bank of Commerce, Kansas City to be delivered to him to which order I got the following reply.

No 1461

James Stillman
President

Capital \$1 000 000

David Palmer Cashier

Surplus \$1 000 000

Undivided Profits \$1 500 000

G. S. Whitson Asst Cashier

The National City Bank
of New York

New York June 24 1893

Hon John Mc Donnell Mayor of the City of Austin Tex
Dear Sir- We have in accordance with instructions contained in your favor of the 20th inst, this day sent per Wells Fargo & Co's express to the National Bank of Commerce Kansas City Mo for your account \$50,000 City of Austin water works and electric 5 per

Cent-bonds Nos 901 to 950 inclusive July 1893 and subsequent-coupons attached.

Express charges on these bonds have been prepaid and charged account of Messrs J. H. Raymond & Co and coupons from same Nos 10 and 11 have been detached and sent to J. S. Myrick treasurer of the city of Austin as directed Very Respectfully

D. Palmer

Cashier

After which \$12000 bonds were sold to Bernard Carrigan and were ordered to Kansas City-as before. In pursuance to said order I received the following

No 1461

James Stillman President-	Capital \$1000000
David Palmer Vice President-	Surplus \$1000000
Geo D Meeker Cashier	Undivided
J. S. Whitson Asst-Cashier	Profits \$1500000

The National City Bank
of New York

New York Aug 19, 1893

Hon John Mc Donald Mayor of the City of Austin
Austin Tex

Dear Sir - Your favor of the 14th at hand, As ordered we ship this day via Wells Fargo & Company express to the National Bank of Commerce Kansas City to be held subject to your order \$12000 of the City of Austin water works and electric light-bonds No 951 to 962 inclusive. We detached and cancelled coupons from said bonds and forward same to J. S. Myrick treasurer of the City of Austin as per instructions. We prepaid package of bonds and shall look to Messrs Raymond & Co for cost of same as per your letter. Yours Truly

Geo D Meeker Cashier

The bonds above mentioned were delivered to Mr Carrigan and I hold his receipt for the same.

Noticing a false report in the New York World stating that the City had defaulted in payment of interest. I wrote to the National City Bank asking said bank to give the New York World's representative full information concerning the matter to which I received the following reply

No 1461

James Stillman President	Capital \$1000000
David Palmer Vice President	Surplus \$1000000
Geo D Meeker Cashier	Undivided
J. S. Whitson Asst-Cashier	Profits \$1500000

The National City Bank
of New York

New York Aug 7 1893

Hon John Mc Donald Mayor of the City of Austin
Austin Tex

Dear Sir - Your favor of the 3rd inst at hand

confirming telegram sent by you to the New York World requesting us to furnish full information concerning payment of interest on Austin water^{works} and electric light bonds sold and also full information as to the status of the \$450,000 of said bonds now in our hands subject to your order.

No representative of the World has called upon us in regard to the matter at this writing. Yours truly

Geo D. Meeker Cashier

It is needless to say that the bonds nor any portion of them have ever been hypothecated or any money obtained thereon. They are now subject to my order as Mayor.

These bonds when sold will probably have to be delivered in New York City. I have therefore allowed the bonds to remain on deposit at the National City Bank of New York subject to my order as Mayor of the City of Austin.

If it is thought wise by your honorable body I will cause the same to be returned to the City of Austin and placed with the City Treasurer. The expense in so doing will be about \$240.

Yours Respectfully

John McDungald

Mayor

Motion to refer message to
Special Com

Alderman Linn moved that the message be referred to Special Committee of three to be appointed by the chair and requested that he be not placed on the committee

Substitute offered

Alderman Mitschke moved as a substitute that the mayor be instructed to have the bonds brought to Austin at once

Alderman Fischer moved that the mayor be requested to ask the president or cashier of the National City Bank to make a sworn statement as to the condition of the bonds and when received forthwith publish the same.

Substitute offered for all
the motions by Ald. North

Alderman North moved as a substitute for all the motions that the Mayor's message be received and published in full in the proceedings of the City Council and that the mayor be requested to order at once by telegraph the shipment of the bonds to the City Treasurer.

Sub offered by Ald North

The substitute offered by Alderman North was lost.

Lost

The motion made by Alderman Fischer was then put and lost

Motion of Ald Linn

The motion made by Alderman Linn was then adopted

adopted & Com app'd

And the chair appointed Aldermen Raymond, Mitschke,

and Platt as the committee

Council adjourned

The Council then adjourned.

Milton Morris,
City Clerk.